

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

ALSO PRESENT: Lesley Reuben (Town Clerk), Naomi Bibi (Senior Administrator) Matt Reynolds (Town Council Support Officer)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: B Moore, A Monk, B Mead, A Tink

1372. APOLOGIES: Apologies from B Moore, A Monk, A Tink and B Mead were noted.

1373. EVACUATION PROCEDURE: The Chair drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out in the Agenda.

1374. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. K Briffett declared an interest in Conygre House. Cllr. S Sims declared an interest in SHE 7.

1375. SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

i) A complaint was made over the number of PCSO's present in Filton. It was explained that South Gloucestershire Council had made cuts that were voted against by the Town Council, however Filton was not due to be affected by this. PCSO Georgia Bush also explained that the number of PCSO's in Filton hasn't changed in 6 months. The standard beat team is 4 people, and there have been 3 regular PCSO's and one supporting from another beat team.

ii) A complaint was made about the cleanliness and condition of the Doug Daniels Pavilion. In particular concerns were raised about clearer signage for the fire exits.

iii) Residents were vocal about the traffic lights on Filton Avenue, specifically the inability to cross across the junction and the inactive bus lanes. South Glos Councillor R Hutchinson was present to outline the latest position. A modelling exercise is being run to analyse the impact of making adjustments to the current traffic light setup. There are other issues to be considered at this junction which complicate finding a solution, South Glos Council are considering all aspects of the junction and are conducting a thorough analysis to make the most informed decision. There are potential knock on effects of opening the junction to cross directly across. There could be increased congestion on Filton Avenue which will extend onto Conygre Road and the surrounding streets. Cllr S Sims stressed the need for pedestrians to be considered into the modelling exercise as well as road traffic.

1376. FILTON BEAT TEAM: PRESENTATION FROM PCSO GEORGIA BUSH:

It was reported that the number of vehicle crimes reported in February had dropped but was now on the increase into March and that the Beat Team were working on this. The "Keep it Safe" event in Elm Park has helped raise awareness for the public and the feedback for the event was positive. The Beat Team is also working with Filton College to tackle drug and substance use in the area. The next Beat surgery will be on 23rd April at Elm Park between 11:00 and 12:00. It was queried about an update on placing a speed camera on Filton Avenue which would have to be reviewed by speed enforcement. The possibility of setting up a community speed watch scheme to be run by volunteers was suggested and is to be investigated.

1377. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held 23rd February 2016 were approved as an accurate record.

1378. MATTERS OF REPORT ARISING:

- i) Twinning Association and the Community Garden have adjusted their event dates to coincide with the Filton Festival on the 24th July.
- ii) Cllr S Sims suggested that a future policy be considered to tackle the dog mess in Filton in order to protect young people who use the playing fields. Cllr K Briffett reminded those present that most dog owners are responsible but where there are cuts being made in South Gloucestershire, dog wardens should be in place and fines enforced to deter the minority of dog owners who aren't being responsible.
- iii) The Chair asked what steps the Council proposes to take to move forward in regards to the library consultation having decided to oppose any changes. It was stated that Filton has ideal access routes through public transport for people without vehicles, with disabilities, young children and the elderly that other libraries such as Patchway cannot provide. It was agreed that Filton Town Council would put together a paper petition to be placed in the leisure centre. It was raised that the consultation forms are long winded but members of the public were advised to fill out the longer forms as they carried more weight, but not all questions were necessary to fill out. The next library day will be held on Saturday 16th April at 10:30.
- iv) It was suggested that a memorial plaque be placed at Conygre House to document the history of the building in order to preserve its historical relevance.
- v) The Chair informed the Council and public that the next tour venue may not be accommodated by Bethany Hall and that we were looking for a new venue.

1379. SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPORTS: For noting.

1380. SUBMISSION FROM MEMBERS:

Cllr S Sims put forward a motion that a working group be established to survey the area around St Peter's Church in Filton to revitalise the area and to celebrate Filton's contribution to aerospace and its relationship with Airbus. The purpose of this working group would be to create a better environment in the area. It was suggested that residents and local shop owners be invited to join this working group. The motion was seconded by Cllr D Collins and passed with 7 votes in favour.

1381. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND THE TOWN CLERK:

There were none

1382. PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL – March 2016. All payments were approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:10

CHAIR