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Minutes of a meeting of the Leisure & Cultural Committee held at the Parish Council Office, High Street, Ascot, SL5 7JF, on Tuesday 15 August 2017, commencing at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: Councillor John Gripton and Elizabeth Yates, Clerk to the Council

6810 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

6811 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

6812 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 11 July, were approved as a correct record and signed as such.

6813 THE PATH WORKS AT THE CEMETERY

Further to minute 6797 the Clerk had received a revised quotation for the path works at the cemetery. She explained that, in her view, the quotation required clarification from the Borough contractor and that she would like to obtain additional information, such as a comparison between the cost of a timber edge and a concrete edge before proceeding. It was agreed that the Clerk would send this additional information to Members once she had received it, from which a decision as to how to proceed could be made.

6814 TOM GREEN'S FIELD AND BLYTHEWOOD

Councillor Pat Morris went through the reports which had been previously circulated to Members. The proposed works for Tom Green's Field were approved as was the habitat management programme for Victory Field. The Clerk explained that grass seed had been sewn at Tom Green's Field but the batch had not taken and so the contractor was to re-do this at no extra cost to the Parish Council. Councillor Morris offered his assistance in meeting with the contractor to go through the works set out in the reports. Councillor Allison Sharpe asked if more could be done to reduce the shade along the path leading to Tom Green's Field from Victory Field. Councillor Morris thought not without extensive loss of trees but had suggested that the holly along the path should be cut back and that the area to the right at the Tom Green's Field end could be usefully opened up.

Councillor Morris's suggestions for the management of Blythewood were then discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask an arboricultural consultant to draw up a schedule of works which would form the basis of a planning application required for the eight area specific suggestions, as the site had a blanket Tree Preservation Order on it. Councillor Brian Humphreys suggested that the planning application was used as a basis for consultation with the adjacent residents regarding the proposed works.

Councillor Morris had noticed that one of the properties whose garden backed onto the Blackmoor Stream appeared to have extended their boundary onto the Local Wildlife Site. The Clerk was asked to look into this. Councillor Morris also asked that any himalayan balsam should be removed and that the wood left from works should be stacked.

6815 SIGNAGE AT VICTORY FIELD

Three options for signage were considered, wood effect, black aluminium and blue aluminium, all with white lettering. After a show of hands the committee agreed to install blue aluminium signs which would be consistent with the colour of the Parish Council's notice boards. The Clerk was asked to action this, with the current signs to be amalgamated into one reversible 'welcome' sign at the London Road entrance, one smaller 'welcome' sign at the Oriental Road footpath entrance, one 'welcome' sign at the Tom Green's Field entrance and a double sign to include the site's regulations on one side and the site's amenities on the other side to be located on the wall of the Pavilion.

6816 SOUTH ASCOT RECREATION GROUND LEASE

The Clerk informed Members that the revised site map had been sent to the Sunninghill Trust further to minute 6801 and that she had contacted the Trust as requested. As there was no further update on the matter the committee agreed that the Clerk should seek to arrange another meeting with the Parish Council's representative trustees in advance of the next Parish Council meeting, to be held on 19 September 2017. Members expressed their frustration with the process and the impact the delay in progress had on the management of the site and the use of the public funds held for it. Councillor Ajay Nehra asked the Clerk to find out the timescale for the use of the Section 106 funds.

6817 OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Barbara Hilton informed Members that the Parish Plan questionnaire had been updated and was to go out on survey monkey, with hard copies held at the Parish Council Office, with a flyer informing residents of this. Councillor John Gripton asked how the Parish Plan would fit in with the Borough Local Plan and Councillor Hilton replied that the Parish Plan would inform the Parish Council's priorities and budgets.

Councillor John Gripton noted that the Heatherwood Hospital application was being considered by the Borough on 22 August. Councillor Barbara Hilton added that Councillor Peter Deason was going to make representation on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Pat Morris informed Members that he had received a note from the Society for the Preservation of Ascot and Environs regarding the Borough Local Plan and the Clerk was asked to send this to the Parish Councillors. Councillor Morris went on to state that he had visited the war memorial at the cemetery and suggested that the memorial could be moved toward the front of the paving so as to reduce the trip hazard, that the siting of the memorial could be improved through landscaping and that the former paths in the 'closed' section could be used for interments. The Clerk replied that the Borough had informed her that the paths could not be used for interments because of the closure notice served by the Parochial Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Councillor Robert Ellison, Chairman