

# 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 27 April 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.

**Apology for absence:** Councillor J Yong

**In attendance:** Mrs E Yates (Clerk to the Council) and Mr D L Lupton (Parish Office)

### **3733 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **3734 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 16 March 2010, were approved and signed as a correct record.

### **3735 GROUNDSMAN'S REPORT**

Grasscutting had now commenced and will be the principal activity over the coming months.

### **3736 SITES UPDATE – items not included elsewhere on this Agenda.**

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

**ALLOTMENTS** – further to item 3692 of the Minutes of the previous meeting, the vacant plot had now been halved and reallocated to the first two residents on the waiting list.

**BLYTHEWOOD** – further to item 3692 of the Minutes of the previous meeting, the Clerk had now obtained an estimate from the original contractor for remedial works to the main footpath. The estimate specified two options. The first involved removal of winter debris from the path and compaction with a vibrate plate at a cost of £349 (excluding VAT). The second involved using a small excavator to scrape back the top layer of the path, binding the path with a new coating of scalpings and re-compacting the top, at a cost of £1056.25 (excluding VAT). The Clerk reported that she had met the contractor on site who advised that the first option was the most cost-effective. Councillor Clark reported that the path had improved since the winter. However, the Chairman suggested that it was important to ensure the path stayed in good condition. Therefore it was agreed that the need for such remedial works be re-considered after the PlayBuilder project had been completed and any works considered necessary be carried out before the winter.

**VERNON DRIVE** - nothing to report.

**CEMETERY** – the Clerk gave a progress report on the inaccuracy that came to light at a recent burial and which was reported at the previous meeting- item 3692 of the Minutes of that meeting refers.

**CHEAPSIDE** – nothing to report.

**SOUTH ASCOT** – nothing to report.

**TOM GREEN'S FIELD** – nothing to report.

**VICTORY FIELD** – further to item 3692 of the Minutes of the previous meeting, the large Veolia waste bin had been replaced, following the damage caused by the burnt out van. The net cost was £122.

### **3737 FOOTBALL PITCHES- South Ascot & Victory Field**

Notes of the meeting with the football teams, held on 18 March, were tabled at the meeting. The Clerk reported that the agreed programme of works for 2010/11 had commenced in April, with pitch aeration, goalmouth treatment and fertiliser application. The goalposts would be removed in week commencing 3 May and would, again, be stored by our contractor.

### **3738 PLAYBUILDER PROJECT**

The Clerk reported that the Cheapside project had been completed in time for the Easter holidays and had been publicised.

All making good, due to be undertaken by the contractor, had now been completed. However, the Chairman had requested an estimate for the re-seeding of certain areas so as enhance the grass quality. The Clerk had obtained this quote at a cost of £488.45 (excluding VAT). This was approved and would be undertaken when weather conditions allowed. The Clerk reported that the Blythewood project commenced on 26 April and that local residents had been informed.

### **3739 LITTER BINS**

Three quotations for replacing the litter bins at our recreation sites (included in the Budget for 2010/11) had been obtained. Following consideration by the Committee, approval was given to the Broxap Derby Range at a cost of £7, 916.10 (excluding VAT), as this was 'best value'. The Clerk to action.

### **3740 RoSPA ANNUAL INSPECTION**

The annual RoSPA inspection, due in April, had yet to be received. Meanwhile, the Clerk reported that the first of the agreed half yearly inspections by Record RSS had been undertaken on 25 March and the report, dated April 2010, had been received. It was agreed that following the RoSPA inspection, the Chairman and Clerk would meet to consider the outcome and report back to the Committee.

### **3741 OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Vote of Thanks**

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Mr Lupton for his hard work and support during his time as Clerk.

#### **Vote of Thanks**

Councillor Clark asked that the Parish Council formally thank Mr. S Yates for his assistance in checking on the football pitches during the weekends and advising as to closure.

#### **Trees at Blythewood**

The Clerk informed the meeting that a resident of Prince Andrew Way, Ascot had requested that the Parish Council cut back trees by his property. Mr Lupton reported that he had met with the Borough's tree officer on site and that she had informed the Parish Council that permission would be required to undertake such works as the trees were subject to Tree Preservation Orders. Furthermore, such permission was unlikely to be granted as the trees were not considered dangerous or dying and that such works would be detrimental to the health of the trees. Another resident of Prince Andrew Way had also requested such works and the tree officer was due to visit that property on 6 May. She would let the Clerk know of her decision and based on this, the Clerk would write to the original resident informing him of the Parish's decision.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.28pm.

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Councillor Mrs S McKechnie, Chairman