



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday 20 June 2018 at 8.15pm

The Harlington

PRESENT

Councillors:

Paul Einchcomb (Chairman)
Ruth Ashworth
Grahame Chenery
Leslie Holt
Kathy Jasper
Alan Oliver
Bob Schofield
Sue Tilley
Peter Wildsmith
George Woods
Jonathan Wright

Also Present

Janet Stanton-Town Clerk
Ben Crane-Facilities and Open Spaces Manager
Sian Taylor-Cemetery Officer
Sheila Rayner-Committee Clerk

Mike Bye-Friends of Oakley Park
Dave Harrison-Friends of Basingbourne

RLA June 2018 ITEM 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Einchcomb was elected chairman of the committee for the local government year 2018-2019

RLA June 2018 ITEM 2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Woods was elected vice-chairman of the committee for the local government year 2018-2019

RLA June 2018 ITEM 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology for absence from Cllr Oliver

RLA June 2018 ITEM 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

RLA June 2018 ITEM 5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The representatives of the Friends of Basingbourne and Friends of Oakley Park, thanked FTC for their help with the preparation for South and South East in Bloom judging.

It was confirmed that the FOBP would also like to discuss the installation of a 4 way springer in the park with FTC

RLA June 2018 ITEM 6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Having clarified the situation regarding the timber bollards in Ancells Park and corrected FOAP to read FOAF (item 8), the minutes of the meeting of the RLA committee held on Wednesday 14 March 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Arising from the minutes the members were updated on Friends of Ancells Farm project (item 8) and The Woodland Explorers (item 13)

Cllr Einchcomb welcomed new members of the committee for the local government year 2018/2019

RLA June 2018 ITEM 7 THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE

The report of the General Manager of the Harlington for the period April–June 2018 was presented and the following matter was discussed:

- The great success of a recent gig
- The urgency of arranging a food hygiene inspection as soon as possible and keeping members updated on this and the cost implications of an inspection
- Disappointment that the same level of success year on year at the Harlington was unlikely to be replicated- the possibility of the need for a business plan to address should be considered
- Demand for summer dance show hires
- Cancellation of a private hire booking
- Continuing success of the Jazz Club

RESOLVED

To note the report

RLA June 2018 ITEM 8 FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES MANAGER'S REPORT

Members received the report of the FOSM for the April-June quarter

The report was discussed and in particular:

- A letter from an Ancells resident regarding a gate being left open
- The programming of works to the urinals and the recarpeting of the corridor to be synchronised
- Need to re-stain the benches in The Views (Cllr Chenery offered to undertake this task)
- Need to add a stirring implement to equipment provided on Action Days
- Need to check that all circus notices have now been removed
- The installation of a CCTV camera at park pavilions and the need to carry out a survey of parks CCTV signage

- Clarification of the timescale for installation of Basingbourne Play area culminating in a scheduled completion by the end of September 2018
- Differing grass cutting standards by HCC/HDC/FTC at Ancells and the suggestion that the Grounds Maintenance contractor be asked to provide a quote to maintain all the grassed areas in Ancells Park
- The need to update some noticeboards which are in a bad condition
- Appreciation for the speed with which Himalayan Balsam weed was cleared from Basingbourne near the canal
- 186 completed survey forms for Calthorpe play equipment and the timescale for completion of the project
- Ensuring damage is not incurred by hirers of The Views

RESOLVED

To note the report of the FOSM

RLA June 2018 ITEM 9 CEMETERY OFFICER'S REPORT

The members considered the report of the Cemetery Officer which provided an update on the following matters:

- Scouts, Cubs and Beavers
- Garden of Remembrance update and stage 1 detail with work scheduled to start in August with stage 1 completed by end of September 2018
- South and South East in Bloom

RESOLVED

To note the report of the Cemetery Officer and approve the proposals relating to the Garden of Remembrance and its inclusion on the contract finder website

RLA June 2018 ITEM 10 PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

The members considered the previously approved capital works programme. Members commented that many of the items listed were minor works or general maintenance and should not be included as a capital project but that provision should be made for these schemes in the RLA budget.

There was a lengthy discussion including:

- The need to update the figures
- The removal of decorations and repairs from the list
- The need to talk to Friends of Groups to obtain their priority for projects in the adopted park development plans
- Definition of short/medium/long term
- Support for a bandstand in the Views
- Possibility of a crazy golf/putting green for young people and families in Calthorpe Park
- An invitation to members to submit any requests for items to be included in the draft 2019/2010 draft budget by the end of July

RESOLVED

That a revised schedule of capital works , incorporating Park Development Plan projects, to be submitted to the next RLA committee in September 2018

RLA June 2018 ITEM 11 EVENT- HAMPSHIRE AND SURREY KETTLERCISE

The members considered an application from Hampshire and Surrey Kettlercise to use Basingbourne Park on Mondays from Monday 23 July 2018-Monday 3 September 2018 from 6.45pm-8pm

RESOLVED

To approve the application from Hampshire and Surrey Kettlercise to use Basigbourne Park on Mondays from Monday 23 July-Monday 3 September 2018

RLA June 2018 ITEM 12 TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

The Town Clerk updated the members on a range of matters:

- Christmas switch on will be held on Wednesday 28 November 2018. The BID proposed a lantern parade through the town with rolling road closures up to The Emporium and then from the Emporium to the Oatsheaf and stalls within the shopping centre
- 2019/2020 Budget preparation. Members were asked to submit any items for inclusion in the draft budget by Friday 27 July 2018
- Tour of parks etc will meet at 9.30am at the Harlington on Saturday 23 June 2018
- New Fleet Guide currently being delivered to all households
- Events
 - Calthorpe Park football event was successful
 - The Food Festival will be held 23/24 June 2018
 - Carnival on 7/8 July 2018
 - Fleet Ride 9 September 2018 in Calthorpe Park
 - Silent Cinema will be held in the Views on 11 August and 28 September 2018

RESOLVED

The Town Clerk be authorised to write formally to the Chairman of Fleet BID expressing the Councils wish for a traditional, community, family-based event rather than a retail promotion event involving the Hart shopping centre in time for the BID board meeting on 28 June 2018

RLA June 2018 ITEM 13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at the Harlington at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 pm

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