

Minutes of a meeting of the Leisure & Cultural Committee held on Tuesday 8 November 2016, commencing at 7.00pm, at the Parish Council Office, High Street, Ascot, SL5 7JF

Members Present: Councillors R Ellison (Chairman), A Nehra (Vice-Chairman), B Hilton, B Humphreys, S Jones, P Morris, A Sharpe

In attendance: Councillor Peter Deason and Elizabeth Yates, Clerk to the Council

6572 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Phil Carter and Spike Humphrey.

6573 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

6574 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 16 August, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed as such.

6575 THE PROGRAMME OF WORKS AND SECTION 106 PROJECTS

The Clerk informed the meeting of progress against the programme of works. The second stage of tree works at Tom Green's Field was agreed at a cost of £3,000, with the overspend in 2016/17 offset by the underspend in 2015/16.

The initial design proposals for the extension of the skate park at Victory Field were also agreed to in principle. The Clerk was asked to inform the Skate Park User group that they could go to the final design stage and notify residents of the project. She was also asked to ascertain from the Borough if the Section 106 funds allocated to South Ascot could be transferred to Victory Field for this project. She went on to explain that the proposed Section 106 projects for South Ascot Recreation Ground had been delayed due to the offer by the Sunninghill Trust (the land owners) of a seven year lease. This length of lease was not sufficient to draw down the Section 106 funds. It was agreed that the Clerk would instruct the Parish Council's lawyers to write to the Sunninghill Trust bringing their attention to the potential impact this would have on the facilities provided at the Recreation Ground and the use of Section 106 funds.

The Clerk informed Members that the installation of the 'kissing gate' at Coombe Lane had been delayed due to the branding required and the Clerk was asked to consider if any other Parish Council structures could benefit from being branded, for security reasons.

Councillor Peter Deason also noted that the Pavilion project review had affected the delivery of both the Programme of Works and the use of Section 106 funds at Victory Field.

The Chairman then stated that the Parish Council had submitted a bid to the Borough for the proposed War Memorial at the cemetery and that unless that funding was forthcoming he proposed that the Parish Council's ear marked reserves for the project should be used for the Memorial, with the possibility of the related story board being installed as a second phase of the project, dependant on funding. This proposal was agreed.

6576 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND SITES UPDATE

The Clerk stated that the Grounds Maintenance schedule was on target and that there were no significant site matters. Councillor Deason asked if the mole mounds could be spread out at Victory Field and Councillor Allison Sharpe asked for the drainage on the footpath at Oriental Road to be cleared more regularly.

6577 THE BUDGET 2017/18

Leisure Committee projects for inclusion within the draft 2017/18 and future budgets were considered and the following approved:

The paving of the seating area in Brockenhurst Road

The re-surfacing of the paths within the Cemetery

Signage identifying Sunninghill Village and within the Parish parks

The landscaping of the front of the Victory Field and the possible incorporation of this area into Parish Council maintained land

The replacement of the fencing and entrance gate at the allotments

The management of the wood within the Blythewood Nature Reserve, the establishment of a 'board walk' along the footpath, the clearing of the stream and the identification of boundaries. This would be part of a longer programme of works, as was the case for Tom Green's Field, with a budget of £3,000 agreed to per year for ten years.

The replacement of the small goals at Victory Field with a more robust facility.

A Memorial at Victory Field for 2018

The Clerk suggested that a landscaping plan for the sites was developed and Councillor Deason added that a vision for the Parish sites would be useful in identifying and justifying projects. The Clerk agreed to obtain costings for these projects for inclusion within the 2017/18 and future budgets.

6578 FUTURE PROJECTS

This item had been considered within minute 6570.

6579 THE VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE

Councillor Barbara Hilton, in her capacity as Chairman of the Victorian Street Fayre committee, stated that all was on track.

Councillor Allison Sharpe informed Members that a Press Release had gone out and that the Street Fayre Programmes were to be delivered shortly and needed to be distributed.

6580 OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Barbra Hilton asked for Member's perceptions as to the most appropriate location for the proposed War Horse statue in Ascot and Councillor Ajay Nehra noted that yellow lines had been put in on Silwood Road with an apparent lack of consultation. The Chairman asked for an update on the Station footpath in Ascot and the Clerk replied that she would forward Members an email she had received about this from the Borough. He also stated that he was attending meetings of the Ascot Heath Committee and Councillor Allison Sharpe let Members know that she was attending the Remembrance Service on Sunday 13 November at St Michael's Church, to lay a Memorial Wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Councillor Robert Ellison, Chairman