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Minutes of a meeting of the Leisure & Cultural Committee held at the Parish Council Office, High Street, Ascot,

Committee Members Present: Councillors R Ellison (Chairman), J Gripton, B Hilton, S Humphrey, S Jones, A Sharpe

In attendance: Elizabeth Yates, Clerk to the Council

7067 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Brian Humphreys, Ajay Nehra and Pat Morris.

SL5 7JF, on Tuesday 29 May 2018, commencing at 6.00pm.

7068 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 reminded members to consider whether they needed to update their register of interests and/ or inform her of any gifts or hospitality received.

7069 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 17 April, were approved as a correct record and signed as such.

The Chairman ran through the matters arising, with the Clerk stating that she had met with a second contractor regarding the proposed Oriental Road footpath works and was awaiting their quotation and that further legal advice had been sought regarding the outstanding lease for the South Ascot Recreation Ground. Also a meeting was being arranged with the Parish Council Chairman and the Comrades Club regarding Remembrance 2018 and the Vicar of St Michael and All Angels Church, Sunninghill. The Chairman then stated that the Cordes Hall Cinema Team open air event was to be held in July in the field adjacent to the Church and that if a further request was put to the Parish Council by the Cinema Team to hold an event at Victory Field that he would like a vote on this at a Parish Council meeting.

7070 THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

The Parish Council Chairman nominated Councillor Robert Ellison for the position of Chairman of the Leisure and Cultural Committee for the council year 2018/19. Councillor Spike Humphrey seconded this nomination and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Ellison be appointed. He declared his acceptance of office.

No appointment was made for the committee's Vice-Chairman in the absence of the current Vice-Chairman.

7071 THE PROGRAMME OF WORKS AND SITES UPDATE

The Clerk informed members that, following planning permission, the tender process for the pavilion project at Victory Field had been completed and the tender awarded to the most economically advantageous contractor by the Borough. Thought was given to additional works, such as landscaping, that could further enhance the pavilion, as well as to the possible use of the community room by the Parish Council for consultation events and meetings.

The Clerk went on to state that the new play equipment at Victory Field was due to be installed on 6 June.

The Chairman added that the weeds along the bank at the entrance to Victory Field had been strimmed back and ground cover planted.

7072 THE ANNUAL RoSPA INSPECTION REPORT

The Clerk informed members that the annual play equipment safety report had been completed and that the matters arising were being addressed by the Parish Council's contractor. She added that the report highlighted the life expectancy of each item of play equipment within the Parish Council's managed land and that the report had identified the need to replace the older pieces of play equipment at Cheapside Play Park. After discussion it was agreed that the Leisure Committee would recommend to the Parish Council that the Cheapside Play Park was refurbished in the next council year 2019/2020. Improvements to pedestrian access to the park would also be looked into with Cheapside Village Hall and Silwood College.

Councillor Shirley Jones suggested consulting with Cheapside pre-school as part of the playground refurbishment process, noting how popular the playground at the Blythewood Nature Reserve was with the local nursery school.

7073 THE SUNNINGHILL VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE

Jayne Strand, the Council's administrative assistant, had drafted an update which the Chairman went through. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting of the Street Fayre Committee as members wished to discuss the Fayre's marketing and publicity materials as well as specific matters such as the hog roast and presents for Father Christmas.

7074 OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman raised a concern about the state of the round-a-bout that leads to Sunninghill High Street and asked that the Parish Council called on the Borough to enhance its landscaping. The Parish Council Chairman added that the entrance into Sunninghill from Kings Corner Surgery also looked unkempt and that she would raise the gateways into Sunninghill at her next communications meeting with the Borough. Councillor Barbara Hilton suggested that this matter was raised with the local ward councillors and the Clerk added that approval had been given to the Sunninghill village signs.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.00pm
Councillor Robert Ellison, Chairman

Actions Arising

- 1. The Committee would put forward a recommendation to the Parish Council for the refurbishment of Cheapside Play Park for the 2019/2020 budget.
- 2. That a meeting of the Sunninghill Victorian Street Fayre Committee would be convened.