

**Minutes of a Meeting of Leisure & Cultural Committee  
Held in the King Edward VII Meeting Room, Ascot Racecourse, SL5 7JX  
On Tuesday 28 September 2021, commencing at 7.00pm**

Members present: Councillors M Finch (Chairman), L Davison (Vice Chairman), R Ellison, B Hilton, S Humphrey, C Lester, C Richardson and A Sharpe.

**8018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr C Roberts and Mrs H Goodwin (Clerk to the Council); minutes taken by Cllr B Hilton.

**8019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**8020 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Leisure & Cultural Committee Meeting held on 08 June 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed as such.

**8021 CLERK'S UPDATE**

The chairman read out notes received from the Clerk to the Council, updating the committee on the following sites:

**Blythewood**

- Following complaints of antisocial behaviour Premier Security was asked to carry out some evening/night-time patrols over two weekends. They reported no issues and it is hoped the antisocial behaviour has now stopped due to the change of season.
- Inspection of the swings as reported at the last meeting is still in hand; the bark chipping has been topped up and the fly tipping removed.
- As in previous years, some Himalayan Balsam has been reported and instructions have been given for removal.

**Cemetery**

- It has been noted that some families have planted shrubs on graves and laid curb stones etc, all of which is contrary to the conditions set out by the parish council. Families are to be notified and such items to be removed to enable the grass to be cut and the cemetery properly maintained.
- Refurbishment of the noticeboard is in hand.

**South Ascot**

- The playpark surface has been repaired as far as is possible.
- The trees on Hyn's Green bordering Oliver Road are still in need of attention and ANB Groundcare has been asked to report back on work required and likely cost.

**Tom Green's Field**

- Two quotes were received for the planned capital spend on fencing and ANB Groundcare was instructed. Due to shortage of/difficulty to obtain materials, costs are fluctuating and a revised quote is awaited.

## **Victory Fields**

- One quote was obtained for the fencing around the tennis courts - Chiltern Sports Contractors Ltd who installed the existing fence. The quote was to replace the existing MUGA court fence and supply & install new gates - £15,864. The clerk is still trying to obtain further quote.
- Pavilion:
  - Wifi has been sourced and is to be installed in the next two weeks. 1stinview (firm that installed the CCTV system) to attend site on 14 October to reset the CCTV system with new password, with aim of facilitating remote access via the Wifi.
  - The main external doors and external toilet door are now secured by a chain and padlock as the external locks to the Pavilion cladding doors have deteriorated to the extent they are now unusable. The inner doors are still locked in the usual way. Specialist advice will be required to establish a solution for the cladding doors as their design does not support a standard lock. It was suggested the clerk contact the original suppliers to see if anything can be done about the doors.

## **8022 JUBILEE PARTY IN THE PARK**

- The budget was discussed.
- Costings are needed for the stage and other items.
- Discussion on the format of the day resulted in agreement that the original idea was not viable in terms of length and focus. The possibility of two events was discussed but it was agreed that this would be too much to organise and one event would be sufficient.
- The event will be held on Thursday 02 June 2022 from 5.00pm, finishing with the lighting of the beacon at 9.15pm.
- A working group to be set up to organise events. Volunteers would be requested.

## **8023 HIGH STREET BIN**

Cllr. Davison presented a paper requesting the provision of a large wheelie bin to be sited on the High Street for the disposal of rubbish collected by the litter picking team.

- Cllr Davison set out her proposals to assist the litter collection team, as they were currently working without assistance from RBWM regarding the disposal of the litter.
- Cllr Sharpe informed the committee that Alysse Strachan is now the RBWM contact and Cllr Davison agreed to contact her.
- The siting of the bin is critical and it was decided that it would be placed in the Courtyard outside the parish office, pending agreement from the landowner.
- The cost of hiring the bin would be £500 per annum.
- It was agreed that the parish council would fund the bin for one year.

## **8024 TREE COUNCIL PROJECT**

Cllr Sharpe presented a paper on The Tree Council Network Rail Community Tree Planting grant. The application form has been circulated to councillors.

- Cllr Sharpe has had very positive exploratory talks with the Tree Council.
- Councillors discussed various sites where the environment could be enhanced by the planting of trees/hedges.
- It was agreed that the PC would engage and enthuse our community under a 'Project Banner' the title of which is yet to be decided.
- Cllr Sharpe, together with the parish clerk, will meet with the Tree Council to further the project.

## **8025 BUDGET**

- The Chairman noted that the Leisure budget should be in by November.
- He stated that we should line items in budget to cover any contingencies which may occur and examine our income streams.

- This included proposed initiatives, repair costs and events in which the parish council may wish to be involved, including cycling initiatives, Christmas lights and street poppies.
- Resurrecting the 'Adopt a Street' project was mentioned as a worthwhile project.

**8026 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr. Richardson informed the meeting that she attended the Active Travel Engagement meeting at Sunninghill PC and the Windsor Action group.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

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Cllr M Finch, Chairman