



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday 13 March 2019 at 7pm

The Harlington

PRESENT

Councillors:

Paul Einchcomb (Chairman)
Leslie Holt
Kathy Jasper
Bob Schofield
Sue Tilley
George Woods
Jonathan Wright
Peter Wildsmith

Also Present

Janet Stanton-Town Clerk
Alex Robins-General Manager The Harlington
Ben Crane-Facilities and Open Spaces Manager
Sian Taylor-Cemetery Officer
Sheila Rayner-Committee Clerk

Representative of Friends of Ancells
Representative of Friends of Basingbourne
Representative of Friends of Oakley Park

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Chenery ,Oliver and Wildsmith

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings of the RLA committee held on Wednesday 19 December 2018 and the extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 6 February 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

It was confirmed that financial matters were under discussion with The Football Club(item 9) and HDC would not be supplying benches (item 11) (Minutes 19 December 2018)

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 5 THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE

The report of the General Manager of the Harlington for the period Dec 2018 –Feb 2019 was presented and the following matters were discussed:

- Harlington plumbing issues were currently under control
- The need to advertise the availability of Ancells community centre both on the building and on the FTC website
- The satisfactory ticket sales across the Harlington events

RESOLVED

To note the report

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 6 FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES MANAGER'S REPORT

Members received the report of the FOSM for the Dec 2018- Feb 2019 quarter

The report was discussed and in particular:

- Confirmation of the re- appointment of the Service Contractor for Ancells Farm
- The dramatic increase in the number of trees to be removed following the tree survey
- trees identification in Basingbourne (Friends of Basingbourne rep)
- The disposal of felled tree remains
- The absence of Ancells from the South and South East in Bloom entries
- Replacement trees in Ancells

There followed careful consideration of the condition survey report by ROSPA on the Ancells Farm zip wire

Members commented that although the report appeared to be thorough it was confusing. It suggested that the highest risk was the timber with all other elements presenting medium or low risk. It concluded that refurbishment of the equipment would be likely to prove not to be cost effective but that the borders to the rubbered area could be repaired

Members expressed concern that the two ROSPA reports appeared to contain differences and had not displayed a standard approach. The officers stated that the weekly Grounds Maintenance reports did show a deterioration in play equipment during this period

Following careful consideration it was

RESOLVED

- a) That officers be instructed to obtain three quotes from contractors with their proposals based on the report as well as a visual inspection
- b) That a letter be sent to ROSPA expressing concern about the differences between their two reports which were only nine months apart and seeking confirmation that ROSPA operates all inspections on the same standards

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 7 CEMETERY OFFICER'S REPORT

The members considered the report of the Cemetery Officer which provided an update on a range of matters.

The following matters were discussed:

- The proposal to arrange a future visit to the cemetery and new Garden of Remembrance for members
- The proposed content of a cemetery brochure
- Research of penalties following disturbance or nuisance in the cemetery
- Proposed tidying up of area to the rear of the ashes plots
- Arrangements and requirements regarding the Garden of Remembrance to be included in the proposed cemetery brochure

RESOLVED

To confirm the existing Rules and Regulations of Fleet Cemetery and to note the Cemetery Officer's report

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 8 FRIENDS OF ANCELLS FARM – REQUEST FOR S106 FUNDING

Further to the P & F Committee held on 18 February 2019 when a sum of £2,900 was approved, the P&F Committee had asked the RLA Committee to consider a request for an application to be submitted to HDC for S106 funding to be approved to fund the remainder of the project

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

- a) That a **RECOMMENDATION** be made to Council seeking authority to apply to HDC for S106 funding to finance the remainder of the Ancells pathway and that the project be added to FTCs list of S106 projects and re-submitted to HDC
- b) That the Royal Engineers at Gibraltar Barracks be asked if assistance is available to install bridges

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 9 EVENT APPLICATION- BREAKPOINT 2019

The members considered an application from Breakpoint to launch a tennis event/fund raiser in Calthorpe Park to raise awareness of mental health issues.

RESOLVED

To approve the application for Breakpoint to launch a tennis event/ fund raiser event in Calthorpe Park on 1 June 2019 subject to the usual event conditions and the provision of a refundable bond of £1,000(with discretion granted to the Town Clerk if necessary)

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 10 COVENANT AT CALTHORPE PARK

Following concerns expressed by a local resident, the members considered and reviewed the enforcement policy relating to the Covenant at Calthorpe Park.
The members were reminded of the major elements of the covenant

The members discussed the background and application of the terms of the covenant and were satisfied that FTC were not in contravention

RESOLVED

That FTC was satisfied that the covenant was the subject of practical enforcement, whilst applying common sense, to allow for the provision of reasonable amenities for the residents of Fleet

RLA Dec 2018 ITEM 11 CALTHORPE PARK LAND SURVEY

Standing Orders were waived to allow the members considered a report by Terramech Investigations Ltd regarding a proposal for a land survey in Calthorpe Park. Details of the drilling depth were discussed together with the absence of information about the history of the site. The company was available to be on site within two weeks with five drill holes capable of being drilled in a working day.

RESOLVED

- a) To authorise a land survey at Calthorpe Park in the area of the proposed play area by Terramech Investigations Ltd in the sum of £6,249 to be funded from RLA budgets or from Park Improvements Earmarked Reserves, if necessary
- b) Arrangements for the proposed survey to be uploaded onto the FTC website for the information of local residents

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 12 CALTHORPE PARK PLAY AREA TENDER

Members noted a report on the tender with a closing date of 25 April 2019. Moderation of the project will take place on Tuesday 7 May 2019 and a recommendation from the Moderating Panel will be presented to Annual Council on 8 May 2019

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 13 FUTURE EVENTS

Members noted the following future events:

17 March 2019	Calthorpe Park	Fleet Half Marathon
6 April 2019	Basingbourne Park	Easter Egg Hunt
4 May 2019	Calthorpe Park	Fleet Fun Walk-Rotary Club
5 May 2019	Ancells Farm	Faulkners Arms Family Fun Day
18 May 2019	Town centre and parks	Fleet Action Day
22-23 June 2019	The Views	Fleet Food Festival-BID
26-30 June 2019	The Views	Circus World
7 July 2019	Calthorpe Park	Fleet Carnival
13 July 2019	The Views Skate park	Scam Jam event
TBA	Oakley Park	Summer fete –Friends of Oakley Park
27-28 July 2019	The Views	Skate park painting-Fleet Phoenix
11 July-29 Aug 2019	The Views	Summer Scam Fleet Phoenix Every Thurs
8 September 2019	Calthorpe Park	Ride Fleet 20
2 November 2019	Calthorpe Park	Firework Fiesta- Fleet Lions

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 14 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk reported that the installation of a path between Kings Road and Oakley Park had been identified and approval has been sought from HCC to use the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 HCC Lengthsman Scheme funding of £6,600.

The Lions were also considering making a financial contribution.

The members supported the scheme and agreed to

RESOLVE that

Subject to attracting funds from the Lions, to proceed with the scheme, and in the absence of HCC approval to apply the Lengthsman scheme funding, the RLA committee to determine the appropriate budget heading

Noted that Cllr Einchcomb and Tilley would assist at the opening of tenders for the Harlington Condition Survey on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 12.30pm

RLA Mar 2019 ITEM 15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday 19 June 2019 at the Harlington at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman.....Date.....

