

Minutes of a Meeting of Leisure & Cultural Committee
Held in the King Edward VII Meeting Room, Ascot Racecourse, SL5 7JX
On Tuesday 26 April 2022, commencing at 7.00pm

Members present: Councillors R Ellison (Acting Chairman), L Davison, B Hilton, S Humphrey, C Lester & C Roberts.
In attendance: Cllr C Herring; Mrs H Goodwin, Clerk to the Parish Council; Mrs M Morgan, Admin Assistant.

The acting chairman began the meeting by formally thanking the previous chairman and noting his achievements while in post, especially the installation of the new play equipment at Cheapside.

8184 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Richardson & A Sharpe.

8185 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

8186 MINUTES

The minutes of the Leisure & Cultural Committee Meeting held on 01 February 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed as such.

8187 CLERK'S UPDATE

The clerk presented a report on sites (attached).

8188 JUBILEE PARTY IN THE PARK

Robert gave an update on the Party explaining that we now have a full complement of bands to play. The beacon is organised and is being taken care of by the Scouts. Arrangements for parking, including Park & Ride, are all in place. We have been advised to employ professional security and this is in hand. Fairground rides have been organised and will include two children's slides, a Helter-Skelter, Bungee Trampoline, Crazy Cottage and Mini Bumper Cars. The Venture photography vouchers were discussed and it was suggested a fancy hat competition is held with the vouchers as prizes.

8189 POLICY RE COMMERCIAL USE OF VICTORY FIELD

The committee discussed the issues around the hire of the pavilion and the playing field and agreed that all commercial users should be expected to pay a hire fee. There was unanimous agreement to the proposal that the charge rate for hire of the pavilion is to be increased to:

- £10 per hour for residents' private use;
- £15 per hour for non-residents and commercial users.

Following discussion as to whether to allow banners, it was agreed that any banners currently up should be taken down before the Jubilee, following which the committee will discuss the issue further and make a decision on whether to allow banners in the future.

8190 POLICY ON DOG WALKING

The clerk explained to the committee that there have been a series of complaints about out of control dogs at Victory Fields, incidents of people having 4+ dogs which are not on leads (particularly professional dog walkers), complaints from the football teams of dog fouling on the pitches and a recent incident with an out of

control dog and which resulted in a woman having to be hospitalised due to injury caused. The committee did not agree to put any policies in place regarding dogs being on leads or being restricted to certain areas of the parks. They agreed that signage should be placed at Victory Field reminding people to keep their dogs under control. An article will also be put in the parish magazine reminding dog owners of responsible dog walking.

8191 CEMETERY

The clerk advised the committee that there are now just 20 full burial plots and 19 ashes spaces available (in addition to the 58 pre-reserved plots) and that the cemetery would therefore be full in 2-3 years. It is not possible to extend the existing cemetery so enquiries are being made with local landowners to establish if there is any suitable land available for us to purchase for this purpose.

8192 JUBILEE WATER FOUNTAIN

At a recent meeting with Paul Roach, Town Manager for Windsor, Eton & Datchet, the clerk and chairman were told of a Jubilee Water Fountain which is being planned for Datchet. We attempting to obtain more information about this from the Paul Roach's office to see if something similar might be feasible for us to put up in Victory Field. As yet no details have been received.

8193 HOLLY TREES IN ORIENTAL ROAD

A resident of Oriental Road has asked the parish council to have some holly trees cut back which are in Tom Green's Field against the boundary with his garden. The trees are very tall and out of control. The clerk has obtained a ball-park figure for the work which is £2,500. It was suggested that this work form part of the ongoing project to make Tom Green's Field a more open area. The committee agreed to the work going ahead on this basis. Cllr Ellison will arrange to meet with David Norman and the clerk at Tom Green's Field to ascertain more precisely the work to be carried out.

8194 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Central reservation planters – Cllr Lester asked for an update on the planters in the centre of Ascot High Street which still look messy. The clerk advised that she had had a meeting with RBWM who had offered to share the cost of replanting them with the parish. Quotes for the work are being obtained.
- Maps – Cllr Davison asked if there has been any progress with the map project; no members of the committee present have carried out any work on this and the clerk has not been informed of any progress.
- South Ascot Playpark – Cllr Davison asked if there is any news on progress between RBWM and the Sunninghill Trust. The clerk advised that RBWM has been waiting to hear from the Sunninghill Trust who have declined to contact them so far; Cllr Hilton commented that the Chief Exec of RBWM has offered to contact the Sunninghill Trust himself and we have agreed that he should do this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Cllr R Ellison, Acting Chairman