

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

**7.00 PM 27 JUNE 2022**

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

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

### **Public Participation:**

There were no members of the public present.

### **1032 APOLOGIES**

These were received from Cllrs Evans, Abraham, Bicknell and Jones.

### **1033 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None were declared.

### **1034 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Vice-Chair of Council, who was Chairman of the meeting read out the Chairman's Report which was: "Having escorted Cllr. Manning and his wife at the Funtasia I was delighted to receive an invitation to Eastleigh Borough Council Mayor Making to see him installed as this year's Mayor.

Together with a number of other councillors, last week I attended the Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival and service at St Martin in the Wood Church. The beautiful arrangements were a floral journey through the Queen's reign.

We are still receiving favourable comments about the new car park and the new path at Hiltinbury Rec. We hope to put in a path across the top of the Rec. during the Autumn, making a circular walk on paths possible.

Our flower meadows are just beginning to come into flower, and it looks as if we will have our usual fantastic display. Our thanks to Tori and the grounds staff for all their work in making this happen."

### **1035 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS.**

**a) to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 May 2022,**

**b) to approve the minutes of the Asset Management Committee of 4 June 2022.**

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands on each meeting's minutes they were AGREED.

### **1036 TO ACCEPT THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S FINAL REPORT DATED 17 JUNE 2022.**

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the Internal Auditor's final report of the year was ACCEPTED.

### **1037 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE, FOLLOWING THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S VISIT, TO THE CHAIRMAN SIGNING OFF THE:**

**a. Annual Governance Statement having agreed answers to all the questions, if appropriate to do so.**

The Clerk took the Members through the Governance Statement explaining how the Internal Auditor's section of the report helped them understand that they had achieved the standards required.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands it was AGREED that the Chairman of the meeting and the Clerk signed the Governance Statement on the Annual Return.

**b. The Annual Accounting Statement for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2022, both as required by the Audit and Accounting Regulations in place and having been previously signed by the Responsible Finance Officer.**

The Clerk/RFO demonstrated to Members that the Accounting Statement had already been signed off by himself, and took Members through the figures, explaining the cross-checks through the reconciliations and the purpose of the explanation of variances.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands it was AGREED that the Chairman of the meeting could countersign the Accounting Statement.

- c. To agree that the Exercising of Electors' Rights as being the period 30<sup>th</sup> June to 10 August 2022.**

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the period of Exercising Electors' Rights was AGREED as being between the dates of 30 June 2022 to 10 August 2022.

- 1038 TO NOTE THE FORMAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022, AS PREPARED BY HUMPHRY'S ASSOCIATES.**

These were noted, along with the reasoning behind the 'Capital Finance Reserve' being calculated as the restated Fixed asset Register value less the balance of the PWLB loan, and that it acted as an indicator for the Council that it represented the value from the Precept that needed to be put aside to ensure that the Council was able to replace assets when needed.

- 1039 TO AGREE TO THE TRANSFER OF £66K FROM THE GENERAL RESERVE TO THE ASSET IMPROVEMENT RESERVE.**

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

- 1040 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE HCC TRANSPORTATION CONSULTATION, TO EITHER REJECT THE CONSULTATION AS BEING INAPPROPRIATE DURING THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING ISSUES INFORMING THEM SO IN WRITING, OR WHETHER TO ENGAGE WITH THE CONSULTATION AND COMPLETE A RESPONSE.**

Following a constructive debate it was decided to form a Working Group consisting primarily of Cllrs Baker, Pragnell and Irish, which could co-opt others including non-council members. It was to be known as the "Transport Changes Working Group" which also included Southampton Airport as well as busses etc. Its remit was to "consult with interested parties to respond to public and air transport consultations."

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

- 1041 TO AGREE THE CHEQUE SIGNATORIES/BACS AUTHORISERS (CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF COUNCIL, CHAIR AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT, PLUS THE CLERK/RFO).**

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

- 1042 TO AGREE THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR NORTH MILLERS DALE.**

As no Parish Council Member lived in the area it was questioned whether the area really wanted a representative, this would be checked, and whether former councillor Mrs Holden-Brown might be better suited to bring concerns informally to council as a long-term resident of the area.

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

- 1043 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.00PM 25 JULY 2022 AT FRYERN PAVILION, GREENWAYS.**

That being the conclusion of business the meeting closed at 7.56pm.

Chairman.....