

16th March 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 **9.04pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Bettison
Councillors: P Bettison, Mrs S Davenport, J Edwards, Ms G Kennedy,
Mrs M Mossom, R Mossom, P Panesar (arrived at 7.37pm), M Sanderson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer: Angela Carey

Non-voting representatives:

M Bird (3rd Sandhurst Scouts)
A Bromage (Sandhurst Tennis Club)
P Gater (Sandhurst Boys & Girls FC)
P Gunter (Sandhurst Allotment Association)
S Hards (Sandhurst Cricket Club)
J Sheppard (Sandhurst Gardening Club)
C Reid (Sandhurst Boys & Girls FC)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor:

R Limbu (Indisposed)
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)

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
2879

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 19th January 2023 (pages 1350-1352) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman (Unanimous).

ACTION: EO

LARGE EVENTS (Agenda item 4)

- a) The Committee received an update on the Freedom March Event 27th May 2023. The traffic management company have met with STC and RMAS and will be forwarding their plans shortly. RMAS have confirmed plans are underway for the cricket & tug of war matches. Stage acts have been confirmed and attractions for the main arena have been booked. There is still room for more stalls to be added to the field and a facebook post has been created to inform people of this.
- b) **Cllr Panesar arrived at the meeting.**



The Committee were informed that planning of the Summer of Fun events are being done in conjunction with the other Parish and Town Councils again this year. STCs event will be held on 4th August 2023. Activities have been booked including birds of prey, climbing wall, face painters, farm animals and more.

- c) The Committee were asked to consider holding the Armed Forces Flag Raising Event this year. The Armed Forces Day is on Saturday 24th June 2023. STC hold the event the week prior to this. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr R Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED
2880**

that STC hold the event in June 2023 and confirm the most suitable date with the RMAS.

ACTION: EO

PITCH REQUIREMENTS FOR 5 ASIDE AND 7 ASIDE TEAMS (Agenda item 5)

The Committee were asked to consider two proposals from Sandhurst Boys & Girls Football Club concerning changes and additions to pitches. The current 5 & 7 aside pitches are not the correct size and need to be extended. The proposals can be seen in annexe 1. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr R Mossom and the following was

**RESOLVED
2881**

that after considering the advice of the Head Groundsman the best option will be proposal 2. Therefore pitches 1a & 1b will be extended to the correct size and 5 aside pitches can be lined within them. The lines will all be the same colour. The changes will be implemented for the start of the next season. Chris Reid will confirm the correct sizes for the pitches.

ACTION: EO

PRESS AND PUBLICATION FORWARD PLAN (Agenda item 6)

No further additions to the press and publicity plan.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 7)

Cllr R Mossom informed the Committee that the funeral was held today for John Blewitt, manager of Owlsmoor Community Hall. Arrangements are in place for a new manager to be instated shortly and then new hirings can commence.

Cllr P Panesar reported that the Day Centre have had their bins stolen from outside the premises. However it seems that this could be a misunderstanding as he was expecting some of his bins to be removed by the same company. He is following this up.

SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 8)

L Penn did not attend but informed the Committee via email that- Our volunteers continue to work really hard and we have had another volunteer join the team. The Bar continues to thrive, we now have in excess of 166 memberships (a combination of single and family) a number of STBGC members have recently joined which is great and a big thanks to Chris Reid for promoting the Bar. We have offered the Cricket Club use of



our facilities should they wish to use them whilst their own are being fixed. The club is due to be redecorated and the tables are being replaced in the committee room for functions.

SANDHURST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 9)

No representative present.

SPORTING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES (Agenda item 10)

S Hards from Sandhurst Cricket Club informed the Committee that the club are still awaiting confirmation of the insurance claim for the damage to the clubhouse. This will impact the start of the season. There have been offers of help from the sports club and SB&G FC regarding using their facilities in the interim. If the insurance company do not pay the claim the repair costs are estimated at £15000.00.

Winter net practice is going well with good attendance. S Hards said that he has not had contact with the RMAS regarding the Freedom March Match but he is happy to field a team.

C Reid from Sandhurst Boys & Girls FC informed the Committee that the under 9s and under 11s are in the cup finals and the men's team are also doing well and have a chance to win a cup. The club are able to hold their presentation event this year and have asked four of the founding families to join the celebrations. The club are currently bringing things up to standard in the premises, although this is a long process. There are now 780 club members and they have the fastest growing girls teams.

P Gater gave thanks to the grounds team for spending time with him and the FA representative whilst the pitches were accessed. The report will be shared with STC once it has been received.

A Bromage from Sandhurst Tennis Club informed the Committee that membership numbers are not where he would like them to be. There is currently a campaign to recruit new members via publications in the SRA magazine, Yateley & Eversley magazines and on social media.

A Bromage confirmed that due to the increase in charges the current coach has decided to use another venue for his private coaching business.

A Bromage stated that he had met with STC to discuss the possible reduction of the club time booked due to affordability, unfortunately this was not a meeting but a conversation with a member of the STC staff. A Bromage has said he will email the EO to arrange a meeting.

J Sheppard from the Sandhurst & District Gardening Club informed the Committee that the club recently held their AGM and are restructuring how the club works. They had a successful Daffodil show last night and have trips planned. The 60th anniversary plans are continuing.

The club were nominated for a Kings Award for Voluntary organisations and attended an event for all nominees. The successful nominees will be announced in November 2023.

P Gunter from the Sandhurst & District Allotment Association informed the Committee that he is the new Chairman and will be attending the Leisure Committee Meetings going forward. The allotments are looking really good and all 53 plots are occupied. There is currently an 18-month waiting list.



The bee hives on the allotments have produced their first honey in January which was delicious.

P Gunter asked that the football club at Bottom Meadow are advised that they have bees for a H&S consideration.

P Gunter informed the Committee that there is now an allotment that has been adapted for a disabled user. The existing plot holder has left.

The Committee were also informed that there have been break ins and although things have not been stolen there is destruction with items being scattered around. SDDA will liaise with STC concerning their ideas for better protection of the allotment area. They are also still being affected by the sewage leaks near the scout hut.

M Bird from 3rd Sandhurst Scouts informed the Committee that all three sections are full and have a waiting list. He confirmed that they will not be introducing a Squirrel section currently. There have been recent visits to the various sections from land rescue, ambulance, and fire service. The children enjoyed these sessions. There is a focus on fundraising currently. Two camps are planned, the scouts is being held across the early May bank holiday and the cubs and beavers across the late May bank holiday.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 11)

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS (Agenda item 12)

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

**RESOLVED
2882**

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.

LEASE AGREEMENT (Agenda item 13)

The Committee were asked to consider some amendments to an existing lease from leaseholder A. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr Ms G Kennedy and the following was

**RESOLVED
2883**

that the lease is amended as per the leaseholders request with the inclusion of some conditions by STC. (Unanimous)

ACTION: EO

SIGNED AND DATED CHAIRMAN

