



# SANDHURST TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Councillors Mrs J. Bettison (Chairman), Mrs J Alves De Sousa, P. Bettison, D Birch, G Birch (Vice Chairman), Mrs S. Davenport, M Forster, Dr S Forster, Mrs H Hill, Mrs P Limbu, Mrs M. Mossom, R. Mossom, P. Panesar, P Widdowson.

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Leisure Committee** to be held in the **Kitty Dancy Room, Sandhurst Community Hall Complex, Sandhurst**, on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm** for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the subjects and matters set out in the agenda below.

Angela Carey (Executive Officer)

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## 1. Apologies for absence

To receive and approve apologies for absence.  
(Procedural item)

## 2. Members' interests

To receive any declaration of interests from Members on the business to be transacted.  
(Procedural item)

## 3. Minutes of Leisure Committee

To receive and confirm the Minutes of the proceedings of the Leisure Committee held on 21st September 2023 (pages 1457-1463) as a true and correct record. (Decision item)

## 4. Large Events

To receive an update following the Fireworks Event. (Information item)

## 5. Drainage Issues

To receive an update on the drainage project further to resolution 2992. (Information item)

## 6. Public Meeting

Further to resolution 3042, to inform the Committee about the Public Meeting that is being held with the SB Sports and Education Group on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023. (Decision item)

## 7. Tug of War Slats

To consider a request from the Tug of War Club for the slats to be reinstalled by the training area (Annexe 1). (Decision item)

#### **8. Leisure Committee Budget Planning**

To receive any suggestions from the Leisure Committee Members for new facilities or events that they would like to be considered in the budget plans for the next financial year.

(Decision item)

#### **9. Press and Publication Forward Plan**

To review and add Leisure elements to the press and publication forward plan as required and to receive an update on recent press articles released by the LGA media communications team on behalf of STC. (Decision item)

#### **10. Councillor Reports**

To receive verbal reports or updates as required from Borough Councillors or Councillors representing Sandhurst Town Council on outside bodies. (Information item)

#### **11. Sports Club**

To receive an update from the Sports Club. (Information item)

#### **12. Sandhurst Residents Association**

To receive updates from the Sandhurst Residents Association. (Information item)

#### **13. Sporting Clubs and Societies**

To receive updates from any other sporting and recreational groups and associations present at the meeting. (Information item)

#### **14. Next meeting**

To date of the next meeting is confirmed as 18 January 2024. (Procedural item)

ANNEXE 1: Tug of War Club - Slats	
Meeting: Leisure Committee	Date: 16th November 2023
Agenda item: 7	Author: EO

### 1. Purpose of report

To apprise the Committee of a request from the Tug of War Club.

### 2. Background

The following request has been received from the Tug of War Club-

The Tug-of-War club would like to re-instate the wooden slats that were previously used near to the gantry on the field. I think these were partially removed when the road down to the football stadium was laid.

The basic plan would be to construct the slats in sections (each section resembling a 'ladder' in shape) away from the park and then install them all at once one weekend. The 'gaps' between the slats would be filled with earth and would be repaired/refilled after each training session such that they do not constitute a trip hazard. The slats would start from near to the gantry and would run in the direction of the scout hut and therefore roughly parallel to the existing road.

We would be happy to meet at the site with council staff in order to discuss in a little more detail should you feel this would help.

### 3. Recommendation

To consider the enclosed proposal.

## Application from Sandhurst Tug of War Club to install new slats on the memorial park

Objective: The Sandhurst Tug of War Club would like to install new slats for use with their outside training facility. This would allow them to train outside all year round if required which would give them a competitive advantage over their rivals.

Background: In normal circumstances the team would train outside only during parts of the year when the ground is not too wet. The remainder of the time they would train indoors which, although beneficial, does not prepare them as well for competitions.

Proposal: To install a new set of slats in the vicinity of the outside training facility. These would be sited near to where the previous slats were and would be parallel to the road which runs down to the SB Stadium. Please refer to the diagram.

Key: Green box – approximate site of existing training facility (gantry + weights)

Grey box – approximate site of previous slats

Red box – proposed site of new slats

There are some existing slats in place but most of these were removed when the road to what is now the SB stadium was installed. The proposed slats would run parallel to the road and be offset by about a metre as there is a slight slope close to the edge of the road. The slats would be around 4 feet in width and 60 feet in length.

Installation: We propose to install these slats ourselves. They would be assembled in sections elsewhere and transported to the memorial park on the day of installation. We would expect to be able to install them within a day. The ground would be dug out such that the top of the slats would be at ground level and the gaps between each 'rung' of the slats would be filled with the previously dug out earth to make it level. They would not therefore constitute a trip hazard. Any excess earth and other waste would be removed the same day.

Post-Installation: After any training session the ground enclosed by the slats would, if necessary, be 'made good' by refilling and levelling.



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