

16 JULY 2018

Fryern Pavilion, Fryern Recreation Ground

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Holden-Brown; Councillors Atkinson, Bicknell, Bourne, Broadhurst, Dolbear, Duguid, Evans, Johnson and Ricketts.

In Attendance: Cllrs Cox, Kyrle and Newcombe with Duncan Murray (Parish Clerk) and Inspector Ian Trueman.

Public Participation:

There was one member of the public present.

1. POLICE REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Trueman who gave a report on policing strategy for the year.

He stated that there were eight areas of a controlled strategic approach which included: children and sexual abuse, trafficking, drug related offences, counter terrorism, and fraud.

There were 3-teams concentrating on safeguarding (vulnerable and high-risk people), domestic violence and threat to life and threat management.

Neighbourhood policing had the following areas of business:

Management of Vulnerable People (and drug use),

Emerging Areas,

Domestic Violence Perpetrators,

Domestic Violence Victims,

Children and Sex Crimes,

Missing, Trafficked etc, and

Hate Crime.

In terms of crime levels Chandler's Ford was a low crime area with 8.5k crimes in the previous year, the New Forest was at 11k and Southampton 33k.

In terms of PCSO staffing levels 3 had left in the district to become Police Officers and there was a vacancy in our area.

What PCSOs and Police Officers were required to do were very different roles and there had been a loss with budget cuts of 1000PCs and 600 ancillary staff since 2006, and the current costs were £24M in excess of budget, if the force had the same funding criteria as elsewhere the force would have been £21M in excess of current budget not £24M down.

The starting salaries for a PCSO were £14k, with on-costs this worked out to be £23k per PCSO (CFPC contribution equivalent to 25% per PCSO), in comparison PCs were £22 – 37k, with far wider powers.

Thanking the Inspector, the Chairman opened the floor to questions that ranged from pavement parking issues to funding and the future of PCSOs which would be decided in the autumn.

2. APOLOGIES

There were none.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Atkinson declared an interest in the Velmore Youth Service provision as a trustee of the Velmore Centre and Cllr Duguid in the Hiltingbury Tennis Club.

4. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE'S MEETING OF 11 JUNE 2018 AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 25 JUNE 2018.

These were accepted.

5. MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION

a) to note a report on the provision of the Velmore Youth Café

It was reported that the service was still running, with high dependency children as the focus. It was reported that a couple of sessions had been cancelled, due to staffing shortages, but that a new team leader had been recruited. The up to date reports were expected for the next meeting of the committee.

b) to discuss and agree the provision of two Silent Soldier silhouettes to locate in the parish (referred by AMC)

The funding was accepted as coming out of the Community Initiatives Fund, and a description of the silhouettes, which could be put in the community until the end of December. One non-voting Member spoke against the proposals and was countered by a voting Member who spoke about the benefits and raising awareness amongst the younger people in the parish. Another Member spoke about them being moved around the Parish, and maybe later donating them to the schools.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands it was AGREED to make a donation of £500 to the British Legion for two silent soldiers funded through the Community Initiatives Fund.

c) to agree to move the October meeting from 15th to 22nd 2018.

This was agreed.

6. TO NOTE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:

i. to note the bank reconciliation Barclays Current Account 19 May 2018 to 18 June 2018 and the HSBC account 1 April 2018 to 25 June 2018

The reconciliations were noted.

ii. to note the provisional 1st quarter accounts P&L, Balance Sheet and Budget to Actual Variance Report

The reports were noted, but following the Clerk informing Members that he hadn't had a chance to drill-down through the figures, he could not therefore account for the whole of the £13k underspend on Direct Costs, the reports were requested to be brought to the next meeting of the committee.

iii. to agree the payments made from the SAGE payment summary and to authorise payments due, to sign cheques

The payments were AGREED.

With the next item being a motion about the Draft Local Plan, it was noted that an additional consultation event was taking place at Fryern Pavilion on 30th July 2018 from 4pm to 7pm due to Royal Mail not delivering the original consultation event's advertising flyers until after the event. It was noted that CFPC had already posted this on Facebook and the website.

7. MOTION (CLLR RICKETTS): HAVING HAD SIGHT OF THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN IT IS NOTICEABLE THAT CHANDLERS FORD WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO INCREASED TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND POLLUTION, AS THE PLAN INCLUDES A MAJOR NEW LINK ROAD

FROM THE LARGE DEVELOPMENT NORTH OF BISHOPSTOKE TO JUNCTION 12 OF THE M3 (CF AND EASTLEIGH). THIS ROAD IS EXPECTED TO CARRY 26,000 VEHICLES A DAY. THE KNOCK-ON EFFECT WOULD BE MUCH INCREASED QUEUEING ON THE APPROACHES TO THE MOTORWAY IN CF (WINCHESTER ROAD, HOCOMBE ROAD, HILTINGBURY ROAD) AND THESE ROADS ARE ALREADY EXPERIENCING ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC PRESSURE FROM MAJOR HOUSEBUILDING PROJECTS IN ROMSEY, FUNNELLING EXTRA VEHICLES TO THE M3. THEREFORE, SHOULDN'T CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL BE JOINING TEN OTHER LOCAL PARISH COUNCILS IN OBJECTING TO THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN?

Members had a brief discussion about the motion following proposal from the Chairman that it should be referred to Full Council for response before the close of consultation. Following seconding and on a show of hands the item was moved to an Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council on Monday 30 July at 7.00pm.

8. TO MATTERS TO BE TAKEN TO THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT AGENDA.

Velmore Youth Service.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed as 7.00pm Monday 22 October 2018, Fryern Pavilion, Greenways.

That being all the business the meeting closed at 8.05p.m.

Chairman.....