

CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL - ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

4 March 2019

Fryern Pavilion, Chandler's Ford 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Aubry, Cox, Duguid, Hughes (Chairman), Irish, Kyrle and Pragnell.

In attendance: Cllrs Atkinson and Holden-Brown along with Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk), Tomor Beqo (Facilities Manager) and Phil Eades (Compliance Officer Operations).

Public Participation: There were three members of the public present.

One Member of the public spoke not from a position of being Vice-Chair of Hiltingbury Community Association, but in his private, but informed, resident capacity. He made representation in favour of keeping the temporary car park due to the occupancy levels at The Hilt being approximately 75% and the need for additional space. He agreed with the use of Terram surfacing or interlocking grids keeping the visual effect of the grass but providing the support for vehicles.

Another member of public spoke next in favour of removing the car park mainly for safety reasons and that she didn't feel it was used enough by locals to justify it. She commented that the path was heavily used and asked that the safety of exit points was given consideration and maybe even a road crossing.

1. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllrs Broadhurst and Newcombe along with Keith Hatch (Employer's Representative of the Hiltingbury Project [ER]).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

These were declared as a non-disclosable, non-pecuniary interests by Cllr Hughes as a Trustee of Hiltingbury Community Association and for Cllrs Aubry and Duguid as members of the Management Committee.

3. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING OF 4 FEBRUARY 2019.

Each page was reviewed for accuracy and following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the minutes were AGREED and signed by the Committee Chairman.

4. TO RECEIVE THE COMPLIANCE (OPERATIONS) OFFICER'S AND FACILITIES MANAGER'S REPORTS:

4.1. update on PSS and most recent reports.

The report was taken as read noting the duplication of some entries by one of the operators, which EBC were rectifying through training. It was enquired if there were any further problems at Pennine Way, which there had not been. It was also confirmed that if damage had occurred CFPC normally would have put this right before EBC made their visits.

The only reported issue in the previous month had been some minor graffiti which had been removed.

4.2. to note maintenance/contracted work undertaken/advisable.

Tasks undertaken recently/contractual works completed:

- Repair to H'bury car park surface as per images above.
- Installation of additional pedestrian safety barrier to side of the new foot/cycle path.
- Sports hall spoil heap removed to temp car park (see item 6.2).
- Mound in H'bury play area reduced, re-sculpted, matting reorganised and covered, due for seeding.

- Cut bamboo Pennine Way and cleared overgrown vegetation western edge.

It was noted that the tractor was in for repair and servicing due to 4WD issues/front wheel axle problem and that Scag had been serviced and returned.

The FM also mentioned that the caretaker had returned to Hungary but two applicants had already applied for the position.

4.3. to note a report on incidents recorded and reported to the police.

No issues had been reported.

5. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE WHETHER TO AUTHORISE THE 2019-2020 PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENT EQUIPMENT AS PER THE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION AND SAVE 20% ON PURCHASE PRICES BY ENABLING THEM TO BE ORDERED BEFORE 31 MARCH (AS PER PREVIOUS YEARS).

The Clerk briefed Members on the rationale of ordering play equipment before 31 March which gave a discount of £4.5k on list prices, as well as the inclusion of accessible roundabouts and that all the equipment being promoted was TuV accredited. Members asked questions about the equipment and issues around installation (which was not on the agenda).

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the purchase of the play equipment (2No. Spinmee Inclusive roundabouts, 1No.2.4m Olympic Swing, 2No. Unimini Hally Toddler Play units and 2No.Tango Swing Seats) at a total cost of £18,451 ex VAT was AGREED.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT ON HILTINGBURY PAVILION EXTENSION AND NEW SPORTS HALL: -

6.1. the pavilion extension project (KH),

The extension and new sports hall were progressing, the external cladding to the sports hall was nearly finished, and the Cedral cladding was being fixed to the façade last week. Internal spaces were being screeded. M&E 1st fix continued. Carpentry, suspended ceilings, 2nd fix M&E etc were expected to be completed that month and plastering to start.

The spoil mound had been moved down the rec on Saturday 16 Feb at a cost of £1,700 ex VAT utilising 2 No. grab lorries, which although it might sound quite a lot accounted for some 26 loads, so actually represented very good purchasing and was £500 cheaper than the nearest alternative quote.

6.2. to receive the ninth valuation report,

This came in at £1,412,409.18 on total construction spend to date with the current valuation period accounting for £109,506.76. A Payless/Withhold Notice had been signed off by the CFPC QS at a value of £38,856.45 of the gross valuation of £148,363.21.

The QS's Cost Report was also included in the Briefing Note, which gave an estimated £6,967.62 residual to contract price, which the Clerk was happy with at this stage of the contract.

Members had no questions on the valuation report.

6.3. to discuss and agree whether the temporary car park should become a permanent, green, overspill car park with partial soil backfill and geo-tech matting (time-sensitive for instructions) with submission of an application for a variation to the extant planning consent.

The Clerk briefed Members that the Type 1 hard standing had to remain to give stability to the area as the landfill underneath was approximately 100mm below the grass surface. Therefore, the question was not one of total removal, rather backfilling and whether the street furniture (pedestrian barriers, dragons' teeth and bunding) remained and Geotech matting was put down or whether the street furniture was removed and the backfill was simply over-seeded. The Clerk also mentioned the community benefits for the grounds of retaining an overflow car park, the schools, The Hilt and football training/matches and understood the concerns mentioned by residents who had objected.

The Chair of the Committee stated he would not be voting and commented on the chaos at weekends with football without the overflow car park and when different sites had functions.

Questions were asked by Members about the security of the site, frequency of intended use and number of cars. Comments were made about the credibility of the Parish Council if the temporary contractors car park became a permanent fixture and the reaction on social media to the agenda item.

The Chairman of Council also commented on credibility issues, that the interlocking grids weren't on the agenda for that evening's decision, further contract savings should be negotiated with developers. He also suggested that a future assessment could be made in a more measured way, especially if the local schools' parking facilities could be used out of hours.

With it being confirmed by the Clerk that proposal and seconding did not necessarily inform how Members would vote Members proposed and seconded the item. The proposer also sought confirmation of when the matter could return for further discussion. The Clerk was able to confirm that Standing Orders gave this as six-months' time.

With a recorded vote being requested Cllrs Hughes and Aubry abstained and the other Members present voted against the item. The item was therefore NOT CARRIED and the planning requirement of reinstatement as a green space remained in place.

6.4. to agree to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the matters to be discussed (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 C/2).

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands this was AGREED.

6.5. a report on the current status of the Extension of Time claim(s).

See confidential minute.

7. MATTERS TO BE TAKEN FORWARD TO THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT AGENDA.

None were mentioned.

The next meeting was confirmed as being at 7.00pm on Monday 8 April 2019 at the Fryern Pavilion. That being the conclusion of business the meeting was closed at 8.45p.m.

Chairman.....