



CHINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

Date: Thursday 18th May 2017
 Time: 7 pm
 Place: Community Rooms, Chineham Village Hall, Thornhill Way, Chineham.
 Present : Cllr. Marian Adams Cllr. Laura Romney
 Cllr. Andy Clarke Cllr. David Thornton (Chairman)
 Cllr. Les Fryer Cllr. Ginny Wright
 Cllr. Sue Fuller Sally Jackson (Clerk)
 Cllr. Steve Oakley 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 a presentation by Mr Graham Hatcher from the Basingstoke Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Graham Hatcher gave a presentation on the Basingstoke Citizen's Advice Bureau (Appendix A), a video was shown on a number of client case studies and an exercise on the costs associated with purchasing a sofa via various methods was undertaken by those present. A short "Question & Answer" session took place with Graham Hatcher, Councillors and those members of the public present.

Cllr. Thornton thanked Graham for his very informative and interesting presentation.

3. To receive a presentation by PCSO Richard Green.

PCSO Richard Green gave a presentation on Policing Today (Appendix B). A short "Question & Answer" session took place with PCSO Richard Green, Councillors and those members of the public present.

Cllr. Thornton thanked Richard for his very informative and interesting presentation.

4. To receive the report of the Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Cllr. Thornton advised those present that apologies had been received from County & Borough Councillor Elaine Still, Borough & Parish Councillor Paul Miller and Borough Councillor Joyce Bowyer.

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 Chairman

Cllr. Thornton began by referring to a young resident who had attended a previous Parish Council Meeting and had asked what the Parish Council was for and what did it do. Cllr. Thornton explained that Councillors are elected to serve the interests of the community. He commented that whilst the Parish Council doesn't own any of the major assets in Chineham (e.g. play parks, allotment site, Village Hall) it does help to manage/maintain the facilities. Cllr. Thornton referred to the recent undertaking by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council to review the condition of Petty's Brook and to start immediate work on some minor repairs and tackling the overgrown vegetation within the brook. Cllr. Thornton also referred to the management of the Chineham Allotment site on Hanmore Road and the remaining S.106 monies (Developer's funds) for further projects within Chineham.

Cllr. Thornton outlined the organisation of the Parish Council for those present. He confirmed that the Full Parish Council makes the decisions at its monthly meetings, having taken advice from the Recreation, Finance and Planning Committees. He confirmed that the Planning Committee does have delegated powers to respond to planning applications on behalf of the Parish Council due to the time constraints imposed by the applications.

Cllr. Thornton provided an overview of the planning applications considered by the Planning Committee during 2016 and commented that the majority (70%) were passed without objection.

Cllr. Thornton informed those present that the Parish Council is asked to respond to various consultations and recent examples have included the Local Plan and further consultations on supplementary planning documents.

Cllr. Thornton referred to a number of projects undertaken by the Parish Council during the previous year. He thanked Cllr. Ginny Wright for the bulb planting around the Parish, referred to the cleaning and maintenance of the bus shelters and the installation of the bund (in conjunction with Hampshire County Council) on the corner of Thornhill Way and Reading Road as a preventative measure against travellers parking up on the verge.

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 Neighbourhood Watch, Chineham Village Hall Management Committee, Chineham WI, Basingstoke Citizen's Advice Bureau and the Four Lanes Community Junior School.

Cllr. Thornton referred to future projects and asked the community to tell the Parish Council what they want. He referred to the remaining S.106 funding for new projects.

Cllr. Thornton thanked all of the volunteers in the community. He made a special mention to the Community Speedwatch team, Neighbourhood Watch and the Chineham Conservation Group.

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Chairman

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

5. To receive a statement of the Parish Council accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Cllr. Fryer presented the following statement of the Parish Council accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017.

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 2017. I am pleased to state that we have been able to keep our precept (local rates) for Chineham residents to £37000. In fact no increase 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 and under the supervision of Bob Rickets has gone from strength to strength. The community room has continued to be a good revenue source for the Village Hall and they have been able to absorb our running cost. We also paid 50% (£2185) of the Hampshire County Council cost of building a bund to prevent travellers camping on the green at the junction of Reading Road and Thornhill Way. We have also planted over 2500 bulbs on the verges.

We made £4768 Section 137 grants to a number of local area clubs. The largest £2950 was for the play area at the village hall and a number of others including Neighbourhood Watch. We would like to make further grants to local area clubs & charities.

Precept for 2017 – 2018

You will have seen from your rates that we maintained our precept to £37000 for the current year which meant a slight decrease to our local council tax. I am ably assisted on the Finance Committee by Cllr Andy Clark and Cllr Steve Oakley to whom I give my thanks.

I am happy to take any questions

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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Chairman