

## **MEETING OF CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**7.00 PM 16 DECEMBER 2019 FRYERN PAVILION, GREENWAYS, CHANDLER'S FORD**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr Duguid, Councillors: Atkinson, Aubry, Bicknell, Bourne, Broadhurst, Child, Cox, Dolbear, Evans, Holden-Brown, Hughes, Irish, Johnson, Kyrle and Newcombe.

**In Attendance:** Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk) and Jacky Wilson.

### **Public Participation:**

There were no members of the public present.

### **875 APOLOGIES**

These were received from Cllrs Pragnell and Ricketts.

### **876 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **877 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman gave his report. In which he mentioned that the Hiltingbury recreation path, had not attracted the necessary funding from Biffaward. It is being reworked and other possible funding sources were also being considered.

The Sports hall's marketing strategy was going to be discussed at AMC in January and the Chairman encouraged as many members as possible to come to the next committee meeting where this will be discussed.

The two working parties had met. The Cycle working party had written to Lord Lifford, who chose to respond by phone. He sounded somewhat sympathetic but considered that livestock and cycle paths did not mix.

The Christmas activity working party had been instrumental in securing the Xmas lights at Fryern. He expressed thanks to the Chair, Pam of that committee in persisting with this and appreciated the Clerk's determination to cut through the red tape to make this happen. They very much appreciate Tori's determination to get the price right and on an extremely wet day to physically get the lights up. Hopefully this was appreciated by all, was good for our local traders, and would not be vandalised. But a big thank you to all for a tangible result.

There had been two recent technical failures, the lift at the new Sports pavilion has been out of action for several days, but was now operational, and at Fryern the boiler broke, unfortunately during a very cold snap. This caused some activities to be cancelled.

The next full Council meeting was very important as Council would need to set the precept. Many of the Council's costs were entirely predictable. To the Chairman's mind the big uncertainty was the revenue levels they could expect from the Sports Pavilion. Council also needed to remember that the cash position was becoming tight. This was even with the projection that the final account of the Sports Hall was below contract price.

### **878 TO APPROVE/ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

- a) to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 30 September 2019,
- b) to agree the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 24 September 2019,
- c) to accept the minutes of the Asset Management Committee of 7 October and 4 November 2019, and to approve the minutes of the same committee's meeting of 2 December 2019,
- d) to accept the confidential minutes of the HR Committee meeting of 10 October 2019, and
- e) to accept the minutes of Policy and Finance Committee of 21 October 2019, to approve the minutes of the same committee's meeting of 18 November 2019, to

**note that committee's Financial Reports.**

Each minute was gone through for accuracy, and following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands for each item, all of the meeting's minutes along with the financial reports were all AGREED or ACCEPTED as appropriate.

**879. TO ACCEPT THE FIRST HALF-YEAR INTERNAL AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2020.**

The Clerk briefed Members on the content of the Internal Auditors' Half-Year Report which gave a clean bill of health. Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the Internal Audit Report for the first half of the financial year 2019-2020 was RECEIVED.

**880. TO AGREE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT THE UPDATED STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR 2019 ONWARDS.**

The Clerk commented that the Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been updated to reflect the previously adopted ones of the Council (mainly financial limits and time limits) and that the new Model documents reflected statutory changes since 2014. After a few questions, following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were ADOPTED.

**881. TO AGREE THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020, PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED IN SEPTEMBER 2019.**

An error was mentioned for May 25 2020 which would need to be corrected, following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the meeting schedule was AGREED.

**882. MOTION, CLLR ATKINSON: THAT THIS PARISH COUNCIL JOINS OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN DECLARING A CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY AND COMMITS TO WORKING WITH EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN BEING DEVELOPED BY THEM SO THAT THE PARISH BECOMES CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2030.**

Cllr Atkinson introduced her motion to align with the Principal Authority's strategy and support it through establishing a Working Group, providing strategic information links via the website and inform residents of the full range of issues across the Borough. She mentioned how tree planting was important, using less plastic, i.e. buying one plastic bag and making it last 4-weeks all helped by people 'doing their bit'. That the Parish Council would ask EBC to establish/measure its own carbon footprint so that steps could be taken to reduce it. Further for the Parish Council to consider future purchases and balance value-for-money against carbon footprint.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Kyrle.

Members began to discuss the motion until Cllr Kyrle proposed an amendment to add 'or sooner if possible' to the end of the motion. This was seconded. Members then discussed the amended motion and the viability of the Parish becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and the possible Parish Council/Councillor actions that could reduce its carbon footprint.

At the end of the discussion a vote was taken on the amendment. This was AGREED and became the substantive motion, a further vote was taken and following proposal of the substantive motion, seconding and on a show of hands it was AGREED: -

**"That this Parish Council joins other local authorities and institutions in declaring a climate change and environmental emergency and commits to working with Eastleigh Borough Council to support the strategy and action plan being developed by them so that the parish becomes carbon neutral by 2030, or sooner if possible"**

**883. To agree to exempt the meeting from public attendance under the Public Access To Meetings Act 1960 /C2 due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.**

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

- a. To agree the confidential minutes of the HR Meeting of 14 November 2019 and to agree that committee's RECOMMENDATION to Full Council (as contained in the confidential minutes [point 5(b)]).**

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the confidential minutes of the HR Committee Meeting were AGREED.

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

**884. MEMBER'S QUESTIONS** (none submitted for the Agenda).

The date and place of next meeting of Full Council was confirmed as 7.00pm 27 January 2020 at Fryern Pavilion, Greenways, Chandler's Ford.

That being the conclusion of business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Chairman.....