
Minutes of a Meeting of Leisure & Cultural Committee
Held in the Pavilion, Victory Field, Sunninghill SL5 7DG
On Tuesday 26 July 2022, commencing at 7.00pm

Members present: Councillors R Ellison (Chairman), B Hilton, C Lester, C Richardson, & A Sharpe.
In attendance: Mrs M Morgan, Admin Assistant

8228 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs L Davison West and Cllr C Roberts. Cllr M Lee was absent.

8229 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

8230 MINUTES

The minutes of the Leisure & Cultural Committee Meeting held on 24 May 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed as such. A copy of the Clerk's update from this meeting will be attached to the minutes for the record.

8231 CEMETERY ACCESS TO COMMUNITY ORCHARD

A discussion was held regarding a communication received from Wildlife in Ascot who are looking to create a community orchard on land owned by Adrian Newey at the bottom end of the Cemetery beyond the boundary fence. Wildlife in Ascot are seeking access to the proposed community orchard through the Cemetery and are asking the Parish Council to grant this access through a gate at the end of the footpath. The request was agreed in principle but it was agreed that access could not be granted by the Council without taking legal advice and would be subject to certain other criteria being met.

8232 ALLOTMENTS

Issues have been raised by allotment holders regarding plot boundaries and it was felt that plot markers with plot numbers inscribed on them might be an option to make the boundaries clearer. There was also discussion regarding the fact that the rules and regulations of the allotment tenancy agreements were not being adhered to and that this needed to be addressed. Cllr. B Hilton volunteered to take over the supervision of the allotments.

8233 WALKING & CYCLING GROUP

Cllr. C Richardson advised there would be a meeting of the Group on 8th August to review the proposed look and feel of the communications around the consultation for the 20mph speed limit. The proposed dates for the consultation are 10th September to 9th October.

8234 PROPOSAL FOR PARISH MAP

Cllr C Richardson advised she has contacted two companies regarding the production of a Parish Map and these companies had sent guidelines and provided ideas on how the Parish Map could look. These ideas will be discussed with the Cycling & Walking Group so that the map will include parish walks. Cllr C Richardson has also approached Jackie Wheeler, the Parks & Countryside Access Manager for the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, who is responsible for the Parish Paths Initiative concerning possible funding for the Parish Map.

8235 SUNNINGHILL WHEELBARROW RACE

Cllr R Ellison advised that he was approached by the Rotary Club to see if the Parish Council would be interested in taking over the running of the annual Wheelbarrow Race. The Rotarians are elderly and unable to do the manual work associated with the race such as moving heavy road signs. Cllr R Ellison advised that he put our Facilities Manager, David Norman, in touch with the Rotary Club to discuss how he and his team could assist with this side of the work. It was also pointed out that the Parish Council would not wish the event to be lost and if the Rotary Club were no longer able to run it, the proposal for the Parish Council to organise it would be brought back before the Council for discussion.

8236 PARTY IN THE PARK FINANCIAL REPORT

The surplus from the Jubilee Party in the Park was £2915.85. A discussion was held regarding the distribution of this surplus. It was decided to draw up a list of all the Charities involved in the event, including the torchbearers attending on behalf of their Charities, to decide how the money should be distributed. Cllr R Ellison also proposed that for future events such as the Summer Party in the Park and the Victorian Street Fayre, a budget of £6000 be sought in place of the current £3000 limit.

8237 SITE UPDATE

The Admin Assistant presented a report on sites (attached).

8238 WATER FOUNTAIN AT VICTORY FIELD

A discussion was held with regard to the installation of a drinking water fountain at the Victory Field. It was felt this could be a Jubilee water fountain to commemorate the Monarch's 70 years on the throne. It is understood that the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead are planning Jubilee water fountains for Windsor and Maidenhead and that the Parish Council should liaise with them for guidance.

8239 KIOSK SPONSORED BY ASCOT RACECOURSE AT VICTORY FIELD

A kiosk sponsored by Ascot Racecourse to be sited at the Victory Field was discussed. Concerns have been raised by Ascot Racecourse as to whether this would be a viable proposition. The aim would be for the kiosk to operate at weekends during the Summer and at times when football matches are scheduled. It was also suggested the Committee consider a plan involving an alternative kiosk holder and for other activities to be available on certain weekends and that these facilities could be advertised to the public.

8240 TREE PLANTING AT VICTORY FIELD & CEMETERY

Seven cherry trees are to be planted down the middle of the Cemetery and it was agreed that the planting would take place in October.

It was also decided that the seven trees to be planted at the Victory Field be spaced out with five along the top of the ridge, one by the proposed water fountain and one set back towards the Play Park and MUGA Court.

8241 REINSTATEMENT OF COW POND AT TOM GREEN'S FIELD

A visit was made to the area where the cow pond was originally located at the bottom of Tom Green's Field, adjacent with Coombe Lane. It was felt that this could be a wildlife pond with a pathway to it through Tom Green's Field. It was agreed that the Committee would contact Wildlife in Ascot regarding the project for advice.

8242 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other matters were discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Cllr R Ellison, Chairman