

17th May 2018

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Leisure Committee** held this day in the **Kitty Dancy Room, Sandhurst Community Hall Complex, Sandhurst** commencing at **7.32pm** and finishing at **9.23pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr J Porter

Councillors: A Blatchford, Mrs S Davenport, Ms G Kennedy, P Panesar, M Sanderson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer (Angela Carey)

Non-voting representatives:

R Lomas (Sandhurst Tennis Club)

T Dean (Sandhurst Town Football Club)

P Dodds (Allotment Association)

L Clark (Gardening Club)

V Crosby-Clarke (Sandhurst Residents Association)

A Brown (Sandhurst Boys and Girls Football Club)

M Gower (Sandhurst Youth)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors:

Mrs J Bettison (Vacation).

P Bettison (Vacation).

D Birch (Business).

G Oberholzer (Indisposed).

R McKenzie (Vacation).

K Miah (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 J Porter and the following was

**RESOLVED
1533**

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 15 March 2018 (pages 0709-0713) 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. Some new attractions include a reptile display, zorb football and a Pimms bar. Volunteers are requested for assistance on the day, if you are able to help please advise the office.



- b) An update was received on the annual charity event run by SANDS. They will be holding the event on 7th July 2018 and it will be a family fun event including stalls and rides for children. They have received the larger events policy and been advised to complete a SAG submission to BFC.
- c) A request has been received from the Cricket Club for permission to hold an event for its members (approx. 100 people) on 27th July 2018. It will not be open to the public. They would like to have a marquee for the social event which will conclude with a band playing until 22.30. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED
1534**

that permission is given for the Cricket Club to hold their social event.

ACTION: EO

MEMORIAL PARK MAINTENANCE (Agenda item 5)

- a) An update was received concerning Brookside Meadow access road and electronic barrier. It was confirmed that the road is ready to be opened, however there are technical issues with the software for issuing fobs for the barrier. This should be resolved by the end of the week. Once fobs can be issued all clubs will be notified. Attention was drawn to the yellow hatchings that have been installed. This is to highlight a no stopping area once cars have accessed the barrier.
- b) An update was received on the resurfacing of the tennis courts. The final phase of the painting of the new surfaces has been completed and the courts are fully functional. The Tennis club expressed their thanks to STC.
- c) Cllr J Porter informed the Committee that the Dr Stillard's Memorial Area in Owlsmoor Park has been repaired by STC staff. He would like to give thanks to Paul Waterfield who headed up the project, for his continued dedication to STC. The actions of Paul and the Grounds Team saved the council circa £3000.

FIREWORKS 2018 (Agenda item 6)

An update was received following the meeting of the working party. The same firework provider is being used this year. The £2 parking fee will continue to be charged for parking in Pyes Acre Car Park. Pistachios Car Park will be closed for the whole of the day of the event. The three year sponsorship deal with Romans has expired this year and STC will be asking for bids from potential sponsors for this year's event.

FREEDOM MARCH 2018 (Agenda item 7)

An update was received following the meeting of the working party. The road closures are in place and were detailed in full for the Leisure Committee's information. There are 36 stalls with various displays and items for sale as well as many activities and performances. The event will finish with a firework display between 22.30 – 22.45.



USE OF THE TENNIS COURTS (Agenda item 8)

- a) A request was received from a member of the public asking permission to use the tennis courts for a children's development programme. This will be for children aged 2 – 8 and will begin in September. Further to discussion it was proposed Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr A Blatchford and the following was

**RESOLVED
1535**

that permission was given for the development programme to use the courts with the condition that appropriate footwear is worn and no cycles or wheeled shoes will be permitted. The hire of the courts will be charged at the standard hourly rate.

ACTION: EO

- b) A suggestion was received from the Tennis Club that the procedure for issuing keys for the tennis courts at the weekend is enhanced by Pistachios providing keys when the office is closed. Pistachios have confirmed that they are happy to help with this. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED
1536**

that Cllr P Panesar will receive the training for the recording and charging system for the courts and will train his team at Pistachios. Upon completion of the training Pistachios will begin to issue keys at the weekend. There will be a three month trial which will be reviewed at the next Leisure Committee Meeting.

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.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS (Agenda item 10)

Cllr P Panesar reported an incident on the park where a member of the public had collapsed and ambulance access was required. The vehicle could not enter the park due to the height barrier and there were no STC staff on site as it was during the evening. Paramedics parked in the day centre and walked across initially. A phone call was made to a member of staff who then drove in from home and opened the barrier. The SB&G Football Club were running an FA initiative for Women's football and helped the member of the public. They could have gained access to the combination codes for the barrier as they have a club key box for emergencies. It was suggested that the ambulance service are made aware of the code.

SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 11)

Not present.

SANDHURST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 12)

V Crosby-Clarke informed the Committee that the SRA magazine will be out at the beginning of next month.



SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES (Agenda item 13)

A Brown reported that the season is now over and that the recent tournament went very well. The club are currently taking part in an initiative by the Women's FA to encourage girls to take up football. A Brown acknowledged that the clubs have been asked not to train on the pitches as they are under repair and said that clubs have been asked to use other areas. It was also reported that the annual Dutch exchange was very successful.

T Dean reported that the first team ended the season 4th in the table which was a vast improvement on last year's position. The club are currently running trials for the Under 18s for next season. The Women's team have been accepted into the Southern Regional League which is a positive step up for them. It was reported that the 2nd team won the Aldershot & Camberley League Cup. This will be displayed shortly.

P Dodds enquired when the new road would be available for use and said that the allotment holders were grateful and looking forward to using it.

L Clark stated that the members of the Gardening Club would like to register their disappointment in the manner in which the installation of the electric barrier has been handled. He thanked STC for upgrading the road. It was reported that the trading hut profit was greatly reduced during the period of limited access. A request was made to have a section of the car park reserved for both shows. This will be added to the next Leisure Committee Agenda.

M Gower introduced himself as the new youth worker. He gave details of a summer youth programme that is being run from Pistachios patio area. Activities include a water fight, BBQ and Viking combat.

R Lomas reported that the Tennis Club are holding an open day on 16th June 2018 from 11-3pm and invited all of the committee to attend. There will be a ball machine and a speed machine at the event. The club are very pleased with the courts now that they have been completed and hope to attract new members. The practise wall is being very well used.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda Item 14)

It was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr A Blatchford and the following was

RESOLVED 1537

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.

- a) Further to resolution 1409 the Committee were updated on the findings of the report following a meeting between the contractors and STC. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr M Sanderson and the following was



**RESOLVED
1538**

that a recommendation is made to the Strategy and Policy Committee to consider making external arrangements to correct the area.

ACTION: EO

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Procedural item)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 19 July 2018.

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
CHAIRMAN**

