

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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 **8.50 pm**.

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Bettison  
Councillors: P Bettison, Mrs S Davenport, J Edwards, Mrs M Mossom, R Mossom, P Panesar (arrived at 7.55pm), J Porter

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Deputy Executive Officer: Josie Mahamdallie

Non-voting representatives:

M Bird (3<sup>rd</sup> Sandhurst Scouts)  
A Bromage (Sandhurst Tennis Club)  
S Hards (Sandhurst Cricket Club)  
B Penn (Sandhurst Tug of War)  
L Penn (Sandhurst Sports Club)  
C Reid (Sandhurst Boys & Girls FC)  
J Sheppard (Sandhurst Gardening Club)

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

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor:

A Blatchford (Indisposed)  
Ms G Kennedy (Indisposed)  
R McKenzie (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 Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2825**

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (pages 1336-1341) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman (Unanimous).

**OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT (Agenda item 4)**

An update was received following councillors' own research. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Porter and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2826**

that the council would not go ahead with the purchase of outdoor gym equipment due to their research showing that it is not well used in other areas that have purchased this kind of equipment.



### **LARGE EVENTS (Agenda item 5)**

- a) Cllr Mrs J Bettison gave an update on the Freedom March event following the meeting of the working group. Plans for this years' event are well underway and there was discussion on stall holders and if any local businesses or associations may want to be involved.
- b) The committee were asked to consider provision for upcoming events in 2023 prior to the budget review. Further to discussion It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2827**

that the Summer of Fun event (4<sup>th</sup> August 2023) will be permitted to go ahead.

**ACTION: EO**

It was then proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr R Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2828**

that the Fireworks event (28<sup>th</sup> October 2023) will be permitted to go ahead.

**ACTION: EO**

### **TENNIS COURTS (Agenda item 6)**

The committee received recommendation from the Fees and Charges group further to resolution 2783 concerning the use of the tennis courts for business purposes. Further to discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2829**

that the fees will be discussed and agreed by the Strategy and Policy committee at their next meeting as part of the annual fee review.

**ACTION: EO**

### **CRICKET & FOOTBALL FIELD SHARING (Agenda item 7)**

Further to resolution 2786, the committee received the proposal from the cricket and football clubs concerning the arrangements for the sharing of the pitches on the field by the Cricket Clubhouse. Both parties agreed that they were happy if the Cricket Club use the field from April – September and the Football Club will use it from October – March. There will be a 2 week period after 17<sup>th</sup> September for groundwork to be done on the field before the Football Club start using it. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2830**

that the committee will allow the cricket club to use the field until 17<sup>th</sup> September and for the football club to commence use on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

Cllr P Panesar arrived.

### **REPAIRS TO PLAY EQUIPMENT (Agenda item 8)**

The committee were asked to consider the repair and receive quotes for the damaged timber platform by the slide in the adventure playground at the Memorial Park. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was



**RESOLVED  
2831**

that the work would be carried out and STC will use contractor A.

**ACTION: EO**

**SILVER BAND'S CONCERTS ON THE MEMORIAL PARK (Agenda item 9)**

The committee received a request from Sandhurst Silver Band to allow them to perform concerts during the summer in Sandhurst Memorial Park following the success of last year's performances. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2832**

that permission would be granted for performances on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2023 and the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2023.

**REQUESTS FOR MEMORIAL BENCHES (Agenda item 10)**

The committee was asked to consider two requests from members of the public to have memorial benches placed in Sandhurst Memorial Park. The first request was received from Mrs Nikki Treharne for her son Ethan and the second request was received from Ms Pam Randall for a friend of hers. Cllr Mrs J Bettison explained to the committee why both requests fall outside of the policy due to the longstanding commitment to the community that is needed. After some discussion it was agreed that in Ethan's case an exception should be made. It was also discussed that the memorial bench policy should be reviewed. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2833**

that a memorial bench could be approved for Ethan. STC will decide the most suitable place in the park to put the bench.

**ACTION: EO**

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

**RESOLVED  
2834**

that the second request would be denied due to being outside the parameters of the policy.

