

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

**7.00 PM 24 SEPTEMBER 2018 VELMORE CENTRE, FALKLAND ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Councillor Duguid (Chairman), Councillors: Allen, Atkinson, Aubry, Bourne, Cox, Evans, Holden-Brown, Hughes, Irish, Johnson, Kyrle, Newcombe, Pragnell and Ricketts.

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

### **Public Participation:**

There were no members of the public present. Cllr Hughes, speaking as a resident of the parish expressed his compliments to officers for the wildflower meadows, particularly the one at Hiltingbury, that was having a superb second flush of flowers that was even better than the first one had been.

The chairman commented that he had to second the thanks to officers, as he too had received many compliments on the meadows.

### **812 APOLOGIES**

These were received from Cllrs Bicknell and Broadhurst.

### **813 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared

### **814 COMMUNITY SAFETY – UPDATE**

The quarterly report had not been received as yet, but it would be circulated by the Clerk to all members when received.

### **815 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman commented on the council's entry into the Village of the Year competition that was organised by HALC and sponsored by Fullers. The parish had been visited as finalists by the judges and a verbal presentation was given by the Chairman, Cllr Atkinson and the Clerk, highlighting both hard and soft improvements in the parish and particularly recent developments. There was a presentation in Liss the following evening.

The Chairman had been interviewed for an article in the Daily Echo by a Thornden student on a work experience placement. The meeting to constructively resolve the issues with the scouts was to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September in the evening. Thanks were recorded for the efforts of T. Beqo and P Eades in installing the audio-visual equipment, which had made the Chairman's role at film nights for the FCA somewhat redundant with the excellent new equipment.

The Granted to You event had taken place the previous Monday and Cllr Evans had chaired it. After invitation by the Chairman to comment she said that it had been an enjoyable evening, with interesting presentations from the applicants. She also said it would be good to have them report back on what the money had actually helped them achieve. The new youth service at Fryern was reported on with there being about 16-20 attendees in the 13-17-year-old session and that the 7-12 group was taking longer to establish but was picking up.

Finally, it was commented that the Hiltingbury path was due to start imminently.

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

- a) to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 June 2018,
- b) to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 30 July 2018,

- c) to accept the minutes of the Asset Management meeting of 9 July 2018 and to approve the minutes of the Asset Management Committee of 3 September 2018,
- d) to approve the minutes of the HR Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018, and
- e) to approve the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee of 16 July 2018, and to accept the financial reports made to that committee.

Each minute was gone through for accuracy, following proposal and seconding, and on a show of hands on each meeting minute they were all AGREED or ACCEPTED as appropriate. A question, just for clarification purposes was asked about item 7 on the Asset Management Committee’s meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> September, and it was also questioned whether the budget report clarification would be returning to Policy and Finance. It was confirmed that it would be.

**817. TO ACCEPT THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS’ REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2018**

This had not been received in time. The Clerk commented that it was a legal requirement that it was published by the 30<sup>th</sup> September by the council as part of compliance with electors’ rights. It was agreed that in the unlikely event it should not be received in time a statement would be posted on the council’s website in line with advice from the Internal Auditors. (Note since meeting: the part 3 of the AGAR form was received on the 27<sup>th</sup> September.)

**818. TO AGREE THE TRANSFER OF THE UNSPENT (AND CARRIED FORWARDS) £5K BALANCE OF THE GRANTED TO YOU (GTY) FUND TO THE GENERIC GRANTS FUND BUT RETAINING THE GTY PROJECT CRITERIA SO THAT THE GRANTS ARE READILY AVAILABLE FOR A VARIETY PROJECTS IN THE PARISH.**

Members asked a couple of questions which included clarification that the Policy and Finance Committee would make decisions on funding applications, not officers. Following proposal and seconding and on a show of hands this was AGREED.

**819. TO NOTE THAT THE AMC HAVE AGREED TO THE DRAWING UP OF A CONSOLIDATION PLAN FOR THE PERIOD TO MAY 2022 SO THAT ONLY PROJECTS AND LAND TRANSFERS CURRENTLY AGREED ARE THOSE THAT ARE EXECUTED TO ENSURE THE COUNCIL HAS ADEQUATE STAFFING, EQUIPMENT RESOURCES AND FUNDS TO ENABLE THE PROPER RUNNING OF ITS FACILITIES. THIS NOTING BEING TO INFORM MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS, TO ENSURE AWARENESS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT AT APPROPRIATE AMC MEETINGS, BEFORE THE AGREED PLAN COMES TO FULL COUNCIL AS A RECOMMENDATION FROM AMC FOR FINAL ADOPTION (DUE TO BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS) IN THE EARLY NEW YEAR/SPRING.**

Members asked questions about the matter, mainly seeking reassurance that it would not prevent new projects being undertaken. The item was noted.

**820. MEMBER’S QUESTIONS**

None were submitted for the agenda.

The date and place of next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm 17 December 2018 at the Fryern Pavilion. That being all the business the meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

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