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MINUTES of a meeting of the **Leisure & Cultural Committee** held at the Chandler Day Centre, Bagshot Road, Sunninghill on **Tuesday 16 March 2010**, at 7.00 pm.

Members present: Councillors Mrs S McKechnie (Chairman), G Clark (Vice Chairman), P Chivers, R Ellison, M Hunter, Mrs S Jones, J Yong.

In attendance: Mr D L Lupton (Clerk to the Council)

3689 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman asked for any Declarations of Interest in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct. None were declared.

3690 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 9 February 2010, were approved and signed as a correct record.

3691 GROUNDSMAN'S REPORT

Recent activity had largely been confined to general site tidying and marking of football pitches. Current tasks to be undertaken included the removal of leaves from South Ascot Village Green and cutting back of overhanging vegetation at the railside footpath behind Francis Chichester Close. The van had been serviced on 11/12 March.

3692 SITES UPDATE – items not included elsewhere in these Minutes.

ALLENS FIELD/ SOUTH ASCOT VILLAGE GREEN- nothing to report.

ALLOTMENTS – an allotment holder has reported that the site tap had sprung a leak. The repairs had been carried out in week commencing 1 March at a cost of £40, excluding VAT. One allotment holder had resigned his two half size plots, with effect from 1 April 2010, and these would now be offered to the first two people on the waiting list. The Clerk reported that an allotment holder had emailed him to ask if the Council would provide a further skip and if hens could be kept at the allotments. It was agreed that if the allotment holders had already taken up the Council's previous offer of two skips in 2008, the request should be turned down. It was further agreed that hens and other livestock should not be permitted, as the allotments were for growing plants and that they would be a nuisance to other allotment holders and to neighbours.

Post Meeting Note: Two skips had been utilised in 2008 and the Clerk has now replied to the allotment holder turning down the requests for a further skip and the keeping of hens.

BLYTHEWOOD – following a concern raised by a member as to the state of the main footpath through Blythewood, an estimate from the original contractor for necessary minor remedial works was being sought.

VERNON DRIVE - nothing to report

CEMETERY – the Clerk reported that an inaccuracy had come to light at a recent burial. Specifically, a family had purchased three adjoining plots but another (ashes) plot had been dug, incorrectly, in part of the middle plot, instead of a few feet further away. The Clerk was dealing with this appropriately, in liaison with Councillor Hunter.

CHEAPSIDE – nothing to report.

SOUTH ASCOT – nothing to report.

TOM GREEN'S FIELD – nothing to report.

VICTORY FIELD – as the site road was in a poor state, the potholes had been filled in recently at a cost of £100. A small section of the green fencing between the tennis courts and the multi court had been damaged and the necessary repairs had been carried out on 10 March. However, there had been further damage to the same section of fencing and the Groundsman had repaired this. The Assistant Groundsman had found a burnt out van at the entrance of Victory Field on Saturday 6 March and had reported this to the Police, who removed the van on the same day. The fire had damaged the large Veolia waste bin nearby and it was likely that the Council would have to replace this.

3693 FOOTBALL PITCHES- South Ascot & Victory Field

A progress meeting with the football teams would take place on the evening of Thursday 18 March.

3694 PLAYBUILDER PROJECT

The Clerk reported that Councillor Clark and himself had carried out a site visit at Cheapside on 9 March with Callum Brown of RBWM and the contractor. Although they were able to identify some areas which required making good, the visit had been of limited value as the project had not been completed. This was because some boulders had not yet been delivered. Completion of the project was still scheduled by the end of March and the Clerk was awaiting a request for a final handover meeting on site. It was agreed that the project should be publicised following completion.

3695 RoSPA ANNUAL INSPECTION

RoSPA had notified the Council that the annual inspection would take place during April and the Clerk had informed RoSPA of changes to play equipment at the four recreation areas since the last annual inspection. He would ascertain if the new Playbuilder equipment came with a RoSPA warranty.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm.

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Councillor Mrs S McKechnie, Chairman