

# Newsletter

Summer 2017



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Chandler's Ford  
Parish Council

## Chairman's Letter

Dear Residents

Do we really want to keep looking at this eyesore? As this is the only way to describe the existing Hiltingbury Pavilion.



It is in serious decay and outlived its useful life, and the Parish Council wants create a new facility to replace this building which, as described by a fellow member of Council, as being 'only fit for porcine animals'. Our plans for a new pavilion are ambitious and exciting and will create a hub for sporting activities at Hiltingbury, giving ALL our residents, from young to old, the opportunity to exercise in their preferred activity throughout the year.

Read more about our plans in this Newsletter and look out for more updates on our website!

Happy holidays!

Yours

**Margaret Atkinson** *Chairman Chandler's Ford Parish Council*

## Dogs Digging Holes in Football Pitches



Dogs will be dogs, we know that and some of their antics are fun, but PLEASE, if you notice your dog digging holes on any recreation ground, and especially on football pitches please stop them and fill the hole back in! It is not just footballers who might get hurt but elderly or other vulnerable people using the areas.

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## Dead Hedgehog at Hiltingbury Recreation Ground



Our ground staff were upset to find a dead Hedgehog at Hiltingbury Rec on Thursday 13th July, in the area of the sensory garden.

They weren't upset that it was a dead Hedgehog, but that to all appearances it appeared to have been bludgeoned to death with a large stone.

We know this area is popular with teenagers who regularly damage the plants – but killing a harmless Hedgehog - FOR FUN?

Sorry but that is just sickening - if you know who did it please ring 101 and report the cruel person/people responsible.





## Hiltingbury Pavilion Extension

### Proposals 4-court badminton/5-a-side football (and many other sports)

Continuing the consultation that the Parish Council started in May 2016 at that year's Funtasia, and a total of 6 other consultation events since then, the council has submitted an application for planning consent for a 4-court sports hall and refurbishment of Hiltingbury Pavilion.

The project is currently undergoing detailed design, with structural and mechanical/electrical engineering input and costings by a Quantity Surveyor, whilst the application undergoes its consultation as part of the planning authority's application process.



It is anticipated the development costs could be in the region of £1.5-1.8M with an investment of at least £100k in renewable energy at the heart of the project ensuring low running costs and with an expected life of some 30-40 years.

Some residents have expressed concern about the costs and suggested that a much smaller project should be undertaken. The Parish Council did consider smaller projects but concluded that a smaller sports hall would not be financially viable.



However, this is an opportunity for the Parish Council to really do some long-term good for the community it is here to serve, in working to build a healthier community by tackling obesity and inactivity.

### Any Loan Should Be Self-Funded by Hirers

Eastleigh Borough Council have made available grant monies (should the project go ahead) of £402k, and the Parish Council will be putting in approximately £300-350k of Asset Improvement Reserves it has and is putting aside.

The rest of the funding (expected to be £0.8 – 1.1M) will come from a loan, probably taken out with the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) which will offer a fixed rate for the life of the loan (expected to be 30-years).

There is no better time than now to borrow money for such a project, with average current PWLB rates being at about 2.5%.

If it is decided the project goes ahead the Parish Council will underwrite the repayments, but the capital borrowed and interest payments should be wholly repaid by the users of the facility through hall hire and court hire fees.

First analysis of the finances show that, at 50% peak usage and a low level off-peak use, the loan should be self-funding, with no additional input from the local taxpayer being anticipated and certainly no related increase in Council Tax!

This is based on our experience from the Fryern Hill Pavilion Extension, with income growth last year of 107% to make it self-funding.



## INVESTING IN A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

## Play Area Improvements

Cox Row, Mead Road and Suffolk Drive were prioritised this year along with a piece of replacement equipment at Westmorland Way for the 7+ age group of a Free Rider (based on surfing/skateboarding) to replace the rusting slide.



**Cox Row** had the rather tired Proludic multi-play unit replaced with a statement HAGS SMP Nexus Altitude 11, which certainly lives up to its name, it is not for the faint-hearted, and rest assured it also has plenty of thick safety surfacing underneath it.

**Mead Road** had two items of equipment replaced with a HAGS SMP Kvar toddler multi-play unit installed as well as a Tay Play Cone Climber (1.8m high) – very similar to the old 'Witches Hat' that was so popular in the 70's, but much safer as there is no lateral movement.

**Suffolk Drive** also had a Cone Climber to replace the dilapidated Nijha roundabout.

### Safety Note:

In early July (very early) a youth, who hasn't obviously grown up very much, decided to go for a swing in a toddler's swing seat. This resulted in them having to wait on Hampshire Fire and Rescue to release them!

However funny this might seem, this slightly sorry tale does give a timely reminder that under 6s or 7s should play on equipment designed for them (so not the Nexus Altitude) but things like the Kvar, Cone Climbers etc - and teenagers should not play on/in toddler equipment!!

## Bollards at Hiltingbury Recreation Ground

Both fixed and retractable bollards have been installed to make the grounds more secure following travellers being overheard discussing getting onto the ground with larger vehicles.

These have been installed in various places to make it impossible to get caravans on to the Recreation ground, but not interfere with mobility scooters, pushchairs etc. Regular football team managers will have access to the keys as will the Chandler's Ford First Responders, who also have an access card for the tennis courts in emergency situations.

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