

Newsletter

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Chandler's Ford
Parish Council

Dear Residents

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I am pleased that we have had agreement in Council to retain our precept at current levels, as this will enable us to continue to improve the assets we have taken over within the Parish, and we are already planning for some new play equipment in some of the play areas in the coming year.

Having completed the extension of the Fryern Pavilion, and had the privilege of welcoming the Lord-Lieutenant to perform the opening ceremonies, we are now turning our attention to the Hiltingbury Pavilion, so please let us have your thoughts on any improvement you would like to see made to the building by using the Survey Monkey on our web-site.

We are holding the Fryern Funtasia again this year on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May please put this date in your diaries and I do hope I shall see you there. If you are not able to come then do join us in lighting a Beacon to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on 21st April.

Yours

Margaret Atkinson

Chairman Chandler's Ford Parish Council

0% increase to Parish Council Precept and Council Tax 2016-17

At the Parish Council meeting of 25 January 2016 the Council Tax and Precept were agreed for the coming municipal year. Officers were very happy to present a budget that had a **0%** increase in a Band D property tax of **£50.27p**.



Despite there being no increase in Council Tax the total put aside for Community Funds (such as supporting 2 PCSOs, youth work, grants and events) increased to £42,500, up £9,000 on the previous year.

The Play Equipment Fund has been maintained at £50,000 to enable replacement equipment to be purchased and high quality repairs to be carried out. The overall budget for managing the Parish Council's assets, of the open spaces, pavilions and recreation grounds, increased slightly to £208,670.26.

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Fryern Funtasia

Monday 2 May

The Parish Council are organising the 4th Funtasia this May Day Bank Holiday on the 2nd May. It will be a fun-packed day with all the usual rides as well as some new ones, music, community involvement and entertainment. Come along and join in the fun!!!

Queen's 90th Birthday

To mark the historic occasion of Her Majesty's 90th Birthday on the 21st April the Parish Council are going to be involved in the national celebrations by lighting a beacon at the Fryern Recreation Ground. Sunset will be at 8.08pm that day and therefore the beacon will be lit at 8.20 for 15 minutes.

0% increase to Parish Council Precept and Council Tax 2016-17 (continued)

Due to a slight increase in the net tax base for the parish the overall Precept increased by £1,683.04 to £478,908.21 including the Council Tax Support Grant of £25,703.55 and also showed an expected income level from the letting of rooms and other trading of £43,500.

Parish Councillors of all parties were pleased to be able to support the budget with a 0% increase in Council Tax that represented the needs of the parish and demonstrated good value for money.

Official Opening of the Fryern Pavilion



The Parish Council were delighted that HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire Nigel Atkinson Esq was able to officially open the Fryern Pavilion extension on 10 March with The Mayor of Eastleigh, Cllr Jane Welsh in attendance with her escort, Mr Len Welsh.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Margaret Atkinson, welcomed the Lord-Lieutenant to the Pavilion and introduced him to the Mayor, Borough and Parish Councillors as well as Officers of the Parish Council and invited guests including the project managers and architects TKL.

Speaking later Cllr Atkinson said 'This was a very happy and memorable event which has really placed the Fryern Pavilion on the Chandler's Ford map and I do hope all residents will enjoy using the wonderful facilities now provided here.'

The Choir of Fryern Junior School sang for the Lord-Lieutenant and a light finger buffet was supplied by Bay Leaves.

Hiltingbury Pavilion Improvements

Following the very successful extension of the Fryern Pavilion the Parish Council are looking to also extend and improve the Hiltingbury Pavilion to make it more sports orientated and accessible. Our initial plans are ambitious and it will probably need to be a phased development. However we would like input from parishioners.

From 4 April the Parish Council's website will have a link to a Survey Monkey questionnaire so that we can better understand what local sports facilities, including accessible ones for individuals with various issues, residents might like to see. This will then inform further decisions by the Council, to be able to determine what could fit in as well as come within budget.

Pennine Way Improvements

Works were planned for January 2016 to raise the level of the path where it historically floods as well as provide a complete path around the open space. Unfortunately the very wet weather has meant that it has not been possible to bring the necessary machinery on site to carry out the works without causing significant damage to the land. It is scheduled to be carried out as soon as the weather improves. It has also been planned to dig out the ditch at the same time to help with the overall drainage of the area.

There are two benches that we are going to have installed at the same time, one each side of the park.

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