



CHINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

Date: Thursday 19th May 2018
 Time: 7 pm
 Place: Community Rooms, Chineham Village Hall, Thornhill Way, Chineham.
 Present : Cllr. Marian Adams Cllr. Paul Miller
 Cllr. Andy Clarke Cllr. David Thornton (Chairman)
 Cllr. Les Fryer Cllr. Ginny Wright
 Cllr. Sue Fuller Sally Jackson (Clerk)
 Cllr. Kirsty Giles Julia Johnston (Asst. Clerk)

1. Introduction.

Cllr. Thornton welcomed those present to the Annual Parish Assembly and advised them of the fire exits and procedures for evacuation.

2. To receive the report of the Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Cllr. Thornton advised those present that during the year Cllr. Laura Romney left and as there was no demand by local residents to hold an election, Cllr. Kirsty Giles was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Cllr. Thornton outlined the organisation of the Parish Council and confirmed that the structure of the Council remains the same as last year. The Parish Council is there to represent the views and interests of the Chineham residents.

Cllr. Thornton referred to the following consultations: Draft Revised Street Trading Consent Policy (Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council), National Highway and Transport Satisfaction Survey (Hampshire County Council), Budget Consultation – Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 – 2021/22 (Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council), Vegetation Priority Cutting List Review (Hampshire County Council), Council Ward Boundaries for Basingstoke & Deane (Local Government Boundary Commission), Shaping the Future of England's Strategic Roads (Highways England), Major Road Network Consultation (Department for Transport) and a Green Infrastructure Strategy Review (Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council).

Cllr. Thornton referred to the following work being overseen by the Recreation Committee chaired by Cllr. Sue Fuller: replacing the concrete bridge over Petty's Brook on Tollhouse Meadow (S.106 project), wild flower planting on the bund, a new play area on Hanmore Road by the Busy Bees Nursery (S.106 project), planting a community orchard behind the bund on the corner of Thornhill Way and Reading Road, installing a commemorative seat on Thornhill Way and the on-going management of the allotment site on Hanmore Road.

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Cllr. Thornton provided an overview of the 55 planning applications considered by the Planning Committee during 2017. Cllr. Thornton referred to the following applications and consultations considered by the Planning Committee during the last year: an application for a development of nine houses at the Old Dairy site, the Draft Supplementary Planning Documents for the East of Basingstoke and Redlands site, a Draft Statement for Community Involvement relating to planning matters for public consultation, Sherfield-on-Loddon and Old Basing and Lychpit's Neighbourhood Plans and three different planning applications for the Razor's Farm development.

Cllr. Thornton advised those present that the Parish Council can award grants to local organisations and that during the year grants had been awarded to the Chineham Conservation Group and to the Chineham Tiger's Football Club.

Cllr. Thornton referred to the Parish Lengthsman Scheme that Chineham Parish Council has joined and highlighted the works undertaken by the Lengthsman on the footpaths leading down to Tollhouse Meadow on either side of Thornhill Way. Cllr. Thornton referred to the briefing provided by Virgin Media before the works started in the Parish and also the recent deployment of the Speed Limit Reminder sign on Hanmore Road.

Cllr. Thornton thanked all of the volunteers in the community. He made a special mention to the Community Speedwatch team, Neighbourhood Watch, the Chineham Allotment Team and the Chineham Conservation Group. Also to School Governors and all youth leaders in the Parish.

Cllr. Thornton concluded his presentation by thanking all of the Councillors and staff for their hard work.

Cllr. Thornton invited the resident in attendance to ask questions. The resident asked whether the Parish Council would be requesting that contractors make good the verges and the planting after the current roadworks on the Binfields roundabout have been finished. Also whether the brick piers would be re-installed. Cllr. Thornton confirmed that the Parish Council would do so once the works had been completed and may organise the re-planting of the daffodils rather than leaving it to the contractors. Cllr. Miller reminded those present that once the works have been completed on the Binfields roundabout the contractors will move down to the Thornhill Way junction.

(Cllr. Ginny Wright left the meeting).

3. To receive a statement of the Parish Council accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Cllr. Fryer presented the following statement of the Parish Council accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Good Evening,

My name is Les Fryer and I am chairman of the Finance Committee. You have available the unaudited accounts for the year to 31 March 2018. I am pleased to state that we have been able to keep our precept (local rates) for Chineham residents to £37,000. In fact no increase

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since 2012. We have by good housekeeping, been able to complete a number of projects for the area as mentioned by the Chairman. Our Speedwatch initiative has continued but we are suffering a volunteer shortage. Our Co-ordinator resigned having left Chineham. The community room has continued to be a good revenue source for the Village Hall and they have been able to absorb our running costs. We made £784 Section 137 grants to a number of local area clubs (last year £1815). Since the year end we have agreed a £5500 grant to the Community section of the school. We would like to make further grants to local area clubs & charities and invite applications.

Precept for 2018–2019

You will have seen from your rates that we maintained our precept to £37,000 for the current year which meant a slight increase of 13 pence per annum to our local council tax. In the year 2017-2018 we have lost £1,100 BDBC general grant and a £600 contribution for single person occupied houses. In 2018-2019 we expect to lose the balance of the single person grant of £1019.

I am ably assisted on the Finance Committee by Cllr. Andy Clarke and & Cllr. Steve Oakley to whom I give my thanks. I am happy to take any questions.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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