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**Minutes of a meeting of Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council held at the Parish Council Office, The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot, SL5 7JF, on Tuesday 25 October 2016 at 7.00pm.**

Members Present: Councillors A Sharpe (Chairman), B Hilton (Vice-Chairman), P Carter, P Deason, R Ellison, S Jones, C Lester, P Morris, S Humphrey, B Humphreys, A Nehra, B Story, R Wood.

In attendance: Elizabeth Yates, Clerk to the Council

**6545 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors David Hilton and Duncan McKay.

**6546 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman asked to receive any Declarations of Interest in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct. None were given.

**6547 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 27 September, were approved as a correct record and signed as such.

**6548 PRESENTATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEATHERWOOD HOSPITAL**

Janet King, Director of HR & Corporate Services, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust and James Lacey from Vail Williams addressed the meeting regarding proposals for the redevelopment of Heatherwood Hospital and the associated housing development. Ms King began by introducing herself and explaining her role within the Health Trust. She informed Members of the funding issues facing the NHS which formed part of the background to the proposed redevelopment of the hospital. She went on to identify the services and facilities that would be provided at the newly built hospital, which were centered on elective, non-emergency surgery, and the associated 48 inpatient and 16 day care beds involved. Ms King showed Members an impression of the scheme and highlighted specific areas including a GP hub, possible administration block, the retention of staff accommodation, designated green spaces, a balancing pond and the retention of the burial mound. She then described the community consultation process and outlined the concerns and comment raised as a result. 67% of replies to the consultation had been favourable. Ms King went on to show a map and schematic of the site which showed where the housing would sit, as well as the parking and access arrangements. She stated that a hybrid planning application had been submitted to the Borough which was part full and part outline, without reserved matters, and that the drawings shown were indicative. The Health Trust would sell the land to the developers who would therefore ultimately decide upon the detail. Ms King stated that at this stage the Trust envisaged a total of 230 dwellings, with the possibility of a further 20 being added if 'Block 40' was used for housing. This would equate to a density of less than 40 dwellings per hectare. Discussions were ongoing as to the mix of houses, including affordable properties.

Members asked a series of questions and raised concerns about traffic flow, parking allocation, access and the arrangement of the site, with the hospital at the back and the housing at the front, the justification for the administration block being sited at Heatherwood, the number of staff that would be based at the site, the percentage of current users who were from the Parish, the need to 'future proof' the development for an ever increasing service demand and the potential conflict of use of the designated green spaces, suggesting the need for a children's play area.

Both Janet King and James Lacey replied to each question in turn. Travelling and accessing the hospital were key concerns and the Trust was seeking to negotiate with the bus companies to increase the destination points within the site, with signage having been budgeted for. A Travel Officer had been employed by the Health Trust to assist with this and ensure there was a Green Travel Plan. The site had been so arranged so as to allow for the development to take place whilst the existing hospital services remained operational. There was a desire within the Trust to amalgamate the back office functions on one central site, rather than spread across sites offering acute services, as this was considered to be more cost effective. The internal layout would be designed to be used as flexibly as possible Layered parking was too expensive and the Health Trust had been advised that there were sufficient allocated parking spaces for staff as many were part time.

Mr Lacey went on to show drawings of the proposed highway and traffic proposals, including the possibility of either widening or improving the existing roundabout by Heatherwood Hospital or introducing traffic lights. Members expressed concern about the introduction of a third lane as this would feed into two lines from each exit. Mr Lacey replied that these detailed matters were under consideration as was the use of and proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy funds that would be allocated within the Parish.

Mrs King concluded her presentation by detailing the next steps, including the submission of the planning application, reference 16/03115. She offered to attend a future Parish Council meeting to provide an update on progress. Members considered this to be necessary and important and the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council suggested that consideration of the planning application for the Heatherwood Development was undertaken at a special meeting of the Planning Committee to which all Parish Councillors would be requested to attend.

The Chairman thanked Ms King and Mr Lacey for their time and those residents who had attended.

#### **6549 FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman gave no formal announcements.

#### **6550 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was not adjourned to allow Members of the Public, if present, to address the Council about matters of local concern as no Members of the Public were present.

#### **6551 PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Planning Committee minutes of 20 September and 11 October were presented by Councillor B Hilton.

The Victorian Street Fayre Committee minutes of 14 September and 10 October were presented by Councillor B Hilton. She stated that the marshalling plan for the Street Fayre had been drawn up and that she would email this to Members with details of their role. She also informed Members that the Rotary Club had agreed to steward the Marist Car Park.

#### **6552 THE HALF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councillor Peter Deason, in his capacity as Lead Member for finance spoke to his previously circulated financial report. He informed Members that the budget was on target, with expenditure at 36% of budget, an approximate under spend of £32,000. Of this £26,000k was earmarked for the Victory Field skate park extension, planned for completion this financial year.

Councillor Deason also stated that the income from Leisure facilities was above target. The Chairman asked for questions from Members on the report. None were raised.

#### **6553 THE BUDGET 2017/18**

The Clerk informed Members that she had drafted an initial budget for the next financial year, 2017/2018, for consideration by the Finance and Personnel Committee at their next meeting, to be held on 8 November. She asked Members to contact her with any changes to service provision or projects they would like to see included in the draft budget. Councillor Deason added that the next meeting of the Leisure Committee, also to be held on 8 November, would focus on next year's projects and the budget implications. This initial budget would then be considered at the Parish Council meeting in December. The Clerk stated that she had assumed a status- quo in Parish Council administration and facilities, however suggested that there could be implications for the infrastructure and workings of the Parish Council following the receipt of Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

Councillor Deason added that there were an increasing number of issues that the Parish Council would be dealing with and that the Leisure Committee and Parish Council needed to think holistically as to what the use and purpose of the Parish Council maintained sites was, as part of the identification of projects in next year's budget.

#### **6554 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor David Hilton was not present to give his report and so the Clerk was asked to obtain this report and then circulate it to Members. The Clerk informed Members that the Borough were asking for suggestions for footpath improvements and asked Members to contact her with their ideas. Councillor Robert Ellison suggested the Leisure Committee reviewed the footpath inspection rota and that Members requested drain clearance through the 'Fix My Street' web. Councillor Christine Lester asked about the purpose and timescale of the road works on the Windsor Road. The Clerk replied that to her knowledge they were because of National Grid works which were scheduled to end in December.

**6555 OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Barbara Story reported back from a Cordes Hall Management Committee she had attended, informing Members that the refurbishment of the toilets was due to commence and that the Codes Hall AGM was to be held on 30 November. She also reported back on the October Parish Conference and informed Members of a document containing communication details for the Borough and that a War Memorial had been installed in Fifield.

Councillor Ajay Nehra informed Members that he had undertaken the ‘Adopt-A-Street’ scheme for Silwood Road.

Councillor Brian Humphries asked for assistance in putting out the cones and street signs the night before the Street Fayre. Councillors Ajay Nehra and Robin Wood offered to help.

Councillor Robert Ellison informed Members that he was attending an Ascot Heath Committee meeting on 15 November which would continue with the deliberations as to access to the Heath on Race Days.

The Chairman then closed this part of the meeting.

**6556 PART TWO**

The Chairman asked Members to stay to consider two confidential matters.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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Councillor Allison Sharpe, Chairman