

MEETING OF CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL

7.00 PM 12 DECEMBER 2022

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Evans; Councillors: Attrill, Baker, Beer, Bicknell, A Broadhurst, H Broadhurst, Child, Davies, Irish, Johnson, Jones, Kyrle, Pragnell, Selby and Scott.

In Attendance: Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk/RFO) and Hilary Blaker (Deputy Finance Officer).

Public Participation:

There were two members of the public present. One spoke the other didn't. He commented that the Councillor Attendance stats were not being published on the website, with the old ones having disappeared, and asked why. He also commented that some of the noticeboards were not displaying any notices.

The Clerk commented that some data had been lost with the updates to the website layout.

1061 APOLOGIES

These were received from Cllrs Abraham, Baker, Duguid, and Johnson.

1062 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None were declared.

1063 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman read out her report which was: "Last month I attended the Remembrance Sunday service at St Boniface to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

As part of a consortium with The Hilt, St Martins, The Dovetail Centre and Fryern Community Association (FCA) we have obtained a grant from HCC to provide a warm space. This room will be available on Thursday and Friday afternoons in conjunction with the FCA who will also welcome anyone to their Friday coffee morning.

Studio 1 at the Sportshall will become a soft play area at weekends from January. For a small fee parents will be able to bring young children into a warm area to play.

Our Christmas trail for older children has already begun and will continue throughout December. We hope it will also bring a bit of extra business to the local area."

1064 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

- a) to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 26 September 2022,**
- b) to accept the minutes of the Asset Management Committee of 3 October and 7 November 2022 and approve the minutes of that committee of 5 December 2022,**
- c) to accept the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee of 24 October 2022 and approve the minutes of that committee of 21 November 2022, along with the half-year financial report, and**
- d) to accept the confidential minutes of the HR Committee of 3 November 2022 and approve the confidential minutes of that committee of 8 December 2022.**

The Clerk commented that an additional sentence had been added to minute point 1058 on the signing copy to clarify that any renaming of the Jubilee Garden would be considered by Full Council at a later date. One Member stated that Council could only receive the draft minutes of the committees.

Following Proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the minutes were accepted, or drafts approved, as appropriate; apart from the HR Minutes of 8 December 2022 which were deferred, due to being tabled.

1065 TO AGREE A DISPENSATION FOR CLLR JOHNSON, ON HEALTH GROUNDS, UNTIL THE AGM MAY 2023.

Following a comment as to how ill he had been, on proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the dispensation was AGREED.

1066 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR A REPLACEMENT MEMBER OF THE HR COMMITTEE, AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND TO NOTE THAT THE HR COMMITTEE WILL VOTE IN A NEW CHAIRMAN AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

For the HR Committee Cllr Mrs Broadhurst was nominated, for Asset Management Cllr Child was nominated, both were seconded and on a show of hands their appointment was AGREED.

1067 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THE CRITERIA TO EXERCISE THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE, BY BEING MORE THAN 2/3RDS ELECTED AND HAVING A SUITABLY QUALIFIED PROPER OFFICER. FURTHER: -

- a. to ratify the decision of the P&F Committee to make a grant to Men's Shed of £1,000, and
- b. to agree to a Granted to You event on 19 December 2022 with a grant pot of £5,000.

The Clerk was requested to outline the benefits of the holding of the General Power of Competence, which he did in how it simplified some of the administration for the Council. He also confirmed that the council met the criteria to be able to exercise the power. Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands it was AGREED that the Council could exercise the power.

Separately, the previous decisions of the Policy and Finance Committee (points (a) and (b) above) were RATIFIED after being proposed, seconded and voted on by a show of hands.

1068 TO SET THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE REVISION OF THE DELEGATION SCHEME AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES, WITH REFERENCE TO THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The Chairman started by asking the Chairs of the various committees if they felt their Delegated Scheme was accurate and needed updating/a review. This commenced a long debate as to whom should have ownership. At its conclusion it was proposed that the Audit and Risk Management Committee should assess the risks to Council and suggest the steps that needed to be taken to ensure committees were able to act intra vires in making their decisions/recommendations. Following seconding and on a show of hands this was AGREED.

1069 TO AGREE THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023, WITH THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL P&F COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2023.

It was asked as to whether the schedule allowed for EBC events/meetings as the Mayor Making had that day been set for 22 May 2023.

1070 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.00PM 30 January 2023 AT FRYERN PAVILION, GREENWAYS.

That being the conclusion of business the meeting closed at 7.52pm.

Chairman.....