

MEETING OF CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL

7.00 PM 25 MARCH 2024

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Child; Councillors: Abraham, Attrill, Baker, Bicknell, A Broadhurst, H Broadhurst, Davies, Duguid, Evans, Jones, Johnson, Kyrle, Pragnell and Selby.

In Attendance: Hilary Blaker (Parish Clerk / RFO) and Hampshire County Councillor Tim Groves.

Public Participation:

One member of the public attended but raised no issues.

1157 APOLOGIES

These were received from Cllrs Beer, Irish and Scott. Apologies were accepted.

1158 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None were declared.

1159 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This last month has seen work on finalising the Funtasia being nearly completed. There have been some additions and some replacement, which means the already ordered paperwork will be slightly wrong, but this is inevitable. We just need good weather now and it will be a highly successful occasion. This is very much due to the hard work from the officers, particularly Diane who has had to juggle cajole and persuade numerous parties, in order to deliver what will be I am sure will be a successful day. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us too. The D-Day celebrations are also progressing well. Thanks to Stuart (Allen) and Rachel (Mitchinson) for their persistence and uncanny "sleuth" work in uncovering much detail on the events of 1944 in our area. There will be more details as we get nearer the date. Gary Freeman, our newly recruited groundsman starts tomorrow bringing our team up to strength. Thanks to the depleted team for keeping the work going during the past few months. Today we had the visit of our Internal Auditor, unfortunately his report is too late to get on this month's agenda but will undoubtedly be on next months, hopefully continuing the "clean bill of health" that we have had in the past. Progress on Pennine way is still being hampered by the weather, although our appointed agents have managed to do some further investigation which is enabling us to concentrate on where we think the problems are. Hopefully by next month's meeting we will have some more definitive news to report.

Finally, we are having some issues with the work that HCC have been doing at the entrance to Fryern from Clanfield Way. By removing the barriers, they have left a gap which could be exploited by unwanted visitors. Also, it is leading to some confusion and potential risks in the way they have done this work. Unfortunately, it was carried out without consultation with the Parish Council. Officers are in contact with HCC both direct and via EBC to try to resolve the matter. *(Post meeting note, Removing the Barriers consultation did take place with the Parish Council Planning Sub-Committee and all Councillors were aware of the project).*

1160 TO APPROVE / ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS;-

- a) to approve the minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 January 2024**
Following proposal, seconding and on show of hands the above minutes were approved. Some Councillors abstained from voting due to non-attendance of the meeting concerned.
- b) to accept the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 22 January 2024.**
Following proposal, seconding and on show of hands the above minutes were accepted.

Some Councillors abstained from voting due to non-attendance of the meeting concerned.

c) To accept the minutes of the Asset Management Committee held on 5 February 2024

Following proposal, seconding and on show of hands the above minutes were accepted.

Some Councillors abstained from voting due to non-attendance of the meeting concerned.

d) To approve the minutes of the HR Committee held on 20 February 2024

Following proposal, seconding and on show of hands the above minutes were approved.

Some Councillors abstained from voting due to non-attendance of the meeting concerned.

e) To approve the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee of 4 March 2024

Following proposal, seconding and on show of hands the above minutes were approved.

Some Councillors abstained from voting due to non-attendance of the meeting concerned.

f) To approve the minutes of the Asset Management Committee held on 11 March 2024

Following proposal, seconding and on show of hands the above minutes were approved.

Some Councillors abstained from voting due to non-attendance of the meeting concerned.

g) To approve the minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee held on 18 March 2024

Following proposal, seconding and on show of hands the above minutes were approved.

Some Councillors abstained from voting due to non-attendance of the meeting concerned.

1161 TO AGREE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKING GROUP APPOINTED TO REVIEW STANDING ORDERS AND ALLOCATION OF POLICY LIST.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the Terms of Reference were agreed.

1162 TO AGREE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM POLICY AND FINANCE TO ADOPT THE REVISED DOCUMENTS:-

a) Financial Regulations – updated 2023-2024

Concerns were raised regarding limits on spending when urgent decisions may be required due to an emergency, such as fallen trees. Reassurance was provided.

(During this agenda item County Councillor Tim Groves arrived, 7.15pm)

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the Financial Regulations were agreed as adopted.

b) Standing Orders – revised 2023-2024

Following discussion regarding the new clause 9f, the additional wording within clause 15b and the proposed removal of clause 25aii the following was agreed -

Clause 9f to remain.

Clause 15b to remain with ongoing review to consider impact upon workload. Content to be considered to ensure transparency without disclosure of confidential material.

Clause 25aii to remain against recommendation of Policy and Finance Committee, with the inclusion of additional wording "...on behalf of the Council..." to provide clarity.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the presented Standing Orders were agreed as adopted with the clause 25aii being reinstated.

c) Financial Risk Register – updated for 2023-24

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the Financial Risk Register was agreed as adopted.

1163 TO AGREE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM POLICY AND FINANCE TO ALLOCATE COUNCIL POLICIES ACROSS COMMITTEES FOR REVIEW, AS PER POLICY LIST.

Following discussion and debate regarding proposed allocation of policies across committees, it was agreed to defer this item until after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May 2024 when committees would be reformed.

1164 TO AGREE A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL'S DRAFT LOCAL PLAN WITH SPECIFIC CONSIDERATION TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT VELMORE FARM.

Councillors shared their opinions regarding the draft Local Plan with specific reference to flooding concerns and the impact upon Monks Brook.

Councillors were reminded that there will be future opportunities to provide detailed responses to the application. The proposal to be agreed was the submission of a written response to meet with the consultation deadline set by Test Valley Borough Council as drafted by the Planning and Licensing Committee.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands it was agreed that the draft written response be submitted to Test Valley Borough Council before the deadline.

1165 TO AGREE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE FOR CLLR G DAVIES TO REPRESENT THE PARISH COUNCIL AT THE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE REGARDING THE LOCAL LISTING OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

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

1166 TO AGREE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM ASSET MANAGEMENT TO ADOPT THE REVIEW ASSET REGISTER FOR 2023-24 AT A VALUE OF £3,232,859 WITH ADDITIONS OF £14,254 FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

Following proposal, seconding and on a show of hands the Asset Register was agreed.

1167 TO RECEIVE PRODUCED REPORT FROM SPEEDWATCH TEAM.

The report from the Speedwatch team was received and the results noted. Their work within our community was noted with thanks.

1168 TO AGREE TO EXEMPT THE MEETING FROM PUBLIC ATTENDANCE UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ACCESS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 / C2 DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED.

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

Discussion took place.

1169 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING : 7.00PM 13 MAY 2024

That being the conclusion of business the meeting closed at 8.44pm.

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