



CHINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

Date: Tuesday 21st May 2024
Time: 19:00
Place: Community Rooms, Chineham Village Hall
Present: Cllr. Paul Miller (Chairman) Cllr. Nigel Rose Cllr. Tom Brine
Cllr. Olumide Oratokhai Cllr. Marian Adams
PC Ralph Frostick PCSO Ryan Wallis
Amanda Owen (Clerk) & no members of the public.
Apologies: Ellen Harmon (Assistant Clerk)

1 – Introduction.

Councillor Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the Parish meeting, along with the annual meeting is a legal responsibility of the Parish Council.

PC Ralph Frostick and PCSO Ryan Wallis were introduced to members present.

2 - Chairs Report.

Councillor Miller provided the following report:

The past year has seen many changes for the Chineham Parish Council with the Council Members reduced to four through illness and retirement. An advertisement distributed within the Chineham Ward area attracted several applications and from a selection process we now have a full complement of nine Councillors.

We have continued to work through the routine work of the Parish Council in the Planning and Recreation Committees on behalf of the residents of Chineham.

The Planning Committee has addressed the usual applications for small household extensions, work on protected trees and providing the Chineham Parish view on proposed plans for residential developments adjacent to the A33 and that will impact our Community. These impacts include:

- Increased pressure on our medical facilities
- Increased pressure on our local schools especially the inadequate provision of secondary places within reasonable distances;
- Increased traffic within our community

The Recreation Committee continues to manage, together with the Allotment Holders Group, the Chineham Allotments on Hanmore Road. A significant project is underway to generate comprehensive audit of the benches and seats within the Parish and identify ownership between the Parish and the Borough. The Parish has provided three new benches and will be refurbishing those that have suffered weathering and wear and tear over time/

We are approaching another, hopefully bright and warm season and that means the Four Lanes Fete will once again entertain us all and the Parish Council will be in attendance.

I would like to finish with welcome news that for the last few months we have had PC Ralph Frostick allocated as our dedicated PC. I have met PC Frostick on several occasions, and he has a detailed knowledge of the Parish and has worked tirelessly on many of the issues that unfortunately occur. Our community should be confident that this very welcome addition to the law enforcement team will allow us to have more regular contact with our local PC.

I would like to welcome PC Ralph Frostick to our Annual Parish Assembly and invite him to address us on Crime prevention.

3 - Report from PC Ralph Frostick & PCSO Ryan Wallis.

PC Frostick introduced himself to the meeting as the dedicated officer for Chineham. His colleague, PCSO Ryan Wallis deals with Antisocial Behaviour, community events eg. The Scouts. Ryan has lots of connections in the local area.

Prior to becoming the dedicated officer for Chineham. Ralph advised that he previously covered the Brookvale / train station area of Basingstoke. Ralph advised that he is part of a team of three looking after Chineham, with his two colleagues being PCSO Ryan Wallis and PCSO Lucy Ollorensaw.

Ralph advised that when reporting issues, community issues can be dealt with by PCSOs and things that require a more urgent response will be dealt with by himself.

As Summer approaches, crime prevention should be on our minds. A number of car thefts have occurred in Popley, with one in Chineham and the beginning of shed break ins.

The warmer weather brings open windows, which allows people easier access to our homes and sheds / garages. It is important to make sure that windows, doors, garage doors are secure when going out.

As an overall trend, crime is down across the County, which has occurred year after year. The current crime trend has changed, internet crime being a common one & domestic incidents.

The McDonalds at the Shopping Centre is opening tomorrow (22nd May 2024), the opening license has been reviewed by the Police licensing department. The license department are content with the application, noting that a bullet proof application was submitted. The current understanding is that McDonalds will opening early and closing late. During meetings with the Shopping Centre owner, the impact to the area was discussed. The main concern was lack of CCTV in shopping centre. Ralph has worked with the Centre Manager and Assistant Manager whom have advised that new CCTV is being installed. It should be noted that McDonalds have provided their own CCTV internally which will cover their entrances and exits. A few weeks will see the complete install of new CCTV at the Shopping Centre. Ralph understands the access to the CCTV held by McDonalds will not be an issue. It is known that Boots, Matalan, M&S and Poundland (before moving), have been hit hard by theft and are working with the Police.

