

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

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 **8.57pm**.

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Bettison  
Councillors: Mrs S Davenport, J Edwards, Ms G Kennedy, P Panesar, J Porter.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Executive Officer: Angela Carey  
Cllr Mrs Hazel Hill

Non-voting representatives:

M Bird (3<sup>rd</sup> Sandhurst Scouts)  
S Hards (Sandhurst Cricket Club)  
L Penn (Sandhurst Sports Club)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor:

P Bettison (Business)  
R Limbu (Business)  
R McKenzie (Indisposed)  
M Mossom (Business)  
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M Sanderson (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)**

Cllr P Panesar declared an interest in agenda items 10 & 20.

**MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 3)**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2697**

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (pages 1267-1271) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman (Unanimous).

**MEMORIAL PARK MAINTENANCE (Agenda item 4)**

a) The Committee were asked to consider the replacement of the rubber crumb flooring in the play area by the roundabout. The area was picked up in a recent inspection and although it is low risk if it is not tended to there will be further deterioration. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2698**

that the rubber crumb flooring is replaced.

**ACTION: EO**



b) The Committee were asked to consider the purchase of a new tractor to replace the existing vehicle. This is over fifteen years old and is in need of repair. There have been numerous repairs done over recent years and the tractor is no longer fit for purpose. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2699**

that a new tractor is purchased from the company that provided quote A. This is subject to a request for funding being approved by the Strategy and Policy Committee.

**ACTION: EO**

**LARGE EVENTS (Agenda item 5)**

a) The Committee received an update following the Music Festival. The Chairman Cllr Mrs J Bettison said that it was a fabulous event and thanked the EO and all of the staff as well as the Councillors that volunteered on the night. A sum of £895.52 was raised from the car park charges. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Davenport, and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2700**

that although it had been discussed in the initial working group meeting in September 2019 that funds raised from the car park charges would go towards the cost of the event, as the event was delayed two years and circumstances had changed that the funds are now allocated to the Mayors Charity which is Frimley Park Hospital Children's Ward.

**ACTION: EO**

b) The Committee received an update on the Summer of Fun event. It was confirmed that everything had been booked and the advertising had been displayed on facebook and the website. Those Councillors that have volunteered to help were thanked by the EO.

c) The Committee were informed that many of the costs from our regular suppliers used for the Fireworks Event have increased. The Working Group will consider the increases and will also consider an increase in fees for vendors. Their recommendations will be brought to this Committee in the next meeting. The Committee were asked to consider the Firework Display as the price has increased substantially. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Porter and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2701**

that STC will accept the increase in price for the display and maintain the exceptional quality and length of the previous displays provided.

**ACTION: EO**

**U3A BENCH REQUEST (Agenda item 6)**

A request was received from the Yateley and District U3A for a bench to be installed to commemorate their 25 year anniversary. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was



**RESOLVED  
2702**

that permission has been granted for a bench to be installed. The bench will be ordered and installed by STC. The location of the bench will be discussed between STC and U3A.

**ACTION: EO**

**ORIENTEERING EVENT (Agenda item 7)**

The Committee were asked to consider a request from Berkshire Orienteers to allow them to hold an event on the Memorial Park. This will include orienteering followed by a picnic on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2703**

that permission is granted for the Berkshire Orienteers to hold their event on the park subject to having the correct public liability insurances.

**ACTION: EO**

**PLAY INNOVATION (Agenda item 8)**

The Committee were informed of a new unique selection of games that can be used inside MUGAS to enhance the experience of the user. The company, Play Innovation visited STC to provide a display of how the games work. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2704**

that STC order three of the boards subject to a request for funding being approved by the Strategy and Policy Committee. The specific game selection will be undertaken by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and EO.

**ACTION: EO**

**REMARKING OF AREAS IN STC CAR PARKS (Agenda item 9)**

Cllr Mrs J Bettison advised the Committee that the yellow lines marked on no parking and disabled parking are fading in both the main car park and Pistachios car park. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2705**

that arrangements are made for the lines to be repainted.

