



CHINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

Date: Tuesday 26th April 2022
Time: 7 pm
Place: Community Rooms, Chineham Village Hall
Present : Cllr. Paul Miller (Chairman) Cllr. Marian Adams (Vice Chair)
Cllr. Sue Fuller Cllr. Ginny Pope
Cllr. Luke Williams Cllr. Shane Bennett
Cllr. Kirsty Giles
Amanda Owen (Clerk) Ellen Harmon (Assistant Clerk)

Apologies were received from Cllr. Andy Clarke.

1. Introduction.

Cllr. Paul Miller welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting and provided a brief overview of what was upcoming on the agenda.

2. To receive the report of the Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Cllr. Paul Miller provided the following report:

“This last year has seen our emergence from Covid lockdowns through to the more normal activities that we are starting to enjoy today. We in the Parish Council have continued our work through Zoom and Teams to ensure the continuity of our services to the community. It is unfortunate that we have all suffered to a degree in those services when the reduction in staff availability at BDBC has precluded some services from being delivered for short periods.

One of our main purposes is the provision of Parish Council responses to Planning applications of all types, residential, commercial and protected tree works. This has proceeded throughout the year with a reduction in applications during the more rigorous Covid restrictions, but they have recovered now to previous levels.

I would like to express thanks from the Planning Committee and the Parish Council as a whole to former Parish Councillor David Thornton for his continued support as our tree warden providing wise and highly valued advice on each application relating to protected tree applications.

The Recreation Committee has continued its valuable work, together with the assistant Clerk, with the management of the Chineham Allotments and the successful Community Orchard. The long-proposed Moat improvement project is now underway with the bridges being replaced and the green space and vegetation overgrowth being addressed.

The number of more general topics that are continuing to appear in our workload include, speeding of vehicles within the Parish and we have formed a subgroup of Parish Councillors to examine the more effective technological options to warn motorists of excessive speed.

These types of general topics that fall outside of Planning and Recreation will be handled in this way ie a subgroup will investigate the topic and then report to the Full Council for appropriate action.

I now want to turn to the subject of one significant change we have experienced within the Parish Council during the year. Last November, our two Parish Clerks Sally and Julia, submitted their resignations after 10 years of valuable service to CPC. Their reasons were very personal, but I will say that in one case she went off to a paying job and in the other to join her husband in retirement! Once again, I offer our thanks to them for their support and friendship.

Our two new Clerks, Amanda and Ellen have settled in well and have both learnt quickly when to nudge Councillors when required.

3. To receive a statement of the Parish Council's Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Cllr Fryer introduced himself to the audience and provided the following report:

"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 2022. I draw your attention to a number of items on the accounts – phones; moat park & new bench.

I am pleased to state that we have been able to keep our precept (local rates) for Chineham residents to £38450. Incidentally our precept in 2012 was £38500.

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.

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 made £3225 section 137 grants The largest £2925 was to St Michael's hospice who look after a number of Chineham residents. Another was made for Victim Support. We would like to make further grants to local area clubs & charities.

Precept for 2022-2023

You will have seen from your rates that we maintained our precept to £38,450 for the current year It is notable that items previously funded by the Borough Council are now expected to be borne by the Parish Council

I am ably assisted on the finance committee by Cllr Andy Clark and one of our new Cllrs Luke Williams to whom I give my thanks.

I am happy to take any questions."

No questions were raised by the audience.

Figures can be found as Appendix A.

4. To receive a report from Chief Inspector Matthew Reeves.

Chief Inspector Matthew Reeves thanked the Parish Council for his invite to the Parish Assembly and provided a report with regards to the following areas:

An overview of Policing in Basingstoke and Deane:

Chief Inspector Reeves explained that the operation bases, neighbourhood response and control teams are available 7 days a week, 365 days a year and 24 hours a day. He also discussed the Police Investigation Centre, the Custody Centre and the special investigation teams.

Chief Inspector Reeves also highlighted how teams are joint with Thames Valley including the road policing teams, speed enforcement, armed response, dog handling and that although these were shared services, they are available to all residents.

