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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 27 August 2019, commencing at 7.00pm

Members Present: Councillors R Ellison, M Finch, S Humphrey, S Jones, A Sharpe, I Steers.

In attendance: Helen Goodwin, Clerk to the Council; one member of the public.

7440 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Barbara Hilton, Adam Jezard, Sheh Verma and Christine Lester were not present.

7441 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman asked to receive any Declarations of Interest in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct. Ian Steers declared he is a founder member of the group "Climate Emergency in Sunnings & Ascot" (CESA).

7442 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 4 June, were approved as a correct record and signed as such. The actions arising had been completed and the Chairman informed the meeting that the mini goals had been purchased and installed, Christmas Lights had been ordered and the mood board had been prepared and used at the Summer Party.

7443 PRESENTATION – ASCOT FESTIVAL IDEA

The member of the public, a student (name withheld as under 18 years of age) made a presentation on the idea of holding an Ascot Festival. The idea was well received and the committee discussed the possibility, in particular as an event that might possibly run in conjunction with the Party in the Park in 2021. The student will review the presentation in light of the committee's suggestions and the idea will be considered again in the future.

7444 SITES AND PROJECTS UPDATE

The Clerk provided an update as follows:

- Victory Fields goal posts – the new goal posts have now been purchased and are in place;
- Victory Fields tennis courts – the hole cut in the fence between the basketball court and the tennis court has sharp edges and is therefore dangerous for those using it. The committee discussed the various options around the locking of the tennis courts and the need for those using the basketball court to be able to access the tennis courts to retrieve the ball. It was agreed to replace the hole in the fence with a gate which would have a sign reminding users that such access was for the retrieval of balls only.
- Victory Fields tennis court membership – after discussion it was agreed that the current system of annual membership fee should remain but that we should investigate the possibility of installing a keycard lock.
- The idea of installing a drinking fountain/bottle refilling station at Victory Fields was discussed and there was some concern that it may be vandalised. However it was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the cost.
- Cheapside Play Park refurbishment – the Clerk reported no further progress at this stage; Councillor Sneh Verma will be giving feedback regarding her consultation with the Cheapside schools.

7445 THE SUMMER PARTY 2019

Councillor Robert Ellison reported on the summer party held in July and the committee agreed that, overall, it was very successful with between 1,000 and 2,000 members of the community attending. The summer party is not a fund-raising event and the small loss of £89 is very acceptable. There had been an issue regarding the supply of staging and a marquee and in light of this it was agreed that, for the next summer party in 2021, one sole supplier should be used to supply both these as well as the sound system and bands. Two hot food providers failed to attend but the Scouts did very well providing BBQ food. The bar was very successful, taking nearly £2,000. There were some issues with car parking and it was agreed that, for the next summer party: there

needs to be a second access for cars exiting the site; there need to be more people on car parking duty and they should be made fully aware of the planned system for parking cars.

The committee formally thanked Councillor Robert Ellison for leading the team which ran the Summer Party so successfully.

7446 THE VICTORIAN FAYRE 2020

It was agreed that the date for the next Victorian Fayre will be 15th November 2020.

7447 POLICY FOR EXTERNAL EVENTS AT PARKS

It was agreed that a policy is required to establish procedures and charges for commercial users of the parks. It was generally felt that such users should pay a small fee to cover upkeep of the facilities and that the Parish Clerk should contact other local councils to enquire what their policies are and to report back to the next Leisure meeting with recommendations. It was noted that there are some snagging issues with the Pavilion, in particular the difficulty with locking & unlocking the main door. The Clerk is to contact the contractor and arrange a snagging visit.

7448 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) Councillor Robert Ellison asked the committee to consider where we might locate to in the event of an emergency which prevented us from using the council office. The Pavilion at Victory Fields was considered but, as it currently has no broadband provision, this wouldn't be appropriate at this time. Councillor Allison Sharpe suggested the Cordes Hall and it was agreed that she should approach them to ask if this would be feasible.
- ii) Councillor Ian Steers raised concerns regarding the electricity supply to the Council office in the light of the Borough's declaration of a climate emergency and their strategy to become carbon neutral. As the Council office is owned by the Racecourse, and the electricity supplier decided by them, it was felt that the Council is unable to be sure that electricity is supplied from green energy sources, however it was agreed that we should approach the Borough for advice as to what we can do to reduce our carbon footprint.
- iii) Councillor Allison Sharpe reported that a resident had requested another bin at South Ascot park, next to one of the benches. It was agreed that this would be provided.
- iv) Councillor Allison Sharpe requested that the three flagpoles we have should be maintained and it was agreed that this should be done and a risk assessment carried out annually.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm

Councillor Robert Ellison, Chairman

Key Actions Arising:

1. Councillor Sneh Verma to give feed-back to the Clerk regarding her visit to Cheapside schools;
2. The Clerk to get quotations for a gate between the courts at Victory Fields;
3. The Clerk to get quotations for a keycard clocking system for the tennis courts;
4. The Clerk to get quotations for a drinking fountain/bottle refiller at Victory Fields.
5. The Clerk to consult with other councils regarding policies for using facilities.
6. The Clerk to contact the Pavilion contractor to arrange a snagging visit.
7. Councillor Allison Sharpe to approach the Cordes Hall committee regarding the possibility of our use of the facility in the event of an emergency situation.
8. The Clerk to approach Borough Cllrs Gerry Clark and Julian Sharpe for advice on reducing our carbon footprint.
9. The Clerk to arrange the provision of another bin at South Ascot park.
10. The Clerk to arrange for the flagpoles to be checked/maintained.