**ACTION: EO**

**KEBEB VAN IN THE MEMORIAL PARK (Agenda item 10)**

**Cllr P Panesar did not participate in the decision-making process.**

The Committee received a request for a business to open a kebab van in the main car park of the Memorial Park. Planning permission has been sought by the applicant and was granted by BFC (Ref – 21-01170). Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2706**

that the request for permission to open a kebab van is refused. The Committee raised concerns about the closing time of the van as the main car park is locked at 10pm each night. The gate was installed due to anti-social behaviour and there is a concern that this may increase with the



presence of the van attracting more visitors to the park in the late evenings. The impact on the residents of Yorktown Road was also discussed as the van would be parked directly opposite houses.

**ACTION: EO**

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SILVER SUNDAY (Agenda item 11)**

The Committee received information about the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Silver Sunday on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022, which is the national day for older people. Consideration was given to how STC could contribute to an event on this day. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Porter and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2707**

that STC offer the event to the Sandhurst Day Centre and offer to support with volunteers.

**ACTION: EO**

**OUTSIDE TOILETS (Agenda item 12)**

The Committee were advised of recent frequent episodes of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the outside toilets. This has resulted in them being locked at 5pm daily. Although not all incidents happen after this time the majority occur in the late evening. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2708**

that the outside toilets will continue to be locked at 5pm for the foreseeable future. A sign will be displayed to explain why they are being locked. Access is still available to the disabled toilet with a radar key.

**ACTION: EO**

**PRESS AND PUBLICATION FORWARD PLAN (Agenda item 13)**

There was a request by this meeting to continue to advertise the Summer of Fun on social media. The Fireworks event will also be advertised nearer the time of the event.

**ACTION: EO**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 14)**

Cllr J Porter informed the Committee that the play area at Snaprails Park is being refurbished by Bracknell Forest Council.

**SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 15)**

L Penn informed the Committee that she is the new Chairman of the Sports Club and Andy Beeney is the Vice Chairman. Gemma will remain in her position as secretary and Kate will continue as treasurer.

The club broke even last year which was a great result considering the pandemic.

L Penn gave her congratulations on the Music Festival and said that the bar had made a good profit that night.

Disappointment was expressed about the closing of the outside toilets as this impacts on people trying to use the clubs toilets even though they are not members. They too have experienced verbal abuse and vandalism.



## **SANDHURST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 16)**

No representative present.

## **SPORTING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES (Agenda item 17)**

M Bird from 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandhurst Scouts informed the Committee that they held their end of season session last night. All sections are currently full.

The roof is being redone in the summer and M Bird is liaising with the EO to discuss the tree pruning.

M Bird asked to publicly thank the Ground staff for all of their ongoing work and support.

Cllr S Davenport delivered the report on behalf of the Sandhurst & District Gardening Club. The Committee were informed that the club had been on a trip on a narrowboat on the Basingstoke Canal where they had Cream Tea. It was confirmed that the Gardening Hut will be open for two more weeks then shut for August. They will reopen in September. The next Gardening Club Show is on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

S Hards from Sandhurst Cricket Club informed the Committee that there are over 70 children playing cricket for the club now and they have won 4 matches so far this year. The adults teams are going strong with some of the new children's dads joining the club.

A suggestion about rainwater harvesting was mentioned. This will be bought to the Leisure Committee by the Cricket Club for consideration at a future meeting.

S Hards reminded everyone about the net opening on Tuesday at 5.30pm and confirmed that plans for their event on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 are progressing.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 18)**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS (Agenda item 19)**

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

**RESOLVED  
2709**

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.

## **CAFÉ TENDER (Agenda item 20)**

**Cllr P Panesar left the room and did not contribute to the discussion or the decision-making process.**

Further to resolution 2652 the Committee were asked to consider the recommended amendments to the lease for the Café on the Park. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr J Edwards that a surveyor is engaged to give a valuation on the market rent for the café. The proposal fell due to a vote of 2 for and 3 against.



Following further discussion Cllr J Porter proposed that the suggested break point in the lease is changed from 5 years to 2 years. There was no seconder therefore the motion fell.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2710**

that the suggested amendments are applied to the new lease agreement.  
**ACTION: EO**

**SIGNED AND DATED CHAIRMAN**

