

## SANDHURST TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held in the Kitty Dancy Room, Sandhurst Community Hall Complex on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.45 p.m. ending at 8.37 p.m.**

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**PRESENT: Councillors Mrs C Cupper (Chairman), Mrs J Bettison, A Blatchford, M Brossard, N Bowers, Mrs D Pidgeon, G Ramsey, A Ronca, Mrs A Shephard, R Simonds, D Worrall.**

**APOLOGIES: Councillors N Allen, R Blair.**

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1. Announcement. The Chairman announced that the order of business would be as stated in the Committee procedures document. **NOTED.**
2. Declarations of Interest. Members were reminded to declare interests in agenda items wherever relevant. **NOTED.**
3. Minutes. The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008 were agreed by the Committee as a true record.
4. Matters Arising for information only.
  - (a) Minute 45(a) Handrail at the Sandhurst Halt. First Great Western has confirmed that they were responsible for the installation of a handrail at the Halt. They are checking to see if money is in the budget for the installation as part of the DDA. **ACTION.**
  - (b) Minute 45(b) Land in front of Rackstraw Public House. It was reported that this area had been cleared. **NOTED.**
  - (c) Minute 45(c) Road Show. The road show held in the Atrium at the Meadows was a success. **NOTED.**
  - (d) Minute 45(d) Remembrance Sunday. No further action had been taken to find a replacement person for the PA system this year. **ACTION.**

The wreath laying would be addressed at the meeting in September 2008. **NOTED.**
  - (e) Minute 45(f) Community Transport. It was agreed that Mr Fred Rule would be asked to do a presentation on Keep Mobile at the July 2008 Full Council Meeting. **ACTION.**
  - (f) Minute 46(a) Nepalese Community Support Worker. The subject of a Nepalese Support Worker was discussed at Full Council. **NOTED.**
  - (g) Minute 46(b) Parking in Central Sandhurst. A letter was received from the Sandhurst Resident Association notifying the Council of informal discussions with a Bracknell Forest Borough Council Officer who had guided them to address the Council so that a capital bid to Bracknell Forest Borough Council could be made for funds for the extension of the car park behind the library building.

After discussions it was agreed that there was a problem with the parking in Central Sandhurst and that it was likely to get worse. It was decided that the letter should be passed on to Bracknell Forest Borough Council with an accompanying letter to Vincent Paliczka asking him to progress this issue. **ACTION.**

5. Correspondence.

- (a) A letter was received from Miss Lara Winter and Miss Lorna Hamilton about the pollution in the stream that they play in near the Magdalene Road area.

The Chairman had visited the area and found the stream to be clear of any pollution and there was no rubbish. After discussions it was thought that the pollution being talked about could be from the pollen on the surrounding trees, which can sometimes settle on the water appearing to leave an oily surface. The Chairmen will reply to the letter. **ACTION.**

6. Agenda Items.

- (a) Clean Team Tricycle.

The Chairman proposed that a replacement tricycle be purchased for Wendy Smith of the Clean Team as she had recently taken a closer look at the existing tricycle and found it to be very worn. Monies had been set aside in the budget for a replacement and sponsorship income was also available. All were in favour of a new tricycle being purchased. **ACTION.**

- (b) Outside Bodies and Committees. It was agreed that the following Councillors would be appointed to outside bodies and committees as follows:

Blackwater Valley Recreation and Countryside Management Committee

Cllr Mrs Pidgeon, Cllr Bowers (sub).

Cllr Blatchford, Cllr Brossard and Cllr Simonds (sub) represent the Borough on the Committee.

Bannister Charity

Cllr Mrs Shephard and Cllr Mrs Bettison.

Edgbarrow/Sandhurst Sports Centre Management Committee

Cllr Bowers and Cllr Mrs Pidgeon, Cllr Mrs Bettison (sub).

Cllr Simonds represents the Borough on the Committee.

Bracknell Forest Parish Council Liaison Committee

Cllr Mrs Bettison and Cllr Allen, Cllr Mrs Cupper (sub).

Sandhurst Day Centre

Cllr Mrs Shephard.

New Owlsmoor Centre

Cllr Mrs Shephard.

Clean Team

Cllr Mrs Cupper and Cllr Blair.

Museum Trust

Cllr Mrs Pidgeon, Cllr Mrs Shephard and Cllr Blatchford.

Heritage Forum

Cllr Mrs Bettison, Cllr Blatchford and Cllr Ramsey.

Biodiversity Forum

Cllr Pidgeon.

Bracknell Forest Partnership

Mayor or Deputy Mayor.

Bracknell Forest Voluntary Association

Cllr Brossard, Cllr Bettison (sub)

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- (c) Footpaths in Sandhurst. It was agreed that the responsibility to oversee footpaths would be delegated as follows:

Owlsmoor

Cllr Simonds	Oversee Foresters Way roundabout and Owlsmoor Bog.
Cllr Blowfield	Top of College Road to Wadhams. (TBC)
Cllr Bowers	Owlsmoor Recreation ground.
Cllr Mrs Shephard	Birkbeck Place to Moor Close onto Yeovil Road.
Cllr Simonds	South Road and Footpaths off South Road.
Cllr Worrall	Frontage of Owlsmoor School.

College Town.