He then reported the three areas which concern him greatly:

1. Serious Youth Violence – Unfortunately knife crime has impacted Basingstoke over the last few years. The first ever gang injunction was imposed on 15 individuals who were operating as a gang. Conditions were imposed to prevent them meeting, and positive conditions to help those who were still in education. Overall, grievous bodily harm and street robbery levels are down, the police are working to maintain these levels.
2. County Lines – County Lines remain a big issue within Basingstoke, due to the large population, the closeness to London, the good road and rail network links. Sometimes violence is associated with the county lines and groups have been set up to visit those who are most vulnerable to try and keep them safe from county lines.
3. Domestic Abuse – Approximately 40% of the Response Teams work loads in that of domestic abuse. Domestic abuse can be in many forms, violence, coercive, physical and psychological abuse to name a few. Half of sexual violence reports take place in the home. Chief Inspector Reeves encourage people to report any kind of abuse.

Chief Inspector Reeves advised that a key concern of his in trust and confidence in policing, the pandemic has not helped with the perception of the Police.

Chief Inspection Reeves provided an overview of the Chineham area and advised it is one of the safest areas to live, challenges, as always are present in the area. He advised that Domestic Abuse is present in Chineham Ward. If you are suffering from Domestic Abuse, please come forward, support networks are available to help. Please be aware of neighbours, family and friends who may be subjected.

Crime within the Chineham Ward is mainly opportunistic crime. For example, theft from unlocked vehicles were money and valuables can be seen. Burglary reports have fallen due to lockdown but please consider keeping your home safe – closing windows, and locking the front door if you are in the back garden.

The speeding and anti-social use of cars with Chineham Ward. It is good to hear about the proactive community Speedwatch. The roads policing unit are doing patrols and speed enforcement. It is a big issue in a lot of communities but it is something that is being dealt with.

Chief Inspector Reeves concluded his report, and addressed the audience with regards to questions.

One resident asked if statistics with regards to crime can be viewed online.

Chief Inspector Reeves advised that a basic overview of the crime and reported issues can be viewed on www.police.uk and that individuals can register with Hampshire Alert where they will be sent particular issues.

Another question was asked with regards to the PCSOs beats.

It was advised that PCSO Lucy is dedicated to Chineham and Old Basing and that two part time Police Officers also work on this beat.

It was asked whether obstructive parking on pavements and can be reported.

Chief Inspector Reeves advised that if there is a particular hotspot parking area causing a safety issue, please report.

Cllr. Jenny Vaux addressed Chief Inspector Reeves advising that during election visits the use of drugs amongst young people had been raised and that it was causing anxiety amongst residents. Chief Inspector Reeves advised that if residents have any concerns with regards to drugs and their use, eg. young people being drawn in, older people becoming victim of anti social behaviour (door knocking / setting off alarms etc) then please report via 101 or online. These reports can then be put together, to add to the patrol route. However, please do not put yourself at risk to obtain information to report to the police.

A question was raised from a Scout member with regards to E-Scooters, are they legal?

Chief Inspector Reeves advised that they have been confiscated from individuals, the riders warned and educated. His personal view is that a decision needs to be made by Central Government as to whether they are legal or not.

Cllr. Les Fryer asked Chief Inspector Reeves a question with regards to the use of personal CCTV as evidence. Chief Inspector Reeves advised that if the footage is of clear quality, and a short clip (unfortunately there is not the time to review hours of recordings) it can certainly be considered as evidence. It was also advised that Ring doorbells and also dashcams and good sources of providing evidence.

There were no further questions asked to Chief Inspector Reeves.

5. Questions and answers.

Cllr. Paul Miller addressed the audience to enquire if there were any further any questions, which there were not.

The Annual Parish Assembly closed at 19:53.

