

19th July 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 **9.03pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr J Porter

Councillors: Mrs J Bettison, P Bettison, Mrs E Birch (arrived 7.40pm agenda item 5b), A Blatchford, Mrs S Davenport, Ms G Kennedy, K Miah, G Oberholzer.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer (Angela Carey)

Non-voting representatives:

A Bromage (Sandhurst Tennis Club)

L Clark (Gardening Club)

V Crosby-Clarke (Sandhurst Residents Association)

T Dean (Sandhurst Town Football Club)

P Dodds (Allotment Association)

D Milsom (Sandhurst Sports Club)

F Moriarty (Sandhurst Tug of War)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor:
P Panesar (Indisposed).

(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
1583**

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 17 May 2018 (pages 0745-0749) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. (Unanimous)

LARGE EVENTS (Agenda item 4)

An update was received on the Summer of Fun event for 2018. The EO thanked those Councillors that have volunteered to help on the day. It was also confirmed that the Woodland Trust and the Bracknell Hornets will be attending the event.

MEMORIAL PARK MAINTENANCE (Agenda item 5)

- a) An update was received concerning Brookside Meadow access road and the electronic barrier. All clubs were asked for their feedback on the barrier. The Allotment Association, Scouts, Tug of War and Sandhurst Football Club have all given favourable feedback. However the Gardening Club still have some issues with the barrier. They have previously requested that their club policy was forwarded to Councillors



and barrier users. This was declined as it is not an STC policy. The Chairman reminded the Gardening Club that STC have a policy and that everyone that has been issued with a fob has signed the policy. The Gardening Club have raised some issues around the timings of the closing of the gate. A meeting will be arranged with them separately to discuss this matter.

- b) The Committee were informed that there have been instances of unauthorised equipment being displayed in the park by a number of regular club users. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
1584**

that permission must be sought before erecting any equipment in the park. Unauthorised items will be removed by STC.

ACTION: EO

- c) Sandhurst Tennis Club have requested permission to permanently display banners in the tennis courts advertising their club. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
1585**

that permission is granted for the banners to be displayed when the club are using the courts or on their open days.

ACTION: EO

Sandhurst Tennis Club have requested permission to replace the existing notice board by the courts with a new one. This will be for the sole use of the tennis club and will be funded by them. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
1586**

that the idea of replacing the notice board is agreed in principal following a discussion about the size and model of the board. A meeting will take place between STC and the Tennis Club to discuss this and the findings will be reported to this Committee in September.

ACTION: EO

The findings of the trial period for Pistachios taking bookings for the tennis courts was discussed. The court usage has been extremely low. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr A Blatchford and the following was

**RESOLVED
1587**

that the trial continues for a further six weeks subject to the agreement of Pistachios.

ACTION: EO

- d) The Committee were updated on the recent communications between STC and the Southern Ambulance Service concerning access to the park. They have taken the codes for the height restriction barriers however each entrance is protected with a further barrier. The Ambulance Service have said that they do not have a concern, if a situation is urgent they will use bolt cutters to gain access as they carry



them on vehicles. They also have the options of different vehicles such as motorbikes for access or air ambulance for serious situations.

- e) A request was received from the Sandhurst Gardening Club to reserve spaces in the main car park for an event in the previous Leisure Committee Meeting. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
1588**

that in the interest of fairness to all hall and park users there will not be any reservation of car park spaces for individual clubs. STC reserve the right to close the car park or restrict parking for all large events held by the Council.

ACTION: EO

- f) The Committee were informed of the recent repairs that have taken place on the Skate Park and the suggested repairs that are needed for the facility ongoing. It was also reported that the complete renewal of some of the equipment in the Skate Park will be required in the next few years. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr A Blatchford and the following was

**RESOLVED
1589**

that the required repairs are made and that a reserve budget for the replacement of the equipment is considered in the budget setting meeting for 2019/20.

ACTION: EO

- g) The Committee were informed that the Memorial Park has achieved the Green Flag Status once again this year. Cllr J Porter would like his congratulations passed on to the Grounds Team.

FIREWORKS 2018 (Agenda item 6)

An update was received following the meeting of the working party. The planning of the event is progressing and several stage acts have confirmed. Please let people know that we have community stalls available.

FREEDOM MARCH 2018 (Agenda item 7)

An update was received following the event. It was described as a superb day. The cadets gave a fantastic display of precision, the community stalls offered a variety of items, the Wellington College Gun Run was very entertaining and the evening entertainment was fabulous. It created a feeling of goodwill in the community. Numerous Councillors thanked the staff involved for their dedication to STC.

USE OF THE TENNIS COURTS (Agenda item 8)

- a) A request was received from a member of the public asking permission to set up portable floodlights in the tennis courts for the winter months. Further to discussion it was proposed Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr A Blatchford and the following was

**RESOLVED
1590**

that the lights will need to shine down and not across and that the lighting will need to be referred to Environmental Health at BFC. Providing they are satisfied that there is no impact the lighting can go ahead.



ACTION: EO

LEMONADE STALL (Agenda item 9)

A request has been received from a member of the public to run a lemonade stall in the Memorial Park to raise funds for a local charity. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr P Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
1591**

that STC would be happy to support the stall subject to the stallholder holding all relevant certificates for public liability insurance, food hygiene and street traders license and providing a copy to the EO.

ACTION: EO

PRESS AND PUBLICATION FORWARD PLAN (Agenda item 10)

There was an addition to release an article on the Freedom March requested in this meeting to the publicity and press forward plan.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS (Agenda item 10)

No reports received.

SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 12)

D Milsom introduced himself as the new Chairman. He reported that the number of new members continues to increase. There is a celebration of the clubs 30th anniversary planned for later in the year. This will be an event for members. The Sports Club would like to continue to work positively with STC. Cllr J Porter wished the club a continued success.

SANDHURST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 12)

V Crosby-Clarke informed the Committee that the SRA have just had their AGM which went very well. They are pleased that PC Gary Campion is remaining in Sandhurst.

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

P Dodds confirmed that the allotment users are very happy with the road and fobs. Despite the recent hot weather the allotments are thriving with fruit and veg.

L Clark reported that Gardening Club have recently been involved with the Chelsea Fringe event as well as participating in the quiz for the Day Centre. They have also held their summer show and run a coach trip for their members. A request was made for the Deputy Mayor to attend the late summer show. It was advised that the protocol is to invite the Mayor and if he is unavailable the Deputy will be invited to attend.

T Dean reported that the season is about to start again. He has the first team, Under 18s, Sunday team and a ladies team who have been given step 4 status and are looking for sponsors. The club have recently held their AGM and broke even last year which is a good result for them. T Dean thanked the grounds team for their cooperation with preparing the pitch. T Dean raised a concern with vehicles parking on the corner by the scout hut as this is blocking the emergency access route. The other clubs with fob holders were asked to remind their members of this.



A Bromage reported that the Tennis Club are enjoying the weather. They have three leagues this year and are still trying to increase members. A Bromage thanked STC for their support with the open day. Several new members were gained from the event. A special thanks was mentioned for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Grounds Team.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Procedural item)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 20 September 2018.

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
CHAIRMAN**

