

CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL - ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

6 November 2023

Fryern Pavilion 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors B Selby (Chairman), A Broadhurst, Duguid, Irish, Johnson, Kyrle, and Cllr Child (Chairman of Council).

In attendance: Hilary Blaker (Clerk), Tori Beqo (Facilities Manager) and Geoff Mitchinson (Sportshall Team Leader).

Public Participation: There was one members of the public present, who advised that there had been a third incident with a specific aggressive dog within the community. The latest incident has apparently been reported to the police.

1. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllr Attrill and Pragnell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF 2 OCTOBER.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands these were ACCEPTED.

4. TO RECEIVE THE COMPLIANCE (OPERATIONS) OFFICER'S AND FACILITIES MANAGER'S REPORTS:

4.1. Update on PSS (Play Safe System)

Reports from PSS live were still not available due to access issues with Eastleigh Borough Council's system. Copies of reports have been requested though none have been forthcoming. It was agreed that this would be escalated by Borough Councillors within the Parish.

4.2. To note maintenance/contracted work undertaken/advisable

The Facilities Manager's report:

- **Ground Maintenance:** All ground maintenance has been carried out as per normal for this time of the year. We have recently fertilised football pitches at Fryern and Hiltingbury, both grounds are in much better condition from previous years.
- **Maintenance Checks:** All maintenance checks complete at Fryern and Hiltingbury including water checks and fire alarms.
- **Wildflower Meadows:** Just an update on the wildflower meadows, still going strong at the moment, we have had very good feedback from the residents.
- **Hiltingbury car park:** Line marking at Hiltingbury school entrance, car park, and the new path on the right-hand side, quote received from the contractor, subject to weather conditions for the work to be completed.
- **Mead Road Play area:** Trees at Mead Road play area have now been crown lifted and reduced up to 50%. This will help for trees to take longer to grow and for us not to have to pay often to crown lift and reduce them.
- **Sportshall Main entrance :** The main entrance door is now repaired due to a problem with the mechanism, which needed replacing.

- **Sportshall Flooring:** Quote received from Hutchinson Flooring regarding the maintenance for Sportshall floor and studio one. Purchase order sent, subject to contractor confirming a suitable date for the works to be done. It was requested that reasonable notice was provided for the Sportshall closure to enable these works which was noted and agreed.
- **Sportshall :** awaiting quote for additional cctv cameras

4.3. To note a report on incidents recorded and reported to the police.

Post on social media 13th October reporting assault within Sportshall car park. CCTV was reviewed however, no incident obvious. Damage was caused to the Hilt that evening and youths were a nuisance to Sportshall staff.

One police report 24th October of individual behaving in a threatening manner with garden shears within Fryern recreation ground. After checking CCTV and Compliance Officer's eye witness account, an individual was seen cutting back vegetation along pathway leading to Hillside Close.

5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT ON FRYERN PAVILION AND SPORTSHALL TRADING ETC:

Sports Hall

The Sports Hall has been well used even throughout October half-term when some of the term-time clubs took a short break. Public bookings are slowly increasing for the use of Pickleball within the Sports Hall. As previously reported, whilst we are seeing an increase in the footfall coming into the Sports Hall (predominantly just to use the toilets), the month of October has been busy but uneventful. Hiltingbury School are utilising Studio 1 for their PE lessons four days a week, whilst their school is being rebuilt. Whilst this is a perfect opportunity for us to support the children, we are unfortunately experiencing issues with the flooring due to footwear choices of the children. We are encouraging the class leaders to opt for activities which can be done barefoot.

Tennis Courts

With the winter approaching, we are seeing a drop off in usage of the courts. HTC have move to their winter training schedule, and they now wish to book the morning times on a Wednesday, rather than their usual afternoon slot. This does clash with our regular tennis coaches, so to avoid all courts being unavailable for the public, I have suggested that they book a Thursday 10am-12pm, so everyone remains happy. Sherborne House are now moving their Tuesday P.E. lessons 2pm-3pm from the outdoor courts to inside, utilising our Sports Hall badminton courts. It has been arranged for Sherborne to book our indoor Sports Hall for their Autum/Winter months and for their Spring/Summer months, our outdoor tennis courts. These bookings will free up the outdoor courts to accommodate the hardier winter players for the winter and utilise a usual quiet time within the Sports Hall.

The trading reports year to date were received.

Thanks were given to the Sportshall team following positive feedback received by Councillors regarding their public engagement.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands, the trading reports were accepted.

6. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE REVISED PRICING STRUCTURE AT HILTINGBURY SPORTSHALL.

Following much discussion and consideration it was agreed to follow the Clerk's recommendation to maintain the existing pricing structure for 2024 for the activities within the Sportshall, eg badminton, table tennis.

Discussion also took place regarding the pricing structure for Studio 1 in light of the current level of occupancy across an average week. Following a presentation detailing the implications of a pricing change, the revised pricing was proposed at £30 peak charge and £27 off peak charge. This was proposed, seconded and all agreed with the new charges coming into effect from 1st January 2024.

7. TO AGREE CONTRACTOR TO INSTRUCT NECESSARY DRAINAGE WORKS AT PENNINE WAY RECREATION GROUND.

In light of the variance across the quotes regarding design it was agreed to defer decision making pending revised tender which contains satisfactory evidence that the design meets our requirements. Authority has been delegated to Chair of Council, Chair of AMC, Clerk and Facilities Manager to proceed when revised tender received. A progress report is to be provided at the next AMC meeting. Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands this deferment was approved.

8. TO DISCUSS FUTURE PROJECTS THAT THIS COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE INCLUDED AS PART OF BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT.

Following approaches made by members of the public one Councillor requested consideration be given to exercise trails. Other considerations were requested to include a penned area for dogs, and extending certain play areas. Investment in Pennine Way following drainage works to be considered along with future possible support to the number 44 bus service. It was also raised that focus on asset improvements as a rolling programme would be appropriate. Future asset transfers from EBC may be considered. As part of discussions an update was requested regarding the soft play sessions at the Sportshall. It was noted that this project does need to be revisited in the new year and will form part of the public engagement planned. An update on the bus service was provided within the meeting to support the consideration of future funding. Two local drivers have now been appointed and a ticket machine is now in place which is intended to provide requested usage information for stakeholders.

9. MATTERS TO BE TAKEN FORWARD TO THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT AGENDA.

To report latest update on Pennine Way recreation ground.

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 4 December 2023, 7.00pm Fryern Pavilion. That being the end of business the meeting was closed at 8.05pm.

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