Cllr Allen	Fairmead Close to Yorktown Road.
Cllr Blair	Oversee shopping areas.
Cllr Edger	Footpath 1 Waitrose to College Green.
Cllr Blair	Footpath 15 Branksome Hill Road to College Road.

Central Sandhurst.

Cllr Ramsey	Footpath 8 & 13a Edgbarrow Woods.
Cllr Ronca	Footpath 2 along the railway.
Cllr Ramsey	Footpath beside shops to Gough's Meadow.
Cllr Ramsey	Snarails Park.

Little Sandhurst.

Cllr Mrs Pidgeon	Footpaths 11, 19 & Horseshoe Lake.
Cllr Brossard	Footpaths 14 & 16.
Cllr Mrs Pidgeon	Footpaths 3 & 4 Scotland Hill, Perry Hill, Rectory Close.
Cllr Mrs Bettison	Footpath 17.
Cllr Mrs Pidgeon	Footpath 10 & 12.
Cllr Birch	Footpaths 7 & 7a.
Cllr Ronca	Footpaths 5, 5a & 6.
Cllr Brossard	Ambarrow Crescent to Maybrick Close.
Cllr Skinner	Footpaths 9 & 9a & Ambarrow Hill.

The Scouts keep footpath 15 clear. **NOTED.**

- (d) Notice Boards in Sandhurst. The allocation of notice boards was made so that Councillors could make sure the notice board and the notices were kept in order. The allocation was made as follows:

Cllr Ronca	the notice board by the Railway,
Cllr Brossard	the notice board by the Library,
Cllr Bowers	one notice board on Yeovil Road,
Cllr Mrs Shephard	one notice board on Yeovil Road,
Cllr Bowers	the notice board on the Park,
Cllr Mrs Pidgeon	the notice board on Ambarrow Crescent,
Cllr Skinner	the notice board on Longdown Road,
Cllr Mrs Simonds	the notice board by Waitrose,
Cllr Blair	the notice board by Branksome Hill School.
Office	the notice board at Tesco.

- (i) A letter of complaint was received from a resident about the positioning of the notice board by the Sandhurst library in conjunction with the bus shelter. He stated that because of the notice board the bus driver could not see if people were waiting in the shelter and did not stop. It was noted that this was the first complaint of its kind and the notice board had been there for a considerable amount of time. The Chairman had been to the site but could not see a problem; she has contacted the resident concerned. It was noted that this was not a request stop. **NOTED.**

(e) Interests/Expertise.

Bordering County Liaison	Cllr Allen.
Educational Matters	Cllr Mrs Shephard.
Youth	Open.
Health	Cllr Mrs Bettison.
Social Care	Cllr Edger.
Housing	Open.
Environmental Matters	Cllr Blatchford.
Extended Services	Cllr Mrs Bettison, Cllr Mrs Pidgeon.
Local Policing	Cllr Mrs Cupper.
Campaigns	Cllr Mrs Cupper, Cllr Mrs Pidgeon, Cllr Mrs Bettison.
Telecommunications Masts	Cllr Mrs Shephard, Cllr Mrs Pidgeon, Cllr Allen,
	Cllr Mrs Bettison, Cllr Simonds, Cllr Ramsey.
Recycling	Cllr Mrs Cupper, Cllr Ramsey, Cllr Mrs Bettison.
Local Development Framework	Cllr Mrs Bettison, Cllr Ramsey, Cllr Bowers, Cllr Ronca.
Senior Citizens	Cllr Simonds.
Bracknell Town Regeneration	Cllr Allen, Cllr Mrs Bettison.
Engagement with hard to reach groups	Cllr Mrs Bettison.
Engagement with Volunteer groups	Cllr Brossard.

(f) Daffodils.

The Chairman reported on the recent spate of vandalism in Owlsmoor Park where bulbs were ripped up and thrown around the park and the memorial garden was damaged. **NOTED.**

The Chairman had noted that the daffodils between the Memorial Park and the Yorktown Road were blind and put forward the suggestion of digging them up and replanting them in the autumn. After discussions it was decided to leave the existing bulbs and when it was time more bulbs would be planted in this area, bone meal will be sprinkled on them to encourage flowering. **ACTION.**

It was noted that the bulbs planted in the area opposite the Royal Military Academy side entrance had flowered at the back but not at the front of the grassed area. **NOTED.**

(g) Sandhurst Well.

The Chairman reported that a lorry had reversed into the Sandhurst Well. Local residents Mr and Mrs Clark were at the scene, Mrs Daphne Clark stopped the vehicle from departing until the details of the driver were taken. Our insurance company has been informed of the accident. **ACTION.**

Flowers and a letter will be sent to Mr and Mrs Clark in appreciation for their actions. **ACTION.**

7. Councillors Reports.

Cllr Bowers reminded the Committee that help and commitment would be needed from the Councillors during the forthcoming events on the park. Cllr Mrs Shephard and Cllr Mrs Cupper will help with the administration for the Family Fitness Funday on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008. An email will be sent to all Councillors asking for volunteers for the Cultural weekend on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July 2008, this will include evenings. **ACTION.**

Enquiries had been made into why the grey recycling container in the Coffee Spot car park did not have signs on it to say what waste should be deposited. The Committee were informed that it was part of a Leisure initiative to have the container decorated and they were waiting to make sure that

the container was the best available to the Council and that it would remain on the park once painted. **NOTED.**

8. Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008 in the Kitty Dancy Room.

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