APPENDIX A

| CHINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL | | | | | | | |
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| Detailed Profit & Loss account for the period to 31.03.22 | | | Actual 31.03.22 | | | Actual 31.03.21 | |
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| Income | | | | | | | |
| Precept | | | 38,450.00 | | | 38,800.00 | |
| BDBC Grant | | | 633.00 | | | 627.00 | |
| Allotment rents | | | 1,720.00 | | | 1,720.00 | |
| Interest receivable | | | 16.75 | | | 62.63 | |
| Total Income | | | 40,819.75 | | | 41,209.63 | |
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| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| Staff Cost | | | 25,458.15 | | | 23,748.08 | |
| Employers Pension costs | | | 1,787.52 | | | 1,860.56 | |
| Adminstration Costs: | | | | | | | |
| Audit Fee | | | 340.00 | | | 340.00 | |
| Payroll Service | | | 144.00 | | | 123.00 | |
| Insurance Cornhill | | | 1,349.35 | | | 1,311.50 | |
| HAPTC Sub | | | 1,309.25 | | | 1,301.22 | |
| Other Subscriptions | | | 196.00 | | | 196.00 | |
| Grass Cutting | | | | | | 709.50 | |
| Postage Stationery Photocopy | | | 724.07 | | | 273.15 | |
| Telephone (including broadband) | | | 1,656.21 | | | 1,360.75 | |
| Training & Seminars | | | 80.30 | | | - | |
| Office Equipment/Software | | | 1,217.77 | | | - | |
| PO Boxes | | | 300.00 | | | 300.00 | |
| Allotment Expenditure | | | 721.45 | | | 1,313.38 | |
| Sundries | | | 394.96 | 8,433.36 | | 123.76 | 7,352.26 |
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| I T Web Site Maintenance | | | 298.00 | | | 476.08 | |

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| Other Expenditure | | | | | |
| Section 137 grants | 300.00 | | | 5,193.40 | |
| Section 137 St Micheals Hospice | 2,925.00 | | | | |
| Community Orchard | | | | - 218.62 | |
| survey Monkey | | | | 384.00 | |
| Bulb Planting | 755.95 | | | - | |
| Bus Shelter Cleaning | | | | 85.00 | |
| Contribution Moat Park refurb | 7,545.29 | | | - | |
| Seat Toll House meadow | 2,816.00 | | | | |
| New Web Construction | | | | 1,945.00 | |
| Zoom meetings | 131.89 | | | 131.89 | |
| De Fib Battery | 41.95 | 14,516.08 | | 169.95 | 7,690.62 |
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| Transfer to reserves | | | | | |
| Laptops | - 1,031.00 | - 1,031.00 | | | |
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| Total Expenditure | | 49,462.11 | | | 41,127.60 |
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| Surplus (Loss) for year | | - 9,640.91 | | - | 324.59 |
| Accumulated fund b/fwd | | 27,445.34 | | | 27,769.93 |
| Allotment surplus for year | | 998.55 | | | 406.62 |
| Allotment Fund b/fwd | | 5,554.35 | | | 5,147.73 |
| Overall surplus | | 24,357.33 | | | 32,999.69 |

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| Chineham Parish Council | | | | | |
| Balance Sheet | | | | | |
| as at 31.03.22 | | | 31.03.22 | | 31.03.21 |
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| Cash at Bank | | | 125,499.36 | | 139,944.06 |
| Petty Cash | | | | | 50.00 |
| VAT recoverable | | 2,670.13 | | 555.11 | |
| | | 2,670.13 | | 555.11 | |
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| Less | | | | | |
| Accruals | | 2,903.60 | | | |
| Allotment deposits/rent less Exp | | 3,829.00 | | 3,745.00 | |
| Current Liabilities | | 3,605.00 | - 7,667.47 | 9,298.92 | - 12,488.81 |
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| Net Assets | | | 117,831.89 | | 127,505.25 |
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| Represented by | | | | | |
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| Surplus on General Account B/fwd | | 27,445.34 | | 27,769.93 | |
| Surplus/ loss for year Gen Account | | - 9,640.91 | | - 324.59 | |
| Surplus on Allotment Account | | 5,554.35 | | 5,147.73 | |
| Surplus Allotment Account for year | | 998.55 | 24,357.33 | 406.62 | 32,999.69 |
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| Reserves | | | 93,474.56 | | 94,505.56 |
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| | | | 117,831.89 | | 127,505.25 |