

20th September 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 **8.43pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Bettison
Councillors: P Bettison, D Birch, A Blatchford, Mrs S Davenport,
Ms G Kennedy, R McKenzie, G Oberholzer, M Sanderson.

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)
D Milsom (Sandhurst Sports Club)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor:
Mrs E Birch (Indisposed)
K Miah (Business)
P Panesar (Indisposed)
J Porter (Vacation)

(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
1642**

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 19 July 2018 (pages 0771-0775) 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 helped on the day. Although it was a rainy day there was a steady flow of visitors to the park. The reptiles and the birds were very popular as well as the climbing wall.

MEMORIAL PARK MAINTENANCE (Agenda item 5)

a) An update was received concerning the height barrier at the entrance to Brookside Meadow access road. This is frequently being left open and unattended. This makes the site vulnerable to unauthorised encampments. All clubs that hold the code to the height barrier have received emails asking them to ensure that the barrier is closed immediately after passing through however it continues to happen.



Further to discussion it was proposed by Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr D Birch and the following was

**RESOLVED
1643**

that if the barrier is left open again access for all clubs will be revoked. The height barrier will be controlled by STC and no one will be issued with a code or key. All clubs will receive this information via email to pass on to their members.

ACTION: EO

- b) Information was received about an FA Pitch Improvement Scheme which will support the improvement of grass pitches. The first stage of the process is to have an independent pitch inspection carried out by the FA & Institute of Groundmanship for a fee of £100. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr A Blatchford and the following was

**RESOLVED
1644**

that STC request a pitch inspection and bring the report back to the Leisure Committee to consider any recommendations.

ACTION: EO

- c) A document concerning the wheelchair swing was received by the Committee. There have been recent requests from members of the public to use the swing without the retractable tie-downs to secure the wheelchair. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr P Bettison and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
1645**

that the document is reviewed by STCs insurers to ensure that the wording is correct and that a recommendation is made to the Strategy & Policy Committee to approve the document subject to any changes recommended by the insurers.

ACTION: EO

FIREWORKS 2018 (Agenda item 6)

An update was received following the meeting of the working party. The arrangements are being finalised and the posters will be displayed shortly. Cllrs P Bettison and A Blatchford have volunteered to man the main car park gate & Cllr D Birch volunteered to assist at Pyes Acre Car Park.

FREEDOM MARCH 2018 (Agenda item 7)

An update was received following the debrief meeting. The event was a huge success and the feedback from the RMA was favourable. The layout of the Jubilee Field was discussed and a hot drink stall will be included in future event plans.

USE OF THE TENNIS COURTS (Agenda item 8)

- a) An update was received on the request from a member of the public asking permission to set up portable floodlights in the tennis courts for the winter months. Environmental Health have confirmed that they do not have any concerns as the courts do not have any residential properties near them.
- b) Further to resolution 1586 a meeting took place between Sandhurst Tennis Club and STC to discuss the notice board that has been



requested. Further to discussion it was proposed Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr A Blatchford and the following was

**RESOLVED
1646**

that the notice board will be similar in size to the existing wooden one and will be attached to the fence on the court. Sandhurst Tennis Club will be financing the notice board.

REQUEST FOR A BENCH ON THE MEMORIAL PARK (Agenda item 9)

- a) A request from the Ladies Golden Circle of Sandhurst to donate a bench for the Memorial Park was received. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
1647**

that permission was given for a bench to be positioned by the balancing pond on the right hand side as you walk from the Council Office. The site will need to be considered carefully due to the frequent flooding in the area during the winter months. STC will liaise with the Ladies Golden Circle about the type of bench that will need to be purchased to ensure it is in keeping with the other benches in the park.

ACTION: EO

- b) A request from a resident to donate a bench for the Memorial Park in memory of her husband who was a frequent cricket umpire at the park was received. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and the following was

**RESOLVED
1648**

That permission was given for a bench to be positioned on the cricket field. STC will liaise with the resident about the type of bench that will need to be purchased to ensure it is in keeping with the other benches in the park.

**REQUEST FOR A BAVARIAN CHALET ON THE MEMORIAL PARK
(Agenda item 10)**

A request has been received from a food vendor to have a German Bavarian Chalet in Sandhurst during the Christmas period. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr P Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
1649**

that a meeting is held with the vendor, the Chairman of the Leisure Committee, the Vice-Chairman of the Leisure Committee and the Executive Officer to discuss the details of the proposition further. The committee has stated that a decision will be made following that meeting by those present due to the time restraints.

ACTION: EO

OUTSIDE TOILETS (Agenda item 11)

A report was received concerning work that is required on the outside toilets. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED
1650**

that the necessary work is undertaken by the caretaker.

ACTION: EO



PRESS AND PUBLICATION FORWARD PLAN (Agenda item 12)

There was an addition to release an article on the upcoming Fireworks event requested in this meeting to the publicity and press forward plan.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS (Agenda item 13)

Cllr D Birch informed the Committee that Bracknell Town Council are currently running a dog fouling initiative and suggested that the environment committee may like to consider something similar in Sandhurst.

Cllr Mrs J Bettison informed the Committee that a meeting has taken place with Sandhurst Youth and that a full report would be delivered in the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting.

Cllr G Oberholzer encouraged everyone to vote for Sandhurst Memorial Park on the Green Flag website for the favourite parks competition.

SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 14)

D Milsom reported that the Sports Club is going well. He has a few more volunteers helping out. Now that the football season has started the club is picking up at the weekends. Unfortunately the club suffered a break in this week but nothing was taken.

SANDHURST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 15)

V Crosby-Clarke informed the Committee that the SRA have provided a donation of £500 to the Walking for Health group.

SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES (Agenda item 16)

T Dean reported that the season is up and running. The first team are doing ok. The youth team are in the FA Youth Cup. The ladies team have a number of young players joining from Sandhurst Boys and Girls FC. The electrical work is being finished off in the next few weeks and this will mean improved CCTV and lighting.

L Clark reported that Gardening Club had their Autumn Show which was a great success. He thanked Cllr Ms G Kennedy for attending on behalf of STC. A key for the gate at the entrance to the front of the hall has been requested by the Gardening Club. This item has been requested to be put on the agenda for the Town Council meeting to enable a decision without having to wait until 15th November. L Clark mentioned that the Gardening Club have been asked to remove the bell that they are currently using on the barrier on Brookside Meadow. They have been asked to remove it due to the fact that no permission has been sought from STC. This will be considered by the Leisure Committee in the next meeting as a request has now been received from the Gardening Club.

A Bromage reported that the Tennis Clubs season is going very well. They are continuing with evening tennis but will soon move to an undercover facility in Ash for the winter months.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Procedural item)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 15 November 2018.

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
CHAIRMAN**