**ACTION: EO**

**DRAINAGE ISSUES (Agenda item 11)**

- a) Cllr Mrs J Bettison updated the committee on the issue of drainage by the entrance of Brookside Meadow and informed them of the quote obtained from a contractor to carry out the work needed. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Porter and the following was



**RESOLVED  
2835**

that STC would obtain more contractor quotes to have the work carried out rather than wait for council staff to be available to complete the work as first resolved.

**ACTION: EO**

- b) An update was given by M Bird on behalf of 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandhurst Scouts about the issue of the drain next to the Scout Hut that sometimes results in sewage spillages. Thames Valley Water has been out and installed a non-return valve, but the Scouts have found no evidence of this. There was discussion of running the water/sewage away from the allotments by draining it off the footbridge, but this would then result in a build-up of sewage in the ditch beneath. Further to discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Porter and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2836**

that the chairman would write to Thames Valley Water to advise them of their responsibilities and send copies to the Environment Agency and River Authority. Cllr J Porter will also speak to Bracknell Forest Environmental Department in his capacity as a borough councillor

**ACTION: Cllr Mrs J Bettison & Cllr J Porter**

**PLANTING BY THE SCOUT HUT (Agenda item 12)**

The committee received a request from M Bird for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandhurst Scouts to be allowed to plant wildflowers and fruit trees in the area by the Scout Hut. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr M Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2837**

that fruit trees could be planted within the Scout Hut compound and flowers planted around the perimeter.

**BUDGET REVIEW (Agenda item 13)**

Cllr Mrs J Bettison went over the proposed budget increases for the 2023/24 year ahead of the budget setting meeting in February. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr J Edwards and the following was

**RESOLVED  
2838**

to approve the proposed budget increases to salary, essential expenses and Summer of Fun lines and to add £50,000 to the car park reserve.

**PRESS AND PUBLICATION FORWARD PLAN (Agenda item 14)**

No further additions to the press and publicity plan.

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 15)**

There were no reports from councillors.

**SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 16)**

L Penn gave an update on behalf of Sandhurst Sports Club and thanked Chris Reid from the Football Club for promoting their New Year's Eve event which went very well and tickets sold out. At the celebrity football match event on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023 the bar at the sports club will be open until 10pm and 10% of the profits will go to Ethan's charity. They also updated following on from the leak which occurred before Christmas to say their shutter won't shut fully and they are obtaining quotes for the insurance.



### **SANDHURST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 17)**

No representative present.

### **SPORTING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES (Agenda item 18)**

M Bird from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandhurst Scouts had nothing more to discuss.

S Hards gave an update on behalf of Sandhurst Cricket Club following the flood that occurred on 17<sup>th</sup> December. He informed the committee that the water damage specialists (Revive) have been out, and the insurance claim is underway however the clubhouse may not be ready for the start of their season if renovations are still ongoing. They have asked if they may be able to use the sports club, football club or an outdoor marquee for their meetings if this is the case. They also confirmed that their numbers are good for the upcoming season, and they may be interested in having a stall at upcoming park events to promote the club.

C Reid gave an update on behalf of Sandhurst Boys & Girls Football Club and told the committee that the pipework has now been replaced after the flood and that their membership numbers are up on last season. He also confirmed that their tournament on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May will go ahead despite being the same day as King Charles III coronation. He also shared that the girls team will be providing entertainment at half time for an upcoming game at Reading Ladies FC.

A Bromage gave an update on behalf of Sandhurst Tennis Club and told the committee that membership is low so they will be running an advertising campaign starting in March. They would also like to call a meeting to discuss the annual renewal as this may not be viable at the current cost. A Bromage also asked the proprietor of the Sandhurst Park Café if they could reinstate the arrangement of the cafe holding the tennis court keys at the weekend which the owner agreed to.

J Sheppard gave an update on behalf of Sandhurst Gardening Club and told the committee that they had a burst pipe over Christmas, but they quickly realised, and no real damage was incurred. They had their first meeting of 2023 on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January and their membership numbers are up. They trialled some afternoon meetings before Christmas and are keen to continue this for the winter months so will look to book these. It is also their diamond anniversary this year so they will be offering a £500 bursary to club members.

B Penn gave an update on behalf of Sandhurst Tug of War and told the committee that they are pleased with numbers for the upcoming season (currently around 25 members) and both the men's and ladies team have started training for the season which will run from March – July.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 19)**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**SIGNED AND DATED CHAIRMAN**

