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Minutes of a meeting of the Leisure & Cultural Committee held at the Parish Council, High Street, Ascot, SL5 7JF on Tuesday 24 July 2018, commencing at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: Elizabeth Yates, Clerk to the Council

7118 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors John Gripton and Shirley Jones.

7119 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

7120 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 29 May, were approved as a correct record and signed as such.

7121 THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

The Chairman asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Leisure and Cultural Committee. Councillor Barbara Hilton nominated Councillor Ajay Nehra and Councillor Allison Sharpe seconded this nomination. It was agreed unanimously that Councillor Nehra be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the Council year 2018/19. He declared his acceptance of office

7122 THE PROGRAMME OF WORKS AND SITES UPDATE

The Clerk informed members that the works to the Pavilion were on track, with the exception of the delivery of the stainless steel frames for the external doors to the front of the building. A red western cedar was to be used for the external cladding and a grey colour scheme for the internal walls and floor. A quotation had been obtained from the builders for improvements to the kerb edging along the access road and for the installation of an electric supply to the top level car park. These quotations were considered high compared with bench marked prices and the project architect had been asked to review them. The architect had also been asked to quote for the drawing up a specification for the improvements to the footpath at Oriental Road (minute 7031) and for the possible installation of two new paths from the top level car park, one adjacent to the Oriental Road entrance, the other to lead to the new Pavilion. These paths could replace the existing steps that led to the teen shelter from the top level car park, concerns over which had been raised in the last safety inspection. The Clerk added that, having gone to tender, she had received just one quotation for the proposed Oriental Road footpath works and the architect would also review this tender return. The Chairman asked if the contractor who provided the bench mark prices could be approached to carry out the above works. Councillor Allison Sharpe asked if the Borough were going to make a contribution to the Oriental Road footpath. Councillor Brian Humphreys added that the Parish Council had sufficient reserves, in his opinion, to undertake the works being considered.

The Clerk then informed members that the Michael Hunter Allotment Shield judging had taken place and that the allotments were in a good condition. There were no matters to report at the cemetery or Cheapside Play Park.

The Chairman asked if the recent Local Government Boundary Review was going to affect the Parish Council's boundaries and therefore the sites which it managed. The Clerk replied that, as she understood it, the boundary review affected Borough not Parish Council boundaries and therefore unless the Parish Council initiated a review the Parish Council would continue to have its current site responsibilities.

The Clerk raised matters of anti-social behaviour at both Victory Field and South Ascot Recreation Grounds, and within the Parish as a whole. There had been a significant rise in graffiti and vandalism, as well as disturbances at night. Councillor Pat Morris reported on his experiences living next to Victory Field and he called on the Parish Council to respond to the increase in problems there. A lengthy discussion followed as to the policy of the Parish Council and the approach it should take in tackling these matters. The possibility of employing a park warden, working with the Church in employing a youth worker and calling on resident support through, for example, articles in the Parish magazine, were considered. The Clerk was asked to increase the security patrols carried out by Premier Services The Chairman reiterated the need for residents to call 101 in the event of anti-social behaviour. The Clerk then suggested that the Parish Council needed to consider how it responded to differing requests from park users and residents regarding the use of the Parish sites and that the Parish Plan questionnaire could be the basis for further engagement with the community. How the community room within the Pavilion at Victory Field was to be used also needed to be considered.

Councillor Morris then stated that he had been watering the new planting at Victory Field but that it was struggling in the current heat wave.

Next the Chairman asked Councillor Morris about progress at Tom Green's Field. Councillor Morris replied that there appeared to be a delay on the approved works and the Clerk replied that the appointed contactor had not completed the works within a reasonable timescale and so an alternative contractor had been engaged who should be carrying out the works this summer.

7123 THE PARISH PLAN

Further to the discussion above, the Clerk had drafted a questionnaire which could form the basis of further public engagement at Victory Field and South Ascot recreation grounds. This questionnaire was circulated and considered. Councillor Pat Morris asked for the inclusion of a question as to whether park users wanted to keep the sites as they were and to identify what they currently used the parks for, how often and when. Councillor Ajay Nehra suggested residents were asked if they would like the Cordes Hall Open Air Cinema to be at Victory Field (minute 7094). Members also asked if a question on whether or not park users had experienced anti-social behaviour at the parks could be added and if park users had any suggestions as to what more could be done to tackle this. The Clerk was asked to re-draft the questionnaire and circulate it to members. Councillors Barbara Hilton and Allison Sharpe agreed to assist the Clerk with the community engagement.

7124 THE SUNNINGHILL VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE

The Chairman went through the update on the Street Fayre arrangements from the Parish Council's administrative assistant. Stewarding would be on the next Sunninghill Victorian Street Fayre committee agenda and the availability of stalls would be posted on Facebook.

7125 OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Ajay Nehra stated that he had attended the Cordes Hall Open Air Cinema event which had been a success.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Some members then went on to visit the Blythewood Nature Reserve.

Councillor Robert Ellison, Chairman

Actions Arising:

1. The Clerk would ask Premier Services to increase their patrols at Victory Field.
2. The Clerk would re-draft the sites questionnaire and initiate further public engagement.