

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council  
Held in the King Edward VII Meeting Room, Ascot Racecourse SL5 7JX  
On Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 6.30pm**

Members present: B Hilton (Acting Chairman), P Carter, D Hilton, C Richardson, D Sanders, B Story, M Turton, S Verma and R Wood.

In attendance: Helen Goodwin, Clerk to the Parish Council; Maryann Morgan, Admin Assistant.

**8564 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs L Davison West, J Gripton, C Herring, C Roberts, A Sharpe and R Tavoletti sent apologies which were accepted by the councillors present. Cllr C Revilla was absent.

**8565 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**8566 EXTENSION TO LEASE**

The committee discussed the draft letter proposed to be sent to the solicitor of the Sunninghill Trust, by the council's solicitor, requesting an extension of 12 weeks to the current notice. The reason for the request is to give time for the parish council to remove all equipment from the South Ascot recreation ground before handing the land back to the Sunninghill Trust should no new lease be forthcoming.

The committee agreed unanimously:

1. To seek a 12 week extension with an understanding that, should a draft lease not be received by the parish office by 29 September, the process of engaging a contractor to remove the equipment will begin and letters be written to residents advising of the situation.
2. That the letter as drafted by the solicitor be sent with two alterations to the wording:
  - a. In the fifth paragraph to replace the words "it is very unlikely that they will be in a position to proceed" with "there is a risk that they will not be in a position to proceed".
  - b. To remove the final paragraph beginning "Should your client wish to have an input into the wording..."

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00pm.

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Cllr B Hilton, Acting Chairman