The new CCTV and police presence coordinated with the opening of the new McDonalds will have a positive impact. The Police message, is please do not worry about the new McDonalds it is providing jobs to people within the community. They are aware it will bring people to the area (good and bad) but ANPR cameras are in the area to capture vehicles details etc. There is potential for the installation of ANPR cameras in Chineham Car Parks at the centre to help combat car meets.

Any issues with McDonalds will be given thorough thought with prevention measures such as: locking car parks, ANPR, timed car parks. Ralph reassured that plenty of options can be considered to reduce any antisocial behaviour.

It is noted that Unity Place has experienced some issues recently, the main issues being, thefts from foyer (parcels etc) and drink driving.

Following discussion with residents advising that they are unable to contact management and email group is being set up.

Councillor Miller provided an update with regards to an inadequate fire safety system. Owners provided a standing fire watch, which was withdrawn at the beginning of April 2024. Notification has since been received stating that it needs to be reinstated due to other issues as highlighted by Hampshire Fire Safety. Six full time Fire Marshals are

monitoring the building constantly in case of fire.

Police, fire department & Borough Council are all working in conjunction with each other to solve problems raised by residents.

Ralph advised that safety information has been updated to cover a spectrum of languages to cover residents needs. Clear illustrations were also put in place.

PC Frostick advised on a general level, Chineham a safe place to live.

Ralph invited people to ask questions.

A question was asked with regards to monitoring speed levels within Chineham.

Ralph advised that they are aware that Hanmore Road is a speeding hotspot. It was last monitored just over a month ago. A Special Constable oversees the speeding monitoring. It is important to remember the number of tickets is not the aim, it's about safety and awareness to children and residents. Reading Road has been monitored but did not generate many speeding individuals.

Ralph advised that the County Council would be responsible for installing repeater speed signs, noting that lamp posts are the repeaters for 30mph. 30mph repeaters are displayed when lack of lamp posts.

It was noted that Parish Council can share posts from Basingstoke Cops Facebook page with regards to speeding. PCSO Wallis advised that new speed recording devices can record two speeds per reading.

Councillor Adams advised of other roads within Chineham where speeding is also a problem (Thornhill Way towards the Chineham Arms and Hanmore Road). Ryan advised that these roads will be reported to Special Constable Jamie Steele for his attention.

PCSO Wallis addressed the meeting with regards to Hampshire Alert & Let's Talk.

Hampshire Alert is an email messaging alert system which provides updates, dates and times of community engagement to which PCSO Wallis and PCSO Ollorenshaw attend.

<https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/Content/Pages/Sign-Up>

Let's Talk is a new survey run by Hampshire Constabulary nationwide. Initially a PCSO will visit residential properties and ask if residents have time to complete a survey which takes approximately 2 / 3 minutes. The survey consists of approximately 4 questions. It is noted that not every address cannot be visited and the Police are encouraging residents to direct themselves to the survey for their input. No personal information is sold, it is securely held by Police. <https://survey.hampshirealert.co.uk/>

Ralph noted that not all people can attend meetings, therefore it is important to try and reach those individuals. The Let's Talk survey responses really help the Police attend and highlight specific areas to help combat the reported concerns.

PC Frostick is hoping to attend Fete. Pending confirmation from a colleague as Ralph is unable to attend alone.

Ralph and Ryan advised that they will be in attendance at Sherfest on 8th July 12 noon to 8pm.

Councillor Miller thanked Ralph and Ryan for attending and for sharing their knowledge and noting that the information with regards to communication links is important.

4 - Questions & Answers

No further questions were received, therefore the meeting closed at 20:20.