

MEETING OF CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL

7.00 PM 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

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

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

Public Participation:

There was one member of the public present who spoke about the proposed plans for the Jubilee Garden criticising the current garden's weeds, the lack of maintenance that had allowed it to deteriorate and the lack of pollinators.

Comment was made by the Chair that the garden had been installed many years ago and that by the time we had brought the grounds maintenance in-house the garden had already deteriorated to an unsalvageable level.

1052 APOLOGIES

These were received from Cllrs, Bicknell, Johnson, Jones and Scott. Cllrs Baker and Beer were not present.

1053 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Davies declared a non-disclosable, non-pecuniary interest in item 8 as the owner of Discover magazine was his neighbour.

1054 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman read out her report which was: "As The Royal Family are still in mourning for Queen Elizabeth II can we please conduct this meeting in a respectful manner. The Parish Council carried out all requirements during the public mourning period according to the protocol we received, and I would like my thanks recorded to Tori who on hearing the death announced lowered the flag even though it was out of hours. There are still condolence pages on the table in the foyer if anyone wishes to sign them.

The newsletter should now have been distributed. I am aware of some properties which have not received it. Please let the office know of any areas you know where delivery seems not to have taken place. There are copies available in the office and it is online.

The new bus service to replace the Xelabus X6/7 seems to be working but this still does not help the residents isolated in Hiltngbury. Neither does it provide transport for the younger residents attending Eastleigh College and Barton Peverell.

We will soon be advertising Granted to You. Each year we set aside £5K to provide small grants to local community groups and charities to help with projects they are undertaking. If any of you know of a group who could benefit from such a grant, please ask them to watch for the information on the website."

1055 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

- a) to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 July 2022,
- b) to approve the minutes of the Asset Management Committee of 5 September 2022, and
- c) to approve the confidential minutes of the HR Committee of 26 September 2022 and agree any recommendations.

Following, the Clerk commented that all the notified corrections had been made to the copies of the minutes for signing and, after proposal, seconding and on a show of hands on each meeting's minutes they were AGREED.

1056 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE WHETHER TO PURCHASE AND PROVIDE 2NO. VIRTUAL TRAILS THROUGH CHANDLER'S FORD ONE FOR HALLOWEEN AND ANOTHER FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD AT A TOTAL COST OF £1,000 +VAT.

Following a detailed discussion on the previous trail funded by the Welcome Back 'Shop Local' ERDF project in 2021 that was enabled by EBC, Members were fully supportive of a Christmas trail from HighStreetSafari, but wanted the other trail to be run in the school half-term rather than 'hying up' Halloween. It was AGREED that the two trails could be purchased from HighStreetSafari at a cost of £1,000 ex VAT, subject to a due diligence assessment by the Chairman on anticipated numbers.

1057 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE WHETHER TO CHANGE AND IMPROVE THE PRODUCTION OF NEWSLETTERS FROM THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF ARTWORK, PRINTING AND SEPARATE DELIVERY TO PRODUCTION IN THE DISCOVER MAGAZINE, GIVING BIMONTHLY PRODUCTION/DISTRIBUTION.

Following a short debate that mainly concentrated on the potential fall in numbers receiving the newsletter as flats were not included in the distribution by Discover. (Post Meeting Note: Tudor Distribution do not usually deliver to flats due to access issues). It was welcomed that the proposals would actually increase the number of communications with parishioners and that the Council could revert in a year's time if it was not felt that it had been a success. Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands it was AGREED to utilise Discover the Council's printed communications. Three Members voted against, these were Cllrs Atrill, Duguid and Pragnell.

1058 TO REFER TO THE ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE THE CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF REWORKING AND REPLANTING THE JUBILEE GARDEN TO BE BASED ON THE DESIGN CURRENTLY TO HAND AND TO POSSIBLY CHANGE IT TO 'THE QUEEN ELIZABETH MEMORIAL GARDEN'.

A Member stated that this would need to come back to Full Council before any decision was implemented. He was informed that the Jubilee Garden was a Council asset and as such came under the clear delegated authority of that committee. Members were reminded that debate would be held at the Committee's next meeting. Any change in name would be a matter for Full Council and considered after the renovation had been completed. Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the item was referred to Asset Management. Three Members voted against these were Cllrs Atrill, Duguid and Pragnell.

1059 TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC UNDER THE PUBLIC ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960/C2 DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: -

- a) **to re-establish the Audit and Risk Management Sub-Committee, and**
 - b) **to agree any recommendations from the HR Committee's confidential minutes.**
- The first item was AGREED and the Sub-Committee appointed as per the Briefing Note. The second item was AGREED and the recommendation to involve HALC, in the first instance, was approved.

1060 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.00PM 12 DECEMBER 2022 AT FRYERN PAVILION, GREENWAYS.

That being the conclusion of business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman.....