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**Minutes of a Meeting of Leisure & Cultural Committee**  
**Held in the King Edward VII Meeting Room, Ascot Racecourse, SL5 7JX**  
**On Tuesday 31 January 2023, commencing at 7.00pm**

Members present: Councillors R Ellison (Chairman), L Davison West (Vice Chairman), B Hilton, C Lester,  
C Richardson, C Roberts & A Sharpe.

In attendance: Mrs H Goodwin, Clerk to the Parish Council; Mrs M Morgan, Admin Assistant.

**8382 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

**8383 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**8384 MINUTES**

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

**8385 SITE UPDATE**

The clerk updated the committee on current issues at the various sites. The written report is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

**8386 VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE**

The Victorian Street Fayre is scheduled for Sunday, 19 November 2023. It was agreed that a working party should be convened to plan and execute all the necessary arrangements required. Concern was expressed that some councillors on the working group might not be re-elected onto the council at the May local elections. It was agreed to go ahead and set the building blocks in place and, if there is a change of personnel in May, the new councillors can pick up the reins. The clerk was asked to arrange for all members of the parish council to be invited to join the working group, which will meet via Zoom once a month with the first meeting being in February.

A question was asked regarding the coronation and whether we would be having a beacon and/or an event to celebrate the occasion. The committee was advised that the clerk's office had received communication from the Pageantmaster that there are to be no beacons for the coronation; 2024 will mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day and there are to be beacons and celebrations then. The parish council will not, therefore, be organising any event for the coronation. However, we will promote 'The Big Help Out' and people will be welcome to use Victory Field and South Ascot recreation ground for picnics for 'The Coronation Big Lunch'.

**8387 VICTORY FIELD NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT PROJECT**

- a. The committee agreed to the proposal to have the trees behind the play area and tennis courts reduced at the estimated cost of £2,600.

The committee did not agree with the proposal to remove the two sweet chestnut trees behind the play area but requested they be reduced considerably; removal may be considered at a later date depending on plans put forward for the new play area.

- b. The committee agreed that a working group should be formed to put together ideas on the proposal for the new play area at Victory Field. They will meet and prepare a proposal in time for the next L&C meeting in March. The working group will consist of Cllrs Davison West, Richardson and Roberts.
- c. It was decided that the representative of the LTA should be invited to the next meeting to give more information on the proposal and that he should be asked to visit the courts and give an opinion on changes that we could make.

**8388 PARISH MAP**

It was agreed that the map project should be put forward for the 2024/25 budget but, in the meantime, a proposal will be put to the CIL committee to see if they will agree to fund the project from CIL. Cllr Richardson will prepare the proposal.

**8389 CYCLING & WALKING WORKING GROUP**

Cllr Richardson reported that the Cycling & Walking Working Group would be meeting on 01 February to agree the next steps following the 20mph consultation. The agenda of the working group will include producing a combined map showing streets proposed for the 20mph speed limit (or speed reductions from 40mph to 30mph) and informing the community of the proposed streets. Once the community has given feedback the plan is to engage RBWM.

Cllr Richardson also updated the committee on Sunningdale Parish Council's progress on the 20mph project.

**8390 CHILDREN'S THEATRE**

Cllr Davison West reminded the committee that the theatre production is planned for 02 June. The theatre company will be designing the flyer and the PC will advertise the event. People will be invited to bring picnics and the pavilion toilets will need to be opened for the event. It was suggested that we might want to also have some fairground rides.

**8391 VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION**

The clerk advised the committee that there had been several objections filed against the Village Green application for the land adjacent to Coombe Lane. A small party of councillors and staff had studied them and their responses were sent to our solicitor who has now submitted an official response to RBWM's solicitor. We have been informed it is likely that there will be a public hearing, but this has not yet been confirmed.

**8392 AOB**

- a. Cllr C Richardson informed the committee that the planned bike racks and tool stations have been ordered.
- b. Cllr A Sharpe advised the committee that Sunningdale Scouts will be seeking CIL funding from SAPC as well as Sunningdale parish council. They have issued an invitation to members of both parish councils to a presentation about their proposed new scout hut.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Cllr R Ellison, Chairman