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# Minutes of a Meeting of the CIL Committee

# Held in the King Edward VII Meeting Room, Ascot Racecourse, Ascot, SL5 7JX

# On Wednesday 30August 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

Members present: Councillors R Wood, L Davison West, J Gripton, A Sharpe, R Tavoletti & M Turton.

In attendance: Mrs H Goodwin, Clerk to the Parish Council; Mrs O Marsden, Project Administrator

**8550 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

i) Cllr R Wood was nominated for the position of chairman by Cllr A Sharpe, seconded by Cllr R Tavoletti. Cllr Wood was duly elected, unanimously, by show of hands.

ii) Two councillors were nominated for the position of vice-chairman. Cllr R Tavoletti was appointed by a majority in a secret ballot.

**8551 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Hilton, D Hilton, C Richardson, C Roberts and B Story.

**8552** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**8553 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE**

The Terms of Reference, as approved by full council in June 2023, were reviewed and discussed.

**8554 POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

The Policy & Procedure of the committee as agreed by full council in July 2021 was ratified.

* General discussion was held about the parish council website and where and how to apply for CIL funding. Could the website have clearer guidelines about how to apply?
* Further discussion was held about whether the Parish Plan should incorporate a business plan, and an idea of how much CIL funding we expect to receive. It was suggested a sentence be added to point 2.3 to reflect the fact that the Parish Plan is being updated, a project being carried out by Locality, as agreed by full council in June 2023. Point 6.1 should include the wording ‘and continuing surveys'.
* Cllr Wood suggested that, ahead of the next meeting, he and Cllr Tavoletti will look into what the new Parish Plan might look like, putting some financial values against suggested project categories over the short and longer term.
* Several members raised the issue of obtaining outside funding for the proposed community centre (part of the Ascot Rejuvenation Project).
* Cllr Wood went through the CIL Application for Funding Scoring Matrix, explaining the criteria. Following discussion, it was agreed that no changes to the weighting of the matrix would be made at this stage. It was noted that the funding for the Locality work were agreed by full council without going through the formal CIL application process; it was agreed that this situation was an exception and all requests for CIL funding in the future would be required to go through the formal application process.
* Discussion continued about Victory Field and likely costs. Would funding for the consultants come out of CIL funds? How much money to allocate to which projects? Ballpark figure needs to be approved.

**8555** **DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE PROJECTS**

A long discussion was held about pressures on funding, and possible projects for consideration under the CIL scheme, which included:

* The issue of the Cemetery, which is almost full, and the need to purchase more land or possibly consider re-using old cemetery land. To date, no additional land has been identified. Cllr Sharpe has approached landowners, estate agents and the RBWM and is continuing to pursue different avenues.
* Victory Field refurbishment – should this be funded wholly or in part by CIL funding? A number of different viewpoints were held.
* The playing fields behind the day centre on Bagshot Road, Sunninghill. Currently, this large open space is under-used; could this be a suitable place for a new children’s playground? Or further sports facilities? Could the day centre itself be used for additional purposes, when it is not being used for older residents? Could it be used as a community centre as well?
* South Ascot Recreation Ground.
* Redevelopment of the car park behind Sainsbury’s Local on Ascot high street for parking and electric vehicle charging.
* Provision of an EV charging point in Ascot - the Racecourse is planning to provide these in Car Park 3 and Cllr Wood and the clerk have met with them to discuss the possibility of the parish council funding one of them.
* Provision of public transport between the villages. It was stressed that CIL funding cannot be used for the operating costs of, for example, electric buses (or indeed any running costs of public transport), although the initial provision of buses would be acceptable. Much discussion was held about the difference between maintenance and one-off funding.
* Provision of more footpaths in the parish. Check Neighbourhood Plan for details of two footpaths which haven’t been developed and which could be eligible for CIL funding.
* Sunninghill traffic issues: Working with the borough to address the long-standing problems with parking and traffic was discussed, with Sunninghill High Street being singled out for attention.
* The possibility that the RBWM could consider providing more CIL funding through changing the rate applicable to Green Belt land was suggested.
* The provision of cycle racks at Heatherwood, if not already carried out.
* Providing a café/kiosk at South Ascot Recreation Ground.
* Purchasing the field adjacent to Tom Greens’ Field.
* The purchase of South Ascot Recreation Ground.

**8556** **DECISION ON WHICH PROJECTS TO BE EVALUATED AND BY WHICH COMMITTEE MEMBER**

* Cemetery – Cllr A Sharpe.
* Victory Field – Cllr L Davison West.
* Purchase of the field next to the Day Centre – not yet agreed to be evaluated. Cllr Gripton to investigate the use and ownership of the land via St Michaels School/Day Centre
* South Ascot recreation ground – awaiting agreement on a new lease.
* Redevelopment of car park behind Sainsburys – not yet agreed to be evaluated.
* Provision of EV charging point in Ascot – Cllr R Wood.
* Public transport between the villages – not yet agreed to be evaluated.
* Provision of more footpaths in the parish – Cllr R Tavoletti.
* Sunninghill traffic issues – not yet agreed to be evaluated.
* Cycle racks at Heatherwood – already in place.
* Café/kiosk at South Ascot recreation ground – awaiting agreement on a new lease.
* Purchase of the field adjacent to Tom Greens’ Field – Cllr A Sharpe.
* Purchase of South Ascot recreation ground – awaiting agreement on a new lease.
* Charging higher rate CIL for land ex Green Belt. Cllr Gripton to draft letter to RBWM regarding a change to rates.

**8557 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was agreed: Wednesday 27 September 2023 at 7pm.

The major element will be the outline of possible works/facilities at Victory Field – to be circulated by Cllr Davison West in advance of the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

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Cllr R Wood, Chairman