

**17<sup>th</sup> March 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 **8.38pm**.

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr J Porter  
Councillors: Cllr Mrs J Bettison, P Bettison, Mrs S Davenport, J Edwards,  
M Sanderson

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Deputy Executive Officer Jo Lockett  
Cllr P Hodge

Non-voting representatives:

M Bird (3<sup>rd</sup> Sandhurst Scouts)  
A Bromage (Sandhurst Tennis Club)  
J Sheppard (Sandhurst Gardening Club)

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

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor:

Ms G Kennedy (Indisposed)  
R McKenzie (Indisposed)  
M Mossom (Indisposed)  
R Mossom (Indisposed)  
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 made.

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

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

**RESOLVED  
2571**

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (pages 1213-1217) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman (Unanimous).

Cllr M Sanderson arrived at 7.34pm.

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

a) The Committee were asked to consider the location of the next paths to be resurfaced on the Memorial Park prior to the release of the tender on contract finder. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2572**

that the tender documents be prepared and submitted requesting quotes for both parts of the path individually to enable the Committee to consider the cost of doing all or part of the path.

**ACTION: DEO**



b) The Committee were asked to consider extra measures needed following repeated criminal damage from people that are locked in the car park as they have exceeded their stay beyond opening hours, such as the installation of a metal fence to link up with the barriers to prevent the removal of wooden posts and ANPR vehicle recognition to help to identify the perpetrators. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and it was

**RESOLVED  
2573**

that quotes be obtained for an ANPR camera, metal fencing and infrared camera which will then be considered in the next meeting of the Leisure Committee.

**ACTION: DEO**

**LARGE EVENTS (Agenda item 5)**

a) The Committee received an update on the Music Festival that will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 and considered the locations of banners and promotional material. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and it was

**RESOLVED  
2574**

that the successful promotion of the event should continue on social media and that the banners will be located on the A frame at the Memorial Park as well as at Sandhurst School.

**ACTION: DEO**

b) The Committee were asked to set up a working group for the Freedom March of Sandhurst event. An update was also received from Cllr J Porter confirming that the RMA has agreed the date of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2575**

that Cllr Mrs J Bettison, Cllr J Edwards and Cllr J Porter have volunteered to be part of the Working Group along with our external partners. The invitation to join the working group will also be opened up to other Councillors. The date of the first meeting will be subject to the RMA's schedule.

**ACTION: DEO**

c) The Committee were asked to consider a request from the Tug of War Club to expand their tournament day this year, which is being held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022, to include a few stalls as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilees. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2576**

that permission is given subject to the evidence of public liability insurance being provided to STC, access to the site being organised by the Tug of War Club and toilet provision being provided.

**ACTION: EO**

**QUEENS JUBILEE TRAIL (Agenda item 6)**

The Committee received a suggestion to consider a trail of tiles to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



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

**RESOLVED  
2577**

that costs be obtained for consideration for commemorative tiles to be produced to go around the Gardening Club's flower bed.

**ACTION: EO**

**U3A YATELEY & DISTRICT 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY (Agenda item 7)**

The Committee were asked to consider a request from the U3A to allow the planting of a tree plus a plaque in the Memorial Park.

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

**RESOLVED  
2578**

that permission is granted for the U3A to have a Cherry Tree which will be purchased and planted by the STC ground staff between the flower bed and the War Memorial, in front of the Council Office. Further to the Commemorative Policy no plaque will be permitted. Instead, an entry will be made in the Commemorative book.

**ACTION: EO**

**DRAINAGE BY ELECTRIC BARRIER AT THE ENTRANCE TO  
BROOKSIDE MEADOW. (Agenda item 8)**

The Committee considered a solution for the continual laying of water that gathers at the entrance to Brookside Meadow.

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

**RESOLVED  
2579**

that the ground staff and caretaker may proceed with what is considered to be the best course of action to resolve the drainage situation.

**ACTION: EO**

**SANDHURST SILVER BAND (Agenda item 9)**

The Committee were asked to consider a request from the Sandhurst Silver Band to recommence their Sunday afternoon concerts during the summer in Sandhurst Memorial Park on 19/06/22, 17/07/22 and 28/08/2022. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2580**

that permission is granted for the Silver Band to play in the Memorial Park on the requested dates.

**ACTION: EO**

**PRESS AND PUBLICATION FORWARD PLAN (Agenda item 10)**

There was a request by this meeting to ask the SRA to include a poster for the Music Event in the next publication of the SRA Magazine.

**ACTION: DEO**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 11)**

Cllr Mrs S Davenport reported that she had enjoyed a meeting at of the Blackbushe Consultative Committee on Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> at Blackbushe Airports's Pathfinder Café. They reported an increase in sales of fuel which



have helped boost profits to near pre Covid levels. There will be an open day on 11<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate 80 Years of aviation at Blackbushe Airport.

**SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 12)**

No representative present.

**SANDHURST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 13)**

No representative present.

**SPORTING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES (Agenda item 14)**

M Bird from 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandhurst Scouts reported that they are taking 80 young people on a District Camp in early May.

The group is doing well and they currently have waiting lists for both Beavers and Cubs.

M Bird asked how the emergency services would access the site in the event that the gate was out of service. It was confirmed that following a conversation between the EO and the Ambulance Service that they would gain access if necessary.

J Sheppard from Sandhurst & District Gardening Club reported that the club meetings are well underway. They received an excellent talk on vegetables this month.

The Gardening Club is 60 Years old next year and plans are underway for the celebrations.

A Bromage from Sandhurst Tennis Club reported that covid and the winter months have hit the club hard. There are however still reasonable numbers on club nights. They have been using the army courts with floodlights over the darker months.

A new coach has just started with the club and it is hoped this will enhance tennis opportunities for the whole community. They will begin to promote classes for younger people soon.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 15)**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**SIGNED AND DATED CHAIRMAN**

