

PRESENT: Cllrs: D Collins (Chair), A Kenyon, A Monk, I Scott, K Briffett, J Tucker, A Doyle, A Tink.

ALSO PRESENT: Natasha Gould and Matt Reynolds (Town Council Support Officers)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: S Sims, B Moore, B Mead, B Scott, J Ward

1456. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies from Cllrs S Sims, B Moore, B Scott, J Ward and B Mead were noted.

1457. EVACUATION PROCEDURE: The Chair highlighted the emergency exits for the Council and the public.

1458. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

1459. PRESENTATION FROM MARTIN BURTON:

A presentation was delivered by Martin Burton, the Community Cultural Service Manager at South Gloucestershire Council on the second stage of consultations for South Glos library services. The target savings on library cuts are now at £500,000. This will affect Filton as opening hours will be cut from 41 hours per week to 26. Swipe card access could be introduced to provide unstaffed opening times to extend access to the facility. Parish councils can also supply funding to South Gloucestershire to 'buy back' hours to cover staffing costs to extend service.

1460. PRESENTATION FROM BRISTOL BATTING CAGE:

A presentation was delivered by Bristol Batting Cage. The company is looking to establish roots in Elm Park and build the 2nd Softball and Baseball batting cage in the UK. They wish to lease land from Filton Town Council and erect a scaffold structure with nets near the car park. Concerns were raised over available parking at the Leisure Centre on weekends and the impact it would have on other users of the park facilities. It was also noted that the proposed rent figure was too low and for the company to return with a reconsidered figure.

Proposal: Cllr Monk proposed the Town Council "Instructs the Clerk to investigate the more technical aspects of the proposal" - such as lighting, electrical supply and field position to assess access to the field. A report is to be presented in the January Full Council meeting.

Seconded by Cllr I Scott and passed with all councillors voting in favour.

1461. SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

A complaint was raised about the cleanliness of the pavilion kitchen with concerns over groups not cleaning after themselves. Signage was requested to remind all users of the facility to be courteous.

An update on the ladies toilet refurbishment was requested. It was clarified that it is unclear whether councillors are able to use their allocated funding for their own Town Council and a decision is still pending. Quotes have been obtained but work will not commence until the funding is secure.

A complaint was also raised that the tables in the pavilion are the wrong size.

Following an accident on Gloucester Road North there were concerns that motorists are accelerating after the mini roundabout in the middle lane and are missing the traffic light crossing. It was noted that South Gloucestershire Council were looking at

this section of road, and that this accident would also be flagged with them by South Glos Cllr Hutchinson.

Following reports of subsidence in flats on Shellard Road, it was brought to the council's attention that residents were being put into hotels for temporary accommodation. An update was requested from Merlin by Cllr Monk.

1462. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held 25th October 2016 were approved as an accurate record.

1463. MATTERS OF REPORT ARISING:

Arising from minute 1449 – Submissions from the Public: Community Speed Watch. It was requested that volunteers who are interested in setting up a community speed watch should come forward. In addition to this, roads that they wish to be monitored should be put forward so the site can be assessed for safety.

Arising from minute 1451 – Grant Audit proposal. An update was requested on the progress of the proposed grant audit. Letters have been drafted with a deadline date of January 2nd 2017 for all organisations to return their reports.

1464. FILTON BEAT TEAM: The Beat Team were unable to attend and their report was received via email.

1465. SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPORTS: These reports were noted.

1466. SUBMISSIONS FROM MEMBERS:

South Gloucestershire Council Chairs Community Award – It was requested that if there are any suggestions for individuals or community groups who deserve nomination for this award to be submitted to the council office.

1467. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND THE TOWN CLERK:

a) Finance Committee 8th November Minutes – Noted.

b) Community Garden Wood Sculpture – It was proposed and seconded that Filton Town Council approves the Community Gardens request for funding toward a wood sculpture. The proposal stated the funding would come from the community grant budget code.

c) Meeting Dates 2017 – Noted.

d) Filton Air Quality Figures – Noted.

e) Housing Statistics – Noted.

1468. OTHER REPORTS/CONSULTATIONS: There were none.

1469. PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL – October 2016. All payments were approved.

This meeting closed at 9:35pm.

CHAIR