

**Minutes of the Leisure & Cultural Committee held  
on Tuesday, 24 June 2025 at 7.15pm  
at Ascot United Football Club, Winkfield Road, Ascot, SL5 7LJ**

**Members Present:** Cllr L Davison West (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Gregory, Cllr J Gripton, Cllr B Hilton, Cllr C Revilla, Cllr A Sharpe, M Beckett

**In attendance:** Miss Esther Cope, Clerk/RFO

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Davison West advised the committee of the absence of the Chairman due to sickness and so took the Chair. (Reference standing order 3 p.)

**9056 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Richardson

**9057 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any Declarations of Interest in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.

None received.

**9058 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Leisure and Cultural meeting held on 1st April 2025 were approved with an amendment by the Chairman and approved by the committee.

Note added to clarify motion 9010 Site and Footpath Update.

Vote: 6 For

**9059 SITE AND FOOTPATH UPDATE**

The Vice-Chairman provided a report, noting that RBWM continue to fail in their obligation to maintain several PROW's within the parish. Cllr Davison West encouraged Councillors to continue walking PROW, reporting issues to the parish office, noting that if not managed by RBWM then such paths may cease to exist on their system.

**Action:** Council to continue walking PROW and reporting issues.

The committee received a report of South Ascot and Blythewood sites. Both of which require significant work to repair and maintain.

**Action:** Ongoing work to manage the required repairs being completed by the parish office, update at the next meeting.

Cllr Sharpe advised that SAPC manage ½ of the Cemetery, whilst. RBWM manage the other ½ which currently is overgrown and unkempt.

Report of waste bins overflowing at the Cemetery and Victory Field. The Clerk suggested increasing removal during the summer months, when areas are busier.

The committee is concerned that relatives are placing non-permitted items onto graves, against the council's policy. Often items are found strewn around the graves, causing a nuisance to visitors and contractors who tend the site. The Clerk recommended that the contractor be asked to remove items for disposal.

**Action:** Clerk to liaise with the contractor.

Cllr Sharpe requested the office review the agreement for management of the rear of the cemetery, to confirm responsibility for maintenance. Approved.

**Action:** Clerk to report at the next meeting.

Cheapside Park requires clearer signage, foliage cutting back on unadopted footpath. The committee consider the site to be inaccessible to many in the vicinity.

Victory Field, reports of fallen fencing between the tennis court and Tom Green's Field.

The Clerk provided a report including advising of two cases of arson at Victory Field, which have been reported to Thames Valley Police (TVP). Also, late night noise and light disturbances after locking up by Premier Security.

A meeting has been arranged between TVP and Sunningdale PC who are also experiencing antisocial behaviour and arson within their parish.

The committee received an update of the PROW at Coombe Lane Woods. The Clerk has contacted RBWM to discuss retaining historic permissive rights of way over the site.

**Action:** Parish office to seek quotes to increase waste removal at busy sites between the first and last Bank Holiday of each year.

#### **9060 THAI FOOD VAN AT VICTORY FIELD**

The committee received update on feedback on the Thips Thai Street Food van at Victory Field.

Approving to extend the trial period to allow a meeting with the parish office and vendor to review current agreement and charges.

It was noted that several items are now stored in the pavilion. To be reviewed.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange a meeting between Cllrs Davison West, Richardson and the vendor. A report to be presented at the next meeting.

#### **9061 SOUTH ASCOT PLAY PARK**

The committee received a report from the Working Group on the progress of selecting a tender for the work to be carried out at the South Ascot Play Park. The proposal from the Leisure and Cultural Working Group is for two of the original eleven tenders for the upgrade of South Ascot Play Park to be presented to council for approval at the next meeting.

Considerations include but are not limited to, overall design, longevity and supplier relationship. The committee agree important factors in the upgrade to include SEND friendly equipment and disabled equipment, to allow inclusivity for all.

It was approved for the tenders to be presented to full council at the next meeting, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Cllr Sharpe noted that two local schools were being consulted, the Clerk advised that expenditure above £25,000 may require public consultation.

A press release was approved to promote the upgrade, content to be agreed.

**Action:** Clerk to seek advice from SLCC regarding the process and report to the committee Chairman prior to full council.

**9062 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

- i. The committee received updated quotes for hire of festoon lights

The committee approved to accept an increase of £600. + vat for the three year agreement and design 3.

Vote: All

- ii. The committee considered the design of Christmas lights for Ascot High Street & Sunninghill High Street for Christmas 2025.

The committee approved design option 12.

Vote: All

**9063 SUNNINGHILL STREET FAYRE**

The Clerk provided an update prepared by Mrs Carol Elsasser for the 2025 Sunninghill Street Fayre.

**9064 PUPPET SHOW 2025**

The Clerk provided an update prepared by Mrs Carol Elsasser for the Puppet Show held on the 30 May 2025.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:24 pm.

Signature ..... Chairman