

MEETING OF CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL

7.00 PM 25 JANUARY 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM

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

In Attendance: Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk).

Public Participation:

Mr N Cuffe of Acheson Construction Ltd was present, but did not speak during public participation.

930 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllr Ricketts.

931 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

932 COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

With the lockdown there had been an increase in the police presence.

933 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman gave her report, which due to the impacts of Covid-19 situation is reported in full: -

"Another year, another lockdown. All our facilities with the exception of the play areas closed. All meetings on zoom. Not what we had hoped for in 2021.

All ground maintenance is being carried out as normal and regular building checks are being made at both Fryern and Hiltingbury. Staff at the Sports Hall have been making good any cosmetic damage and preparing for when they can reopen. A 'Fogger ' machine has been purchased which can be used to sanitise large areas efficiently, Tori being qualified to use it. Hilary has completed the second module of her AAT course and passed with 91% and Duncan has started his Legal course.

The pandemic has caused us a considerable loss in income some of which in the first lockdown was covered by a Government grant through EBC. There is no further help available so we will need to tighten our belts and put any projects on the back burner this year.

We have offered the Sports Hall as a vaccination centre. At present they are being done at one of the surgeries. Most of our 80+ residents have been vaccinated and there are clinics this week for the 75+ residents. The sooner we can get everyone vaccinated, the sooner we can get back to normal. Unfortunately, it doesn't look as if this will happen until the Autumn."

(In response to a question about the Sportshall staff posting on Facebook, it is confirmed they are still posting on the site with exercise routines etc.)

934 TO APPROVE/ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- a) **to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 30 November 2020,**
 - b) **to approve the minutes of the Asset Management committee of 11 January 2021 and accept the minutes of that committee of 14 December 2020,**
 - c) **to approve the minutes of the Policy and Finance committee's meeting of 7 December 2020, to accept the financial reports made to that committee.**
- Following proposal and seconding on each item in turn, the individual minutes were AGREED by a show of hands and the financial report noted.

934. TO AGREE THE INTERVENTION RATE FOR THE BRISE SOLEIL FITTED TO THE SPORTSHALL AT HILTINGBURY, CONSIDERING IT WAS NOT THE CORRECT SPECIFICATION/DESIGN NOR THE ARCHITECTS' DESIGN FOR ATTACHMENT/FIXATION TO THE STRUCTURE, ORIGINAL COST SUBMITTED BY ACHESON £10K.

Members discussed the issue and having decided that there was no overall benefit in further works being undertaken it was proposed and seconded, as per the Officer's recommendation, that the intervention rate should be 50% giving a cost for the Brise Soleil of £5,000 ex VAT. On a show of hands this was AGREED.

935. TO AGREE TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF POLICY AND FINANCE TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL'S OPERATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT WITH THE COVID-19 RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the updated organisational risk assessment was ADOPTED.

936. TO receive the Final Draft Budget options from the Responsible Finance Officer for the Municipal Year 2021-2022 that has been discussed at Policy and Finance, and to AGREE an option from: -

- **2.5% increase (only replacing lost CTSG funding and slight inflationary increase, and diverting other funds towards covid-19 impact in the year) @ £54.01 (up £1.32 for a Band D property) Precept £495,040.00,**
- **4.75% increase (as above but allowing £10k for the asset improvement/sinking fund and an additional £1k for Covid-19 issues) Band D £55.19 an increase of £2.50 – Precept £505,856.09**
- **7.5% increase (as above plus additional funding to allow for proper funding of Covid-19) @ £56.64 for a Band D property – Precept £519,146.38,**
- **14.5% increase (as above but additional funding to cover resurfacing works at Hiltingbury car park) @ £60.33 for a Band D property – Precept £552,967.38, or**
- **41.4% increase (as above but to cover alleged shortfall in Council's funding) @ £74.50 for a Band D property – Precept £682,846.14.**

Members discussed the potential of being able to furlough the Sportshall staff in this third lockdown. The Clerk advised against this relying on the opinion of the Internal Auditors. However, he said he would check with both EBC and HALC and circulate responses. Members made comments about the rate of Precept increase and the rate of inflation. The matters of replacing the finished Council Tax Support Grant and the small change in the Tax Base were mentioned. The uncertainty for the coming financial year was also mentioned in terms of ensuring the security of necessary income with continuing lockdowns and potential loss of income.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands an increase of 4.75% was AGREED giving figures of Band D £55.19 an increase of £2.50, Precept £505,856.09.

937. TO AGREE A REPRESENTATIVE TO AGE CONCERN CHANDLER'S FORD.

Members requested further information from Age Concern prior to Members putting themselves forward.

938. MEMBER'S QUESTIONS

(none submitted for the Agenda).

939. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.00PM 22 MARCH 2021 VIRTUALLY.

That being the conclusion of business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Chairman.....