

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL

7.30 PM 10 APRIL 2017 FRYERN PAVILION, GREENWAYS, CHANDLER'S FORD

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillor Atkinson (Chairman), Councillors: Aubry, Bicknell, Boyes, Broadhurst, Cox, Duguid, Foulds, Grajewski, Hughes, Johnson, Jolly, Luffman, Pragnell Scott and Simmonds.

In Attendance: David Knott (TKL Architects), Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk) and Andrew Thompson (EBC Officer).

Public Participation:

There were 12 members of the public present.

Public Participation was deferred until after the presentation was made.

The Chairman

723 APOLOGIES

These were received from Councillors Bull, Leslie and Simmonds

724 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

715 TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE WHETHER TO ADOPT THE PROPOSALS FROM THE HILTINGBURY PAVILION PROJECT BOARD:

a. That the design adaptations for the sports hall extension and internal refurbishment following a presentation by TKL Architects are considered, acknowledging that although some open green/sports space will be utilised for the development the project will increase the accessible sports opportunities for the benefit of residents of the parish, for agreement that the plans are progressed to a full planning application, with a pre-application meeting undertaken with the Planning Officer as soon as practicable.

b. Further, to discuss and agree that as the planning application proceeds through the 13 weeks application/consultation that work on the design, structure and M&E are progressed contemporaneously, at risk, to ensure that if planning consent is granted construction work can begin as soon as practicable. (N.B. Separate decisions will be taken by Full Council as to borrowing, budget and main contractors at a later meeting once specifications, materials etc. are known)

David Knott of TKL Architects was invited by the Parish Council Chairman Cllr Margaret Atkinson to give a presentation to inform members of the council and the public present current information about the proposals. The plans, elevations and site information were projected on the screen as part of a PowerPoint presentation and Mr Knott talked the proposals through. It was pointed out that the current pavilion was not fit-for-purpose and was falling into serious decay that would shortly become irreversible.

Andrew Thompson, EBC's Project Lead for the Pavilion proposal confirmed that the proposal aligned to the Borough Council's Health agenda, to increase participation and provide high quality local facilities for use by the community. Acknowledging the

upcoming redevelopment and extended sports hall offer at the new Fleming Park, Andrew confirmed that such was the demand for sports hall space at peak time that there was already a host of local clubs and groups desperate for another facility. Following conversations with counterparts at the FA, Sport England and Places for People, he stated that not only were they supportive of the project, they were also quick to commend the Parish Council in being bold and proactive in seeking to improve the health of their local community.

At 7.42pm the meeting was adjourned for public participation.

Various people spoke in a session that lasted 20 minutes and during which comments were made about parking, loss of the turning space, safety of children, the design, loss of green space and requesting more consultation.

It was confirmed that there would be no loss of football pitches as they would be moved down the recreation ground and that space (primarily unusable for sport) was to be enclosed and made available for sport all-year round.

At 8.05pm the meeting resumed.

Following proposal and seconding of part (a) of the agenda item the debate was opened.

A councillor expressed that he felt the project was being rushed, needed more consultation and proposed a motion (without prior written notification) that would negate the agenda item. Despite it being seconded and according to Standing Order (SO) 9[b] and being without the scope of SO 10 the motion was rejected.

Comment was made on the level of response to the earlier consultation, and it was clarified that the Council had invited all residents of the parish to take part in an online survey through social media and a newsletter that was delivered to every household.

It was pointed out by another councillor that sports halls have four straight sides and a four-court sports hall was agreed to be progressed, by the Council, on 31 October 2016. Another councillor pointed out that Part (b) of the motion explicitly stated that there would be a 13-week period of public consultation.

Further comment was made about the current pavilion being a 'sty for porcine animals' and that the important issue was that if nothing was done the building would fall down and there would be no resource at all for the community. He agreed that it was at risk as stated, but there were greater risks if more consultation was done and nothing else for several months as costs would rise.

Another comment was made by a councillor about the need for a clearer business case to which the EBC Officer responded about Fleming Park being fully booked in peak periods, the closure of Eastleigh College's courts due to teaching needs and they were using Fleming Park. Stopping for further consultation was not an option because the current building was on its last legs.

The Chairman commented that the decision being made was not the final decision as the financial decisions as to whether to build were to be made later when quantified costs would be known.

Another councillor commented that the process was being undertaken stage-by-stage, as it should be. There was opportunity for comment through the planning process and at the LAC should it go there for determination.

Another comment was made about further consultation which was responded to with a comment on this being the second presentation and that there had been earlier decisions and the process so far had been over 18 months.

The debate being concluded and part **(a)** being already proposed and seconded a vote was taken. On a show of hands, it was AGREED to proceed to a full planning application with the proposal.

Following proposal and seconding of part **(b)** of the Agenda item, and with no further debate being required, on a show of hands it was AGREED to proceed **at risk** with the technical design stage contemporaneously with the progress of the planning application through to determination at a cost of £56,200.

That being all the business the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

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