

18th March 2021

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Leisure Committee** held this day via **Zoom** commencing at **7.30pm** and finishing at **8.12pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr J Porter

Councillors: Mrs J Bettison, P Bettison, Mrs S Davenport, Ms G Kennedy, R McKenzie, Mrs M Mossom, R Mossom, P Panesar, M Sanderson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer Angela Carey

Non-voting representatives:

C Batchelor (Sandhurst Cricket Club)

A Bromage (Sandhurst Tennis Club)

T Dean (Sandhurst Town Football Club)

P Dodds (Sandhurst Allotment Association)

R Lomas (Sandhurst Tennis Club)

B Penn (Sandhurst Tug of War)

J Sheppard (Sandhurst Gardening Club)

S Shortland (Sandhurst Town Football Club)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor:

Mrs N York (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 declarations of interest made by Cllr P Panesar, Cllr R Mossom and Cllr Mrs M Mossom concerning agenda item 8. They will not participate in the discussion or vote concerning this item.

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 3)

It was proposed by Cllr J Porter and the following was

RESOLVED 2309

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 21st January 2021 (pages 1093-1097) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MEMORIAL PARK MAINTENANCE (Agenda item 4)

- a) The Committee received an update on the new flooring in the Memorial Park and Owlsmoor Park. A tiger mulch material has been used to replace previous flooring under the swings at Owlsmoor Park and around the play equipment and swings in the Memorial Park.
- b) The Committee were presented with a suggested route for the new path from Pyes Acre Car Park. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was



**RESOLVED
2310**

that suggested route is approved and that the contract is released on contract finder. The quotes are to include various material options for this Committee to consider.

ACTION: EO

- c) The Committee were asked to consider other existing footpaths on the park for improvement. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2311**

that the paths around the balancing pond illustrated in Annexe 1 are included in the contract finer tender process.

ACTION: EO

LARGE EVENTS (Agenda item 5)

- a) The Committee were informed of the delegated decisions that have been taken concerning the regular events that STC provide for its residents. The Music Festival that was due to take place on 3rd July 2021 has been postponed until 2nd July 2022. The Summer of Fun Event will be held by STC on 6th August 2021. This event is usually organised in conjunction with all Parish and Town Councils in BFC however this year some Councils will not be holding the event. The Fireworks Event will take place on 30th October 2021. The Freedom March is likely to take place in 2023. This is currently being discussed with the RMAS. Government Guidelines will be adhered to therefore the events are subject to change.
- b) The Committee received a request from a regular vendor to hold a Kids Zone event in the Memorial Park. This will include inflatables, trampolines and various activities for children. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2312**

that permission is given for the event to be held, subject to the vendor producing the relevant insurance documents and risk assessments.

ACTION: EO

TREE POLICY (Agenda item 6)

The Committee received a copy of the Tree Policy that has been produced further to this Committees previous request, for review. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2313**

that a recommendation is given to the Strategy & Policy Committee for the adoption of this policy.

ACTION: EO

OWLSMOOR PLAY AREA (Agenda item 7)

The Committee were informed that the play equipment has now been ordered for the refurbishment of the park. This consists of a new springer,



roundabout, see saw, toddler slide and climbing equipment. The installation is due to commence in approximately 8-10 weeks.

BEEHIVES (Agenda item 8)

The Committee received a request from the Sandhurst Allotments Association asking for permission for a third party to house beehives in the allotment area. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2314**

that the request is approved and the management of the Beehives will be the responsibility of the Sandhurst Allotments Association.

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.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 10)

There were no Councillor reports delivered.

SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 11)

No representative present.

SANDHURST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 12)

No representative present.

SPORTING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES (Agenda item 13)

A Bromage from Sandhurst Tennis Club reported that the courts are due to reopen on 29th March 2021 subject to the Government Guidelines. The club are looking forward to playing again. During lockdown the new clubhouse has been receiving some needed TLC and is much improved. The club have remained active with their members and will be working hard to recruit new members going forward.

P Dodds from the Sandhurst Allotment Association informed the Committee that there is currently a lot of ground preparation going on ready for the season. He also asked for an update on the flood from the blocked ditch. It was confirmed that Thames Water have been out to survey the work and have added it to their schedule. STC will monitor the completion of the work.

C Batchelor from Sandhurst Cricket Club reported that the club are preparing for a full season. Outdoor training will begin in April and matches commence 17th April 2021 assuming Government restrictions allow. Registration was opened for the junior team and it is already at 90% capacity. Holiday camps have approached the club for summer camps. The Cricket Club will consider the requests and seek permission from STC should they wish to go ahead with them.

C Batchelor also thanked the Grounds Team for the excellent job that they have done in preparing the cricket square.



J Sheppard from Sandhurst & District Gardening Club reported that the club are continuing with meetings via zoom and 60 people attended the last meeting. It was confirmed that the AGM will not go ahead.

The trading hut has reopened on Sundays under the previous strict guidelines set to support the COVID restrictions. The hut should resume its usual opening hours in April. There will be repair work being undertaken to replace guttering and fascias on the trading hut on 24th March 2021.

A question was raised concerning when the hall will be available for booking. It was confirmed that STC are following Government Guidelines and do not have any prior knowledge to that released to the public by Government. The expected date for lockdown being fully lifted is 21st June 2021 but this is subject to change. Once gatherings inside are allowed the hires will commence if they are able to do so within the guidelines that exist at the time.

T Dean from Sandhurst Town Football Club reported that the league this season has been annulled. There will still be friendlies and cup games to be played when restrictions are lifted.

The site remains closed. Work on the clubhouse has continued and the glass has now been installed and fences erected.

Preconditions from the planning permission for the 3G pitch are currently being worked through. The Planning application for modifications needed to the clubhouse for disability toilets to have an entrance from inside the clubhouse, the replacement of the garage and the new classroom has been submitted to BFC.

T Dean has suggested that there may be a possibility of a new path being installed from the bottom gate to the turnstile on the outside of the fence. This will be done at no charge to STC. This will be an agenda item for consideration at the next Leisure Committee Meeting.

B Penn from Sandhurst Tug of War reported that there have been no training sessions or competitions. Once restrictions are eased, they will be training on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. This is scheduled from April. Provisional dates for tournaments have been booked in but the club will continue to operate under both the Government Guidelines and the advice from the sport's governing body. This season will be used to rebuild the team and will include a recruitment drive for new players.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item14)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 20th May 2021.

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
CHAIRMAN**

