

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

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

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

1443. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies from Cllrs A Tink and B Moore were noted.

1444. EVACUATION PROCEDURE: The Chair highlighted the emergency exits for the Council and the public.

1445. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

1446. SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

A complaint was raised about the Tea Urn at the Pavilion as the tap was not working properly. The issue had already been escalated to management and the urn repaired. It was also stated there were two alternative urns for use should there be a similar issue again.

There was also a lack of available tables in the Pavilion for Filton Chest and Heart's coffee morning.

1447. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held 27th September 2016 were approved as an accurate record.

1448. MATTERS OF REPORT ARISING:

Arising from minute 1434 – Submissions from the Public: Speed Signs. It was reported that the public lane on Mayville Avenue is being used by Moped riders who are endangering members of the public. It was suggested to district councillors to look into what restrictions could be put in place. The Beat Team is able to respond to these issues throughout Filton provided they are reported to the Police. A Section 59 ticket can be issued to moped riders if residents are able to identify the bike registration and a description of the rider.

Clearer signage to indicate the one way system at Elm Park car park was raised as drivers are continually driving the wrong way.

There are overgrown bushes by Conygre House which are obstructing the footpath.

Arising from minute 1439 – Filton Library – It was suggested by Cllr Ward to invite a South Glos officer to attend a meeting to explain the second part of the library consultation.

1449. FILTON BEAT TEAM:

It was reported that as the evenings become darker earlier it is common to see an increase in vehicle theft. There was a decrease in dwelling burglaries in comparison to last month however increases in other crimes as is typical of darker evenings.

No reports have been received about moped riders on public footpaths and lanes and the public are urged to do so. Section 59 tickets can be issued to these riders resulting in vehicle confiscation and eventual scrapping.

It was also requested that Anti-Social behaviour reports be included in the Beat Report, and Hate Crime statistics, even if they are zero in Filton.

1450. SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPORTS:

i) Cllr Hutchinsons Report – Questions were raised regarding Cllr Hutchinson’s report around traffic control in Filton. Concerns were raised that the South Glos traffic flow study mentioned in the report focused on Conygre, and that all other Wards should also be included. These were answered by Cllr Hutchinson directly; who suggested this could have been clearer.

ii) Cllr Monks Report – The Digital by Default initiative to digitalise communication raises concerns for vulnerable people who don’t have access to these technologies. It was queried; what will South Glos do to support these groups in this transition?

1451. SUBMISSIONS FROM MEMBERS:

i) **i) Motion proposed by Cllr A Monk and seconded by Cllr D Collins:** - *“Members instruct the clerk to audit grants awarded by FTC in the last 2 years and request proof from the beneficiaries that the funding was spent against the project/service named within the application. A report is to be provided back to the December finance meeting.”*

This motion was voted on and passed unanimously. It was also suggested that a clause be entered into the terms and conditions for grant applications to state that if the money received is not spent in accordance to the project stated on the application, that the Council are able to claim this money back.

1452. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND THE TOWN CLERK:

- a) The finance minutes were noted.
- b) **Community Garden** – The Town Council to consider extending the boundary of the Community Garden to incorporate the grassed area behind the Boules Court, to enable a new orchard between the Boules Court and the Rose Garden.

The proposal was received and accepted. The Community Garden were also thanked for their continuous outstanding work and it was stated they are a credit to Filton.

It was raised that the bins in the Community Garden require additional signage to raise awareness they are suitable for dog waste.

- c) The External Audit report was received by all Councillors.

1453. OTHER REPORTS/CONSULTATIONS:

Bristol Batting Cage – A proposal was received to lease land from Filton Town Council for 3 years for a baseball batting cage. It was decided that there was not enough information provided on the proposal and for the Clerk to investigate further and report to the Finance Committee.

1454. PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL – September 2016. All payments were approved.

**This meeting closed at 9:25pm.
CHAIR**