

CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL – PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

10 September 2018

Fryern Pavilion, Greenways, Chandler's Ford

7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Kyrle (Chairman); Cllrs Allen, Cox, Duguid, Johnson and Ricketts.

In Attendance: **Duncan Murray** (Parish Clerk)

Public Participation: There were no members of the public present

1. APOLOGIES.

There were received from Cllrs Aubry, Dolbear and Holden-Brown.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None were received

3. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 JULY 2018.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the minutes were AGREED.

4. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

None were submitted for consideration.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION: -

- a. To discuss and agree, considering the response from EBC, the commencement of parish councillor led footpath inspections to identify those that need more regular maintenance and create a schedule for EBC's Street Scene services. If so agreed to duly authorise Members of this committee and other councillors to inspect designated footpaths in the parish (as required by Standing Order 24.a.i).**

The Clerk reported back on EBC's response that works were scheduled in as needed, but usually twice a year, also insurance issues raised by Zurich that Risk Assessments, PPE and adequate training were required for Members acting as volunteers and going out and about on 'Highways'. It was suggested that if councillors were checking footpaths as a resident and then reporting on websites such as www.fixmystreet.co.uk then these issues would not arise. It was also reported that the local Engagement Team was looking into whether a definitive map of all the alleyways/footpaths in the parish existed.

Following discussion, it was requested that the website link for fixmystreet.co.uk be put on the website, Facebook and in the next newsletter.

- b. To discuss and agree, considering the response from EBC, the desirability of the Parish Council requesting devolved authority to clean/clear road name signage in the parish from EBC, as required.**

Following Members being informed that the same insurance issues arose, and that this would definitely be classed as 'working on the highway'. Members commented that again this could be posted on fixmystreet.co.uk and probably consent by EBC. It was also commented that the council didn't have enough resources, and that if precept monies were used it would effectively be a double-taxation.

- c. To discuss and agree whether to authorise the Clerk to write to the Executive Member at HCC enquiring about the policy that is behind the response to the enquiry about verge planting/'adopt a verge' scheme of the area's Highways Officer confirming 'HCC would not allow this'.**

It was suggested that there was an inbuilt resistance to change, with an historical example being given of a close in West End where it was not policy but staffing. Issues of practicality for mowing were raised, including questioning on the legality of privately installed dragons' teeth. A question was

asked about the cost of £10M insurance. It was AGREED that the Clerk write to the Executive Member for Transport at HCC.

d. To discuss and agree asking the Borough Council about the positioning/map of public seats outside of recreation areas in the Parish.

The Clerk commented that he was awaiting response from the Local Engagement Team on this. Other comments were made about memorial benches.

6. TO AGREE MATTERS TO BE TAKEN TO THE NEXT AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE

The benches and HCC's policy feedback when received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm. The next meeting was confirmed as 15 October 2018.

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