

**Minutes of a Meeting of Leisure & Cultural Committee**  
**Held in the King Edward VII Meeting Room, Ascot Racecourse, SL5 7JX**  
**On Tuesday 26 September 2023 commencing at 7.15pm**

Members present: Councillors Lydia Davison-West (Chairman), C Richardson (Vice-Chairman), J Gripton, B Hilton, C Revilla, D Sanders, A Sharpe and R Tavoletti.

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

**8574 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Roberts and M Turton, and accepted by the committee.

**8575 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**8576 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Leisure & Cultural Committee Meeting held on 25 July were approved as a correct record and signed as such.

**8577 SITE UPDATE**

The Clerk updated the committee as follows:

- The office is waiting for an installation date from the contractor who was chosen to refurbish the disabled toilet at Victory Field pavilion.
- The contractor chosen to replace the swing at Blythewood has been instructed to go ahead and will be providing a cost for removing the old swing.
- New signs for Blythewood have been sourced – the wording was discussed and the possibility of including a picture or information about wildlife to be found in the area.

Councillors reported as follows:

- South Ascot – Cllr L Davison West – playground remains in a poor state of repair; nothing can be done yet, until we have a lease in place.
- Cemetery – Cllr A Sharpe – the parish council section is looking neat and tidy; the RBWM section is still very overgrown. The noticeboard needs a clean and it was requested we ask our contractor to do that.
- Victory Field – Cllr C Roberts was not present and had not sent any report. Cllr L Davison West advised the committee that the proposal for the refurbishment of the site will be brought to the CIL committee when it meets tomorrow and, pending agreement by the committee, will be brought to full council in October.
- Cheapside – Cllr D Sanders – no update – Cllr Sanders will go there later this week and report if there are any issues.
- Blythewood – Cllr C Revilla – the snail is broken – the office is currently pursuing quotes for repair/replacement.
- Allotments – Cllr B Hilton – the hedges and trees need cutting back.

#### **8578 2024/25 BUDGET**

Suggestions for projects to be considered for next year's budget were:

- Funding 'Dr Bike' sessions at the sites at a cost of approximately £300 - £500 each session;
- A map/signage/rights of way project;
- The Party in the Park to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day;
- Purchasing/leasing land near the Day Centre in Sunninghill;

All councillors putting forward ideas were requested to prepare a backing paper with details, including costs, ahead of the next Leisure committee meeting on 14 November. Only projects put before the committee at that meeting will be able to be considered for the 2024/25 budget.

#### **8579 SUNNINGHILL STREET FAYRE**

The Clerk advised the committee that all councillors will be expected to attend on the day and to do a shift (2 hours) as a steward, as well as to man the parish council stall for 30 minutes. A list for councillors to sign-up will be brought to the full council meeting on 10 October.

Cllr A Sharpe reported on the work done so far and commented that there are more shops going to be open this year than previously, although fewer taking stalls.

Cllr L Davison West suggested a parish council page in the programme to let people know what the parish council has been doing, such as CIL funding.

The next Street Fayre meeting is to be held next week and all councillors are encouraged to come along.

#### **8580 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Cllrs R Tavoletti and D Sanders have been working round the PROWs in the parish. They commented that, while SAPC has approximately a third of the population of the borough, only 8% of the footpaths are in this parish. New paths to create have been identified: (1) From Heatherwood to Ascot Station – Cllr Tavoletti wishes to challenge the decision, made some time ago, not to open this footpath; (2) from Broomhall to Sunninghill, continuing the path to the Kings Corner surgery. A PROW officer from RBWM has been invited to meet with members of the committee and these ideas will be put to her.

Cllr Tavoletti spoke about the Milestones document and noted that the budget for improvements of PROWs has been cut to zero – the parishes are now being expected to fund this.

It was noted that Cllr C Richardson is a member of the Local Access Forum, which gives a voice to parishes with regard to PROWs; Cllr Tavoletti will look into joining too.

#### **8581 CYCLING & WALKING WORKING GROUP**

Cllr C Richardson advised the committee that, next Tuesday, the working group will be meeting with the borough councillors to let them know where the Safer Streets project has got to and to go through the vision and what has been agreed by the parishes, with a view to getting their support to go to the Highways authority.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Cllr L Davison West, Chairman