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Minutes of a meeting of the **Leisure & Cultural Committee** held at the Chandler Day Centre, Bagshot Road, Sunninghill on **Tuesday 8 June 2010, commencing at 7.00 pm.**

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

Apology for absence: Councillor M Hunter

In attendance: Mrs E Yates (Clerk to the Council), Mr B Humphreys (Assistant Clerk to the Council)

3788 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3789 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE LEISURE AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The Chairman nominated Councillor G Clark as Vice-Chairman. Councillor J Yong seconded this and it was agreed unanimously that Councillor G Clark be re-elected as Vice-Chairman for the next year.

3790 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 27 April, were approved and signed as a correct record.

3791 GROUNDS OPERATION REPORT

The report, as previously circulated, was considered. The Chairman asked that for future meetings significant matters, such as 'safe working practices' and the Massey Ferguson tractor were separately identified within the agenda. After discussion it was agreed that costings for a uniform for the grounds staff be tabled at the next meeting for consideration.

3792 SITES UPDATE – items not included elsewhere on this Agenda.

ALLENS FIELD/ SOUTH ASCOT VILLAGE GREEN- a broken fence post had been repaired at a cost of £89.00 (excluding VAT).

ALLOTMENTS – nothing to report.

BLYTHEWOOD – progress regarding the Play Builder Project was reported on by the Chairman. The Clerk raised resident concerns about the appearance at Jones Corner.

VERNON DRIVE - nothing to report

CEMETERY – the Assistant Clerk reported on proposals for improvement at the cemetery. Particular concerns were discussed regarding the accuracy of the site plan, the state of the trees and the need to enhance the layout, pathways and notice board. Whilst accepting the need to continually improve Parish services, committee were mindful of budget constraints and the need to ensure the prudent use of resources. It was agreed that a site survey be undertaken by the Parish Office and that Councillor J Yong meet with the Assistant Clerk to ascertain the most appropriate software needed. It was also agreed that the Clerk arrange for a tree survey to be undertaken and that any proposals arising be considered at the next meeting. The Clerk also agreed to obtain costings for alternative pathway enhancements and for a replacement notice board, for consideration at the next meeting.

CHEAPSIDE – nothing to report.

SOUTH ASCOT – the Clerk reported on the success of the Play Ranger Scheme held every Monday afternoon for children aged 8 – 12 years.

TOM GREEN'S FIELD – nothing to report.

VICTORY FIELD – tiles to the Pavilion roof had been repaired at a cost of £320.00 (excluding VAT).

3793 FOOTBALL PITCHES- South Ascot & Victory Field

Renewal forms for next Season had been sent out by the Parish Office. An additional team, North Ascot FC, had been invited to fill a vacancy at Victory Field on Sunday mornings, with the consent of the current team with whom they would share this usage. The Clerk informed the meeting that the over-seeding of the pitches had been carried out on 8 June, in line with the approved programme of works.

3794 PLAYBUILDER PROJECT

The Chairman and Clerk gave a report on progress. Works at Blythewood had been completed and the RoSPA inspection undertaken. Concerns about anti-social behaviour had been reported by neighbours and it was agreed that costings for CCTV be tabled at the next meeting for consideration.

3795 LITTER BINS

The litter bins would be installed on Friday 11 June.

3796 RoSPA ANNUAL INSPECTION

The annual RoSPA inspection had been received. The Chairman and Clerk reported on necessary action and the list of remedial works tabled at the meeting were approved. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to obtain further costings for a replacement slide for the multi-play unit at Victory Field, that had been burnt, and for a band of wet pour around the edge of the multi-play unit at South Ascot that had lifted due to the winter weather.

3797 OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish had received the Borough's Milestones Statement: Annual Review 2010/11, a copy of which was available at the Parish Office or on the Borough's web site.

The Clerk informed the meeting that all councillors had been invited to a 'Big Lunch' in Cheapside on Sunday 18 July, from 1 – 4pm. Further details were available at the Parish Office.

There being no further business , the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

Councillor Mrs S McKechnie