

## SANDHURST TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held in the Kitty Dancy Room, Sandhurst Community Hall Complex on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.45 p.m. ending at 8.22 p.m.**

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**PRESENT: Councillors Mrs C Cupper (Chairman), N Allen, R Blair, A Blatchford, N Bowers, Mrs D Pidgeon, G Ramsey, A Ronca, Mrs A Shephard, D Worrall.**

**APOLOGIES: Mrs J Bettison, M Brossard, R Edger, R Simonds.**

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42. Announcement. The Chairman announced that the order of business would be as stated in the Committee procedures document. **NOTED.**

43. Declarations of Interest. Members were reminded to declare interests in agenda items wherever relevant. **NOTED.**

44. Minutes. The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were agreed by the Committee as a true record.

45. Matters Arising for information only.

- (a) Minute 38(a) Network Rail. It was agreed that it was good to see that the fence had been replaced. A request has been made to extend the fence up to the entrance of the station. It was noted that other fencing being replaced by Railtrack in rural areas was of the same type and colour as the new fence in Sandhurst. **NOTED.**

The Chairman will establish the position with regards to the installation of handrails at the station entrances. **ACTION.**

- (b) Minute 38(b) Land in front of Rackstraw Public House. The Chairman will ask Cllr Ward to contact the Borough again for help in this area. **ACTION.**
- (c) Minute 38(c) Roadshows. The road show, to be held in the Atrium at the Meadows, will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008. **ACTION.**
- (d) Minute 38(d) Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Bowers gave an update on the Remembrance debriefing meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008. The main item of discussion was the car parking, efforts will be made to help this go smoothly next time. The Women's Institute were happy with the catering and the Churches had agreed that the service would stay the same.

One area of concern for the next parade will be the PA system as the existing contractor has retired. It was suggested that the Council should look into buying the equipment from them but it was realised that there would be problems finding someone to set it up and difficulty with storage. It was agreed that we should approach the organisers of the Donkey Derby and the five-a-side football tournament to ask who would be supplying their PA system this year. **ACTION.**

It had been agreed that the wreath laying be organised slightly differently, this would be fully discussed at the pre-meeting, due to be held in September 2008. **ACTION.**

- (e) Minute 38(f) Fairtrade Town. A reply to Mrs Trevis's letter had been sent. **NOTED.**
- (f) Minute 38(e) Community Transport. Cllr Mrs Bettison had spoken to Mr Fred Rule but as yet no date had been set for the presentation. **ACTION.**
- (g) Minute 40 Waitrose Parking. The Waitrose staff have now been encouraged to park in the store's car park resolving the problem of parking in the side streets. **NOTED.**

Additional recycling bins are to be put in place in the car parking area. **NOTED.**

- (h) Fencing. The fencing along the field by Eagle House School is being erected. **NOTED.**
- (i) Minute 39(a) Puffin Crossing. It was reported that the Puffin Crossing at the junction of Branksome Hill Road and Yorktown Road is well used. **NOTED.**

46. Correspondence.

- (a) Further information was received in connection with the Nepalese Community Officer. It was decided that in light of the new information the subject should be passed to Strategy and Policy for reconsideration. **ACTION.**
- (b) A letter was received from the Sandhurst Residents Association highlighting the fact that now the Post Office in Little Sandhurst is to close this would undoubtedly increase the use of the car parking in the Broadway shopping area and the Library car park. They asked if an extension would be possible to the Library car park allowing for the repositioning of the parking bays to provide extra spaces.

It was thought that the land belongs to the Housing Department at Bracknell Forest Borough Council. The Chairman would write to the appropriate department to find out if this is the case and to add pressure to increase the size of the parking area. It was also noted that the Health Centre car park was being used by commuters who continued their journey to work by train. **ACTION.**

- (c) An email was received from a resident referring to a number of topics.
  - (i) The resident sent thanks to the Council for their support to keep the Post Office in Sandhurst High Street open, also for the efforts regarding the fencing issues around the Sandhurst Halt Station. The lack of a handrail leading to the station was mentioned, the Chairman is dealing with this matter. **ACTION.**
  - (ii) A reference was made to the planning application on the site of the Sandhurst Forge. Bracknell Forest had recently refused permission for the application. **NOTED.**
  - (iii) The area in front of Rackstraw was referred to and this is being addressed. **NOTED.**
  - (iv) The resident voiced their concerns over broken windows in some of the central Sandhurst retail outlets that were not being replaced. It was noted that Papa Johns were having a problem, as soon as they had the window fixed it was being broken again. This could result in insurance companies would no longer insuring the windows and may result in shutters being put in place. **NOTED.**
  - (v) A permanent Museum/Art Centre, possibly attached to the existing library was also mentioned. In past discussions over a dedicated building it was found that the cost of the venture would be prohibitive. The Council were therefore concentrating more on bringing cultural events to Sandhurst in order to promote and display Arts and Heritage. **NOTED.**

47. Councillors Reports.

Cllr Mrs Pidgeon reported that after 24 years footpath 4, between Scotland Hill and Perry Hill had been resurfaced. The footpath at Moor Close was the next on the list. **ACTION.**

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