

Minutes of a Meeting of Leisure & Cultural Committee
Held at Ascot Unit Football Club, Winkfield Road, Ascot, SL5 7LJ
On Tuesday 30 May 2023 commencing at 7.15pm

Members present: Councillors Lydia Davison-West (Chairman), A Sharpe, C Roberts, B Hilton & J Gripton
In attendance: Councillors B Story, D Sanders, C Revilla & D Hilton; Mrs M Morgan, Admin Assistant.

8476 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr C Richardson and accepted by the committee.

8477 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

8478 MINUTES

The minutes of the Leisure & Cultural Committee Meeting held on 07 March were approved as a correct record and signed as such.

8479 CHARMAN'S UPDATE

Cllr Davison-West provided an update on current projects and events planned:

- a. The Family Theatre in the Park is being held on 2nd June at Tom Green's Field. Councillors were asked if they were able to volunteer to assist with marshalling or directing people from the Victory Field to Tom Green's Field. The Scouts will be providing tea and coffee. Portable toilets will also be available by the Tennis Courts in the Victory Field as well as the toilets in the Pavilion.
- b. An update was submitted by Cllr Ceri Richardson and communicated by Cllr Lydia Davison West regarding the Safer Streets Consultation. The Consultation has ended but feedback is now being collected on the results of the consultation which has proved positive. The opportunity to submit feedback closes on 2nd June. Sunningdale Parish Council will then collate the responses received and confirm a timeline for the next steps to Cllr Ceri Richardson with RBWM Officers.
- c. Cllr Lydia Davison West requested Cllr Allison Sharpe to give an update on the Victorian Street Fayre planned for 20th November 2023. Cllr Allison Sharpe advised that the organization was well under way - stalls had been ordered, a large event plan lodged with RBWM, and the AA updated who will provide road signage. Cllr Barbara Hilton advised that fairground rides for the event had been organized and that the Windsor Town Crier had been booked to head the parade and open the Fayre. The next meeting of the Victorian Street Fayre working group will be held at the Ascot Day Centre on 5th June at 7pm and new Councillors were encouraged to attend.

8480 SITE UPDATE

The Admin Assistant, on behalf of the Clerk, updated the committee on current issues at the various sites. The written report is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

8481 ALLOCATION OF SITES

A proposal has been made that Councillors might volunteer to visit one of the Recreational sites owned or leased by the Parish Council near where they live to report back on anything they see which they feel requires attention. Volunteers are as follows:

- Cllr Allison Sharpe – Cemetery
- Cllr Barbara Hilton – Allotments
- Cllr Lydia Davison West – South Ascot Recreation Ground
- Cllr Chris Roberts – Victory Field & Tom Green's Field
- Cllr Carolina Revilla – Blythewood
- Cllr David Sanders – Cheapside Play Park

A discussion was also held regarding holding an asset register and Cllr Davison West advised that this would be the responsibility of the Project Administrator, who will be appointed to the Parish Council office shortly.

8482 CHRISTMAS TREE AT HYN'S GREEN

The Parish Council will be paying for a Christmas tree and decorations in Sunninghill this year and a proposal has been put forward to also pay for a further Christmas tree and lights on Hyn's Green in South Ascot. The proposal was approved unanimously subject to permission being granted from the Sunninghill Trust to erect a Christmas tree on Hyn's Green and permission from RBWM to use their electricity supply.

8483 DISABLED TOILET REFURB

The disabled toilet in the Victory Field Pavilion has been closed since September 2022 due to vandalism. The expectation is that if it is repaired and reopened, the same thing will happen again. Two options have been proposed, firstly to refurbish the disabled toilet with vandal proof equipment and secondly to refurbish it with like for like which would be cheaper but would mean the toilet would need to be kept closed most of the time. The proposal to refurbish the disabled toilet and to accept the quote from John Grant Interiors was approved unanimously and this will now be passed to the F&P Committee for endorsement.

8484 ALLOTMENT DEPOSIT

A proposal was put forward that a deposit of £150 be taken from future allotment holders to cover the cost if the allotment was left at the end of a tenancy in an overgrown or neglected state. The proposal was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Cllr L Davison West, Chairman