

15th March 2018

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Leisure Committee** held this day in the **Kitty Dancy Room, Sandhurst Community Hall Complex, Sandhurst** commencing at **7.30pm** and finishing at **8.52pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Bettison

Councillors: P Bettison (arrived at 7.34pm agenda item 3), A Blatchford, D Birch (arrived at 7.32 pm agenda item 2), Mrs S Davenport, Mrs H Hill, R McKenzie, K Miah, P Panesar.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer (Angela Carey)

Non-voting representatives:

S Armstrong-Davies (Sandhurst Sports Club)

M Bird (3rd Sandhurst Scouts)

A Bromage (Sandhurst Tennis Club)

T Dean (Sandhurst Town Football Club)

P Dodds (Allotment Association)

J Heritage (Gardening Club)

R Mathews (Sandhurst Residents Association)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors:

J Porter - Chairman (Business).

Mrs E Birch (Indisposed).

G Oberholzer (Business).

(Formal apologies are only recorded for councillors, and are not recorded for the non-voting representatives of clubs and groups).

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 3)

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

RESOLVED
1450

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 18 January 2018 (pages 0684-0687) and 1 February 2018 (page 0695) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. (Unanimous)

LARGE EVENTS (Agenda item 4)

- a) An update was received on the Summer of Fun event for 2018. The date has been confirmed as 9th August 2018. The event will include a climbing wall, inflatable items, toddler soft play, circus skills and displays of birds of prey and reptiles. Most activities will be free however some will operate under a modest charge.



- b) An update was received on the charity football tournament in aid of Limbicare being held on the Memorial Park. The date has been changed to 21st July 2018. There will be three 9 a side pitches provided for the tournament. The organisers are arranging toilet facilities, parking arrangements with marshals, refreshments and entertainment. They have been advised of the large events policy and the need for a SAG submission to BFC.

MEMORIAL PARK MAINTENANCE (Agenda item 5)

- a) The committee were informed that a new member of the grounds team has been recruited and has commenced his employment with STC.
- b) An update was received concerning a recent attempted break in of the compound. The caretaker heard noises and put on his light, this led to the perpetrators abandoning their break in. The police were called to the scene. Following this event extra CCTV units have been installed in the compound and the roller door to the compound has been replaced with a more robust unit. Cllr J Bettison would like to pass on this committees thanks to the caretaker for his vigilance.
- c) A request was presented to purchase various items of machinery for the grounds team. These are needed due to the age and deterioration of the existing equipment. The total cost to replace what is needed including a reduction for part exchanging vehicles is £29365. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr A Blatchford and the following was

**RESOLVED
1451**

That the required items of machinery are purchased using the funds put aside in the 2018/19 budget.

ACTION: EO

FIREWORKS 2017 (Agenda item 6)

An update was received following the meeting of the working group. The format will remain the same as previous years. The firework provider has been booked and the security and medical teams have been contacted for quotes. There will be a need to go out to tender for sponsorship this year as the three year arrangement with Romans Estate Agents has expired.

FREEDOM MARCH 2018 (Agenda item 7)

An update was received following the meeting of the working party. The road closure and March are being managed by the RMA, TVP and a traffic management company. The plans are going well. The number of requests for stalls is steadily growing and the entertainment for the stage is arranged. The head line act will be a Robbie Williams tribute act.

POLICY FOR THE ELECTRIC BARRIER AT THE ENTRANCE TO BROOKSIDE MEADOW (Agenda item 8)

A policy for the new electric barrier at the entrance to Brookside Meadow was presented for consideration and approval. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr D Birch and the following was



**RESOLVED
1452**

that the policy was accepted by the committee and will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee with the recommendation for approval and adoption.

ACTION: EO

PRESS AND PUBLICATION FORWARD PLAN (Agenda item 9)

There were no additions requested by this meeting to the publicity and press forward plan, however it was mentioned that there will be articles concerning the Freedom March provided to the LGA for circulation in the near future. The Committee were updated on recent press releases.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS (Agenda item 10)

Cllr Mrs J Bettison reported that a new Youth Worker had been appointed and started work on Monday. His name is Mike Gower and he has started to meet local schools to introduce himself.

Cllr Mrs S Davenport reported that the Chelsea Fringe event is progressing extremely well. There are 27 events across the borough and 11 of those are STC events. They will run from 20th May – 26th May 2018 in various locations in the town.

SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 11)

S Armstrong-Davies reported that there has been a change in the culture of the club with family memberships continuing to grow. Party bookings have also increased which is having a positive effect on the financial position. The club currently hold a healthy bank balance and have been able to repay several people that provided them with loans. There are plans to revamp the bar and a local company have offered their staff to engage in helping in the community by assisting the club to clean up the patio area. The committee were also informed that Dean Cooper a manager with Sandhurst Boys and Girls Football Club had sadly passed away age 40. Funds are being raised by the club in his memory and anyone wishing to donate should contact the Sports Club.

Cllr Mrs J Bettison congratulated the Sports Club for its recent successes.

SANDHURST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 12)

Nothing to report.

**SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES
(Agenda item 13)**

M Bird reported that the Scouts have two camping trips coming up. One at the end of April and one at the end of May and that he was happy to liaise with STC should the access to the road not be available at this time.

A Bromage reported that the Tennis Club are pleased with the courts. They will be holding an open day which has been provisionally booked for 13th May 2018 pending the painting being completed on the surfaces by that date.

T Dean gave an update on his teams. The first team have improved and are currently in a promotion battle to move into a higher league. The ladies are



5th in the league and the Youth team continue to find their way in a new league. The season will run on slightly due to the bad weather.

P Dodds enquired about when the access road will be reopened. STC informed him that the Allotment Association are being kept updated with the schedule of works as STC are informed.

J Heritage was representing L Clark on behalf of the Sandhurst Gardening Club. A summary of the clubs history was delivered and a number of questions concerning the resurfacing works on Brookside Meadow were presented to the committee. The questions have been provided in writing and will be responded to by STC in writing.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda Item 14)

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr D Birch and the following was

RESOLVED 1453

that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press would be excluded for discussion regarding the engagement, terms of service and conduct of employees where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

Cllr P Panesar declared an interest in agenda item 14a and subsequently left the room.

- a) A concern was raised by leaseholder A about leaseholder B. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr P Bettison and the following was

RESOLVED 1454

that STC inform leaseholder B of the restrictions in place on the Memorial Park and request that they amend their current literature to include the property of leaseholder A.

ACTION: EO

Cllr P Panesar returned to the room.

- b) The Committee were updated on the current situation with the contractors on Brookside Meadow. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr D Birch and the following was

RESOLVED 1455

that work recommences using a different approved contractor who originally quoted for the job and once the work recommences there will be no access allowed for vehicles on the road in Brookside Meadow.

The following was also

RESOLVED 1456

that a recommendation is made to the Strategy and Policy Committee for the relevant actions to be taken against the original contractor.

ACTION: EO



- c) Further to resolution 1409 the Committee were updated on the recent meeting with the contractor following the independent report. The contractor was presented with the findings of the report and will be referring this back to his company. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr D Birch and the following was

**RESOLVED
1457**

that the matter will continue to be pursued and that any further developments will be reported to this committee.

ACTION: EO

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Procedural item)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 17 May 2018.

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
CHAIRMAN**

