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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 26 September 2017, commencing at 7.00pm

Members present: Councillors R Ellison (Chairman), B Hilton, S Humphrey, B Humphreys, A Sharpe

In attendance: Parish Councillors John Gipton and Charlotte Herring and Elizabeth Yates, Clerk to the Council

6846 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Pat Morris.

6847 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

6848 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15 August, were approved as a correct record and signed as such.

6849 THE PROGRAMME OF WORKS

The Clerk went through the programme of works, drawing Members attention to the path works that had started on Monday 25 September at the Parish Council's section of the cemetery behind St Michael and All Angels Church, Sunninghill, that the works had been commissioned for the paving of the seating area at Brockenhurst Road, South Ascot and the order of the new signage for Victory Field Recreation Ground, Sunninghill. The Clerk added that she and Councillor Pat Morris were due to meet with a tree surveyor on Thursday 28 September as part of the planning application for the proposed tree works at the Blythewood Nature Reserve.

Councillor Charlotte Herring suggested that the colour blue used within the signs at Victory Field should become the Parish Council's corporate colour and this was agreed.

Councillor Allison Sharpe asked the Clerk if the programme of works was on track and the Clerk replied that it was. However, the recent obtaining of Section 106 funds for the skate park extension at Victory Field would lead to an underspend in that budget code, funds that could perhaps be used elsewhere, such as for improvements to the Oriental Road footpath that leads to Victory Field.

The Chairman went through the rest of the programme and stated that the Sunninghill Village signage was still not installed. The Clerk replied that she was trying to action this but needed approval from the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (the Borough) as the signs were to be placed on the public highway.

6850 THE BUDGET 2018/19

Discussion took place on possible projects that could be included either in the draft budget for 2018/19 and/or the Leisure Committee's programme of works, which is based upon a three year cycle.

The following projects were put forward:

- Continuing works at Tom Green's Field and Blythewood
- Improvements to the Oriental Road footpath
- Replacement edging/ bollards along the access road at Victory Field
- A replacement path behind the Pavilion to be wheel chair accessible
- The running of electricity to the top level at Victory Field, by the playground, for use by a mobile kiosk, with an adjacent seating area
- A stand-alone permanent kiosk at Victory Field located within the bank behind the existing Pavilion

- The items contained within the capital bid to the Borough, to include replacement play equipment at Victory Field and the addition of two table tennis tables, a trampoline and a trim trail
- The use of the land lying to the side of Tom Green's Field to be acquisitioned by the Parish Council for use as allotments.
- The planting of trees on the Vernon Drive Green near Blythewood
- A clock on Sunninghill High Street
- Benches on Silwood Road, Sunninghill and Ascot High Streets

Councillor John Gripton asked how the Parish Council obtained its funding and the Clerk replied through the Parish Council precept, fees for services and development grants, such as Section 106 and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Councillor Gripton then asked how the budget was drawn up and the Clerk replied that the usual process was that the Leisure Committee draft a list of projects, which were then considered and prioritised by the Parish Council, as part of the budget setting process. She went through the timescale for this process and stated that she would look to obtain an estimate of costs for the projects listed above to inform the decision making process.

Councillor Allison Sharpe suggested that the Parish Council's revenue budget looked to include collecting grass clippings.

6851 SOUTH ASCOT RECREATION GROUND LEASE

The committee meeting had begun with a site visit to South Ascot Recreation Ground. The outstanding Lease matters were considered and different ways forward discussed. Members felt that any decision would have to be made by the Parish Council rather than the Leisure Committee and that the results of the tree survey would be necessary before such a decision could be made.

Further discussion took place which have been minuted under Part Two of the agenda.

6852 THE VICTORY FIELD PAVILION PROJECT

The Clerk provide feedback on how existing users and potential users might use the proposed re-configured Pavilion. She stated that the concept of re-configuring/ re-furbishing the existing building had been broadly welcomed and that there was a general desire to have the toilets open when the main vehicular gate was open, that an outside tap would be useful, as would the retention of a veranda. Differing user groups would use the proposed community room in differing ways and to differing extents. All those she spoke to suggested that the building was made as robust and vandal proof as possible, whilst looking more attractive than the current building. Based upon this feedback it was felt that the specification given to the Anthony Smith Partnership was on the right lines (minute 6796.).

6853 OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor John Gripton asked for an update on the Charters Leisure Centre. Councillor Spike Humphrey replied that a Memorandum of Understanding had been signed between the Borough and Charters School but that there was now detailed work to be done to deliver the project.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Councillor Robert Ellison, Chairman