

# **SUNNINGHILL & ASCOT PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Leisure & Cultural Committee held at the Chandler Day Centre, Bagshot Road, Sunninghill on Tuesday 22 November 2011, commencing at 7.00pm.

Members Present: Councillors R Ellison (Chairman), P Deason, B Hilton, A Nehra, S Jones, L Roberts, A Sharpe, M Turton, J Yong.

In attendance: Elizabeth Yates (Clerk to the Council)

## **4321 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Spike Humphrey and Christine Lester.

## **4322 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman asked to receive any Declarations of Interest in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct. Councillor Michelle Turton expressed an interest in the possible lighting improvements at the Changing Hut at South Ascot.

## **4323 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 October 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed as such.

## **4324 GROUNDSMAN'S REPORT AND SITES UPDATE**

The Groundsman's report and sites update was discussed. It was agreed that no further remedial works be carried out at the multi-court at Victory Field and that a replacement gate be installed at Blythewood. The on going grass cutting was noted and the Clerk informed the committee that the leaf collector had been ordered, and that leaf collecting would become a main activity.

The committee welcomed the possibility of a kiosk at Victory Field and South Ascot Recreation Ground and approved in principle the proposed improvement to lighting around South Ascot Changing Hut. Councillor Yong asked that security grills be incorporated into the design.

The Clerk was asked to provide Councillor Luke Roberts with details for the land considered for additional allotments at Cheapside so that land ownership could be ascertained, before an alternative use for the land was considered.

## **4325 SEATING FOR VICTORY FIELDS**

Two options for replacement benches for the playground at Victory Field were considered and it was agreed that a 'Brodick' 12- seater bench and a standard size 'Buddy' bench are ordered from David Ogilvie Engineering. The Clerk was asked to confirm the exact amount of Borough Councillor funding available for seating, and if within budget, to order an additional 'KC' bench, all to be located at Victory Field.

## **4326 BUDGET 2012/2013**

Further to the Council meeting held on 25 October, the projects to be undertaken in the next financial year were considered in more detail. It was agreed that the Teen Scene Shelter and Skate Park extension be recommended to Council as the priority projects and that advice be sought from the appropriate Borough officers regarding specification and location.

The Clerk was asked to inform the Fuel Allotment Trust before proceeding with projects at South Ascot Recreation Ground. Councillor Shirley Jones requested that the feasibility of installing a bench at the pond by Blythewood be looked into.

## **4327 THE DIAMOND JUBILEE**

Suggestions for celebrating the Diamond Jubilee were considered in detail. It was agreed that the Leisure Committee recommend to full Council that a working group be set up to organise an event and that this committee be jointly chaired by Councillors Ajay Nehru and Allison Sharpe; with administrative support from the Parish Office. The Chairman informed the committee that a provisional booking had been made with the Ascot Locomotive Society, as suggested at full Council. This location would be the focus for the Parish Council's celebrations. Councillor Barbara Hilton expressed an interest in joining the working group, membership of which would be opened up to all Councillors.

## **4328 THE REVISED ALLOTMENT TENANCY AGREEMENT**

Proposed revisions, from Councillor Roberts, to the tenancy agreement were considered; along with three other Town Council's agreements. It was agreed that Councillor Roberts would look at amalgamating his proposed revisions with that of Slough Town Council. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Councillor Roberts for his assistance with this matter.

It was further agreed that the Parish Council's Allotment Shield be awarded for the first time in May 2012.

## **4329 OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Sharpe suggested that public art and sculpture be looked into as a possibility for inclusion within the Parish recreation sites and that 'community art' be applied to areas with high levels of graffiti.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

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Councillor Robert Ellison, Chairman