

PRESENT: Cllrs: D Collins (Chair), K Briffett, A Kenyon, B Mead, A Monk, B Scott, I Scott, M Silveira, S Sims, A Tink, J Tucker, J Ward

ALSO PRESENT: Lesley Reuben (Town Clerk), Naomi Bibi (Senior Administrator)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: B Moore

Before the meeting started, the Chair drew Councillors' and publics' attention to the recent passing of former Councillor, Gordon Crane. It was noted that this was a sad loss to the community.

1347. APOLOGIES: Apologies from B Moore were noted.

The Chair introduced and welcomed new Councillor, Joanne Ward.

1348. EVACUATION PROCEDURE: The Chair drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out in the Agenda.

1349. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: A Monk declared pecuniary interests with regards to the Resolution to Approve the 2015/16 Precept given that his daughter now works for the Leisure Centre and is a member of staff of Payroll. He also declared an interest in the North Bristol Advice Centre as his Father is the Director.

1350. PRESENTATION OF DRAFT WASTE STRATEGY CONSULTATION 2015-2020 SOUTH GLOS COUNCIL: The aims of the new waste strategy were discussed and Councillors and members of the public were informed of research that had been carried out, as well as the results of this research, including statistics that 52% of waste currently in South Glos. domestic black bins could have been recycled. There are plans to reduce the size of the black bins from 240 litre capacity to 140 litre capacity, but that recycling collection would take place every week rather than every fortnight. The consultation period closes 15 February 2016 and if the proposals are approved, implementation of the new scheme will take place in early 2017. The Town Clerk advised and encouraged Councillors and members of the public to respond to the waste strategy as individuals before the Consultation Period closes.

1351. SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

i) Concerns were raised over the Council Tax increase. It was stated that it was unjust to increase the Council Tax to replenish the Council's reserves. It was also stated that it was incorrect to say there had been no increase in Council Tax for the last four years, when there had been increases.

The Town Clerk informed those present that there had been a mistake in the draft Minutes, which were being duly amended, and that they should have read "minimal increases" rather than "no increases".

Members of the public were reminded that the reason the Council Tax remains so high, especially when compared directly with other Councils across South Gloucestershire and Bristol, is because Filton is the only Parish Council running a swimming pool. Members of the public were also reminded that if they were unhappy with the necessary increase in Council Tax, they could vote to close the swimming pool.

ii) Complaints were made that the urn in the Doug Daniels Pavilion was not working. The Town Clerk stated that a new urn had already been ordered and should be arriving the next day.

iii) Sufficient signage for the Emergency Exits in the Doug Daniels Pavilion was queried, along with pointing out that one of the emergency exits was currently blocked.

ACTION: New signage to be put up on the Emergency Exit, stating “Emergency Exit. In an emergency please use key in the red box to open the door”

iv) Concerns were raised over the general cleanliness of the Doug Daniels Pavilion. The Town Clerk informed the public that they were aware of these issues and were in a process to remedy the problem.

1352. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held 8th December 2015 were approved approved as an accurate record.

1353. MATTERS OF REPORT ARISING: *There were none.*

1354. FILTON BEAT TEAM: PRESENTATION FROM SGT. DARREN WARR

Sgt. Darren Warr talked to Councillors and members of the public, introducing himself and saying he hopes to have greater involvement from both Councillors and community members. He outlined 3 main aims:-

1. To eradicate crime
2. To increase the flow of intelligence
3. To reduce the pressure on current resources

He acknowledged that there had been no Filton Beat Team Presence at recent Council meetings and apologised for this and said he hoped to introduce more ways for greater police visibility in Filton.

ACTION: Information to be available in the Town Council Offices and on the notice boards as to the Police Meeting Dates and “Drop-In” Centres.

It was queried by Councillors whether Filton Library could be used for the Police Drop in Surgery. Sgt. Warr said that they would try it as a venue and would provide feedback as to how popular it had been; adding that they needed to be where there was the most demand.

He also agreed to have more PCSO presence at St Peter’s Church, Filton; along with in the Paly area, particularly in the summer months.

1355. SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPORTS: For noting.

1356. SUBMISSION FROM MEMBERS:

a) Cllr Adam Monk proposed that a “Park Run” was established for Saturday mornings at 09:00. He commented that although the even itself was free, it would bring many more people to the site who ultimately might then use the other facilities. This proposal was noted.

1357. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND THE TOWN CLERK:

a) **Finance Committee 12 January 2016:** Previous Finance Committee Meeting minutes noted.

b) **Resolution to Approve the 2015/16 Precept to be set at £631,173 as recommended by the January 2016 Finance Committee:**

Proposal by Cllr Alan Tink and Seconded by Cllr John Tucker that the Council increase the Precept by 5% and not the current recommendation by the Accountants of 10.61%

Councillors voted 4 in favour, 5 against, 1 abstention. *[Cllr Stan Simms had left the meeting by this point].* Proposal not carried.

Proposal by Cllr Ian Scott and Seconded by Cllr Joanne Ward that the Council increase the Precept by 10.61%, in line with the recommendation by the Accountants.

Councillors voted 5 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention. Proposal carried.

c) **Planning Committee 19th January 2016 – noted.**

d) **Airfield / CPPN Development Update – noted.**

e) **Meeting dates for 2016:** These were circulated and the Town Clerk informed Councillors that the venue for the Conygre Ward Meetings would be confirmed

shortly, but that presently enquiries were being made as to whether the meeting could be held in Filton Hill School for the March meeting.

f) Filton Festival: Cllr. Darryl Collins proposed that the Filton Festival go ahead on the planned date of 17th July 2016. This was seconded by Cllr. Brian Mead. Councillors voted 10 in favour. One against. The proposal was carried.

1358. OTHER REPORTS / CONSULTATIONS: None

1346. PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL – January 2016: There were no objections.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:40
CHAIR**