

18th November 2021

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 **9.14pm**.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer Angela Carey

Non-voting representatives:

M Bird (3rd Sandhurst Scouts)
T Dean (Sandhurst Town Football Club)
P Dodds (Sandhurst Allotment Association)
S Hards (Sandhurst Cricket Club)
S Shortland (Sandhurst Town Football Club)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor:
R McKenzie (Indisposed)
J Porter (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)

Cllrs Mrs M Mossom & R Mossom declared an interest in agenda item 8.
Cllr P Panesar declared an interest in agenda item 15.
The above Councillors did not take part in any discussions or vote on these agenda items.

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 3)

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

**RESOLVED
2457**

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 16th September 2021 (pages 1165-1169) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MEMORIAL PARK MAINTENANCE (Agenda item 4)

The Committee were asked to consider the purchase of a new scarifier for the maintenance of the grounds. The existing one is no longer fit for purpose and it is not cost effective to continue to repair as it is in excess of twenty years old. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED
2458**

that the purchase of a new scarifier and the relevant attachments are approved.

ACTION: EO



LARGE EVENTS (Agenda item 5)

The Committee received an update on the Fireworks Event. It was a hugely successful evening with record numbers of people attending. The stage acts were great and the vendors and fair were all extremely busy throughout the event. Many firework displays locally were cancelled, however STC are proud to have been able to provide the free event for the community. The Chairman thanked all staff and volunteers.

SIGNAGE REQUESTED FROM SANDHURST TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB (Agenda item 6)

The Committee were asked to consider the following requests from Sandhurst Town Football Club –

- a) To have permission to display their flag banners advertising the match day in the car park when games are taking place. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED
2459**

that permission is given for banners advertising match day to be displayed in Pistachios Car Park and the main car park, away from the roadside on matchdays.

ACTION: EO

- b) To review the design of the previously agreed board displaying upcoming matches. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED
2460**

that the design is approved for the upcoming fixtures board that will be displayed to the side of the Bottom Meadow entrance.

ACTION: EO

- c) To request permission to have the suggested designs on the main entrance gates to Bottom Meadow. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED
2461**

that the designs are amended to include the Sandhurst Town FC logo and to ensure that the design concerning the educational centre is advising the public of its existence in the ground but not advertising for business.

ACTION: EO

CRICKET CLUB IMPROVEMENTS (Agenda item 7)

The Committee received a presentation from Sandhurst Cricket Club illustrating the improvements that they would like to make over the next two years. The Committee were asked to consider the following requests-

- a) To allow the installation of a new training net. This will not be a permanent fixing and will be taken down in winter months. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr R Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED
2462**

that permission is granted for the Cricket Club to install a new training net adjacent to the existing ones.



ACTION: EO

- b) The Committee were informed that the existing patio area is in need of some repair work. Ideally the Club would like to extend the area by 2-3m and relay the whole area. This may impact on the existing position of the football pitch, this will be considered in a separate resolution item. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED
2463**

that subject to planning permission requirements being met and the agreement to move the football pitch the extension would be approved. However if it is not possible to move the pitch the replacement of the existing area is approved.

ACTION: EO

- c) To replace the existing windows and doors as the condition of these has deteriorated over the years. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and the following was

**RESOLVED
2464**

that the request to replace windows and doors in their existing positions is approved.

ACTION: EO

- d) To replace soffits and fascias as the condition of these has deteriorated over the years. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr R Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED
2465**

that the request to replace soffits and fascias is approved.

ACTION: EO

- e) To replace the existing scoreboard with an electronic one. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and the following was

**RESOLVED
2466**

that the request to update the scoreboard to an electronic one is approved subject to planning permission if required.

ACTION: EO

- f) To request that the football pitch is moved by approximately 2ms. This will allow room for the patio extension and will provide better protection for the building from wayward footballs damaging the facias and front of the building. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr R Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED
2467**

that the possibilities and implications of moving the pitch will be explored by the Grounds team and the findings will be brought back to this Committee for consideration.

ACTION: EO

**ALLOTMENT PARKING (Agenda item 8)
Cllr Mrs M Mossom & Cllr R Mossom did not contribute to the discussion or the decision-making process.**

The Committee considered the continuation of the allotment holders using the area between the scout hut and the gardening hut for parking when



attending their plots. This was originally a temporary arrangement whilst work was being undertaken at Bottom Meadow. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr P Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2468**

that the allocated parking area for the allotment holders will be on the area between the Scout Hut and the Gardening Hut. The Committee have agreed to allow loading and unloading in front of the allotment entrance however cars will then need to be moved to the parking area. There are no longer any restrictions on the time of day that the loading/unloading area can be used. This will take place with immediate effect. This is subject to temporary changes as the Phase 2 work begins at Bottom Meadow.

ACTION: EO

PRESS AND PUBLICATION FORWARD PLAN (Agenda item 9)

There were no items requested by this meeting to be added to the publicity and press forward plan.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 10)

There were no reports received.

SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 11)

No representative present.

SANDHURST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 12)

No representative present.

SPORTING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES (Agenda item 13)

T Dean from Sandhurst Town Football Club reported that there have not been any games cancelled due to the weather yet this season. STFC are currently 6th in the league table and have beaten two premier league combined counties teams in cup games.

There has been a steady increase in spectators at home games. Season tickets have been offered to all members of the Sandhurst Boys and Girls FC free of charge.

There is a charity match next week to raise funds for a local youth for medical treatment. This has been arranged by SB&G FC.

T Dean invited the Leisure Committee members to visit the new facilities at Bottom Meadow, a date will be arranged.

P Dodds from the Sandhurst Allotment Association informed the Committee that plots are currently being cleared up after the summer season.

There is a competition in recognition of the British Legion for wildflower plots. A memorial service was held at the allotments recently and was a pleasant occasion.

S Hards from Sandhurst Cricket Club reported that the Committee had decided that they were unable to support the suggested beacon lighting event. There is now a new committee structure and they are committed to being a diverse club with a zero tolerance to discrimination.

M Bird from 3rd Sandhurst Scouts reported that all sections are currently full. The Scouting Association are starting a new section called Squirrels. This is



for 4-6 year olds. 3rd Sandhurst Scouts will not currently be offering this club.

There has been some maintenance work undertaken at the scout hut to replace some roof tiles. Unfortunately the sewage issues have been occurring again. This is an ongoing situation with Thames Water. Mobile flood lights have been purchased by the scouts to enable more outdoor activities.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item14)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 20th January 2022.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS (Agenda item 15)

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

**RESOLVED
2469**

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.

PLANNING (Agenda item 17)

This agenda item was bought forward-

The Committee were advised of recent correspondence received from BFC concerning a planning application on STCs land.

LEASE TENDER (Agenda item 16)

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

The Committee were asked to review and approve the tender conditions for the café on the park following the end of the current lease. Further to the discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr M Sanderson and the following was

**RESOLVED
2470**

that a tender document will be amended according to the suggestions raised and then recommended to the Strategy & Policy Committee for approval.

ACTION: EO

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
CHAIRMAN**

