

MEETING OF CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL

7.00 PM 27 SEPTEMBER 2021

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

In Attendance: Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk).

Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present. Cllr Atkinson asked a question about the flooding at Pennine Way Recreation Ground as part of public participation. Officers commented that an informative note had been posted and investigations were still underway, but could confirm that foul waste was not the cause.

973 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllrs Bicknell, Dolbear, Evans Irish, Pragnell and Ricketts.

974 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

975 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was read out "Congratulations to the office staff on our 5th clean external Audit Report, this time with no queries.

Hilary has now passed her probationary period and has almost completed the first year of the AAT course.

Both the Sports Hall and Fryern are welcoming back groups and we have some new ones starting. I am pleased to see the Fryern Association return with their Friday coffee morning. They also have a quiz night and some film nights scheduled.

The wild flower meadows are still providing a splash of colour at the recreation grounds and we have had a number of entries for the photo competition.

Finally, we must congratulate Carly Kershaw on her success at the Chelsea Flower Show. She was responsible for the planting at the Sports Hall and had provided a plan to rejuvenate the Jubilee Garden. Her exhibit 'Bodmin Jail:60° East', which was one of the 6 large gardens, was awarded a silver medal."

976 TO APPROVE/ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- a) to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 June 2021,
- b) to approve the minutes of the Asset Management Committee of 6 September 2021, and accept the minutes of the meetings of that committee held on 5 July 2021 that have already been agreed,
- c) to approve the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee of 26 July 2021, and to accept the financial reports made to that committee, and
- d) to approve the confidential minutes from the HR Committee meeting of 4 August 2021.

Following proposal and seconding on each item in turn, the individual minutes were AGREED by a show of hands and the financial reports noted.

968. TO RECEIVE THE EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 1 APRIL 2020 – 31 MARCH 2021.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands this was AGREED. Officers were thanked for enabling a fifth clean External Audit report in consecutive years.

969. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE WHETHER A GENERAL DISPENSATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 85 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, EXPIRING AT THE NEXT COUNCIL AGM IN MAY 2022, SHOULD BE GRANTED TO MEMBERS DUE TO HEALTH CONCERNS THAT MIGHT EMERGE WITH NEW AND MORE TRANSMISSIBLE VARIANTS OF THE CORONAVIRUS BEING PRESENT, AS A MATTER OF ENSURING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF MEMBERS.

Following a short discussion after proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the General Dispensation due to susceptibility from Covid-19 was AGREED to be put in place until the AGM after ordinary elections in May 2022. Absence due to Covid-19 was requested to be minuted when it was cited as the reason for non-attendance.

970. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE WHETHER TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO CHANDLER'S FORD AGE CONCERN.

Members discussed what Age Concern were wanting from a representative from the Council, Cllr Atkinson commented that she was happy to attend a single meeting of Age Concern Chandler's Ford to find out what skills were being sought and report back. Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands Cllr Atkinson was duly appointed as a Representative for the Council to a single meeting of the committee of Age Concern (C/F).

971. TO AGREE THE COST OF INVESTIGATIONS AT THE HILTINGBURY CAR PARK AT £2,850 EX VAT FROM GROUND INVESTIGATION (GAINED THROUGH RJ WATKINSON CIVIL ENGINEERS' SITE VISIT AT THE END OF AUGUST).

The Clerk commented that although the investigations had been agreed by Asset Management a cost had not been to hand to agree. Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands a cost of £2,850 (ex VAT) was AGREED for the investigations at Hiltingbury Recreation Ground Top Car Park.

972. MEMBER'S QUESTIONS

(none submitted for the Agenda).

973. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.00PM 13 DECEMBER 2021 FRYERN PAVILION.

That being the conclusion of business the meeting closed at 7.38pm.

Chairman.....