



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday 16 September 2015
The Harlington

PRESENT

Councillors:

Paul Einchcomb (Chairman)
Steve Cante
Denis Gotel
Kathy Jasper
Alan Oliver
Bob Schofield

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

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

The Chairman, Cllr Einchcomb, passed the congratulations of the Council to the Friends of Oakley Park who had achieved a prestigious award at the recent South and South East in Bloom Award Ceremony. He also referred to the success of Ancells Farm and thanked all those members of the local communities who had worked so hard to contribute to these successes

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There was an apology for absence from Cllr Wright

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The representative of Friends of Oakley Park, requested the repair or replacement of the wooden tyre swing in the park which had become corroded ground level

The representative of The Friends of Basingbourne referred to concerns regarding the decline in the number of scarce plants following drainage works in Basingbourne Park. The Town Clerk gave an assurance that the wildlife and conservation expert from HDC would be invited to assist in the future drainage work project

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Following confirmation of the budget for The Views Sensory Garden (item 10) as £37,000+£18,000, which was reported to Full Council on 2 September 2015, and the correction to the name of Cllr Denis Gotel, the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2015, were approved and signed by the Chairman

ITEM 5 THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

The General Manager of the Harlington presented his report covering the quarter July-September 2015.

Alex advised members that the new Food and Beverage Manager, Mary Williams, had now taken up post.

Various aspects of the report were discussed including the various types of events and marketing arrangements. Members accepted that presenting new types of shows carried an inherent risk so losses were inevitable on occasions

The lead in the Christmas 2015 Panto had been named as George Sampson, a previous winner of 'Britain's Got Talent'. Various issues were discussed regarding the pantomime regarding audience capacity at the performances, ticket sales (which were up on 2014), press coverage, and the introduction of adult only shows,

It was confirmed that any impact of the opening of the Church Crookham Village Hall on The Harlington, would be monitored

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

Cllr Schofield entered the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.25pm

ITEM 6 FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES MANAGER'S REPORT

The members received and considered the report of the Facilities and Open Spaces Manager.

The report dealt with a range of matters that had been dealt with since the last meeting and specifically :

- A request that the overgrown areas around drain covers in Calthorpe Park be cleared(Cllr Oliver to provide evidence)
- Issues regarding overgrown hedges in Kings Road and Glen Road (Cllr Jasper advised to inform HDC)
- Effects of the bad weather on Calthorpe Pavilion
- Reminder to inform HDC of incidents of local flooding to help build a database
- Dangerous tree near Larmer Close-thought to be in Church Crookham on Sentinel land

RESOLVED

That the report be noted

ITEM 7 CEMETERY OFFICER'S REPORT

Following on from the detailed discussion at the last meeting held on 17 June 2015 (item7), The Cemetery Officer presented a report on the costings and proposals for the various works that had been agreed

It was suggested that the rules and regulations for gravediggers should be extended to include Funeral Directors

RESOLVED

- a) To approve the rules and regulations for Funeral Directors, Grave Diggers and Stone Masons
- b) To approve the central shelter project to upgrade the hut at a cost of £2000 (£200 + £550 + £1250)-cost code 350 - 4943
- c) To approve the re-turfing of the lawn cemetery area at a cost of £1027.80 plus VAT-cost code 350-4202(Additional Grounds Maintenance)

ITEM 8 GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE UPDATE

It was reported that the Cemetery Working Party had met several times to formulate proposals for the Garden of Remembrance.

The first phase proposed new benches, with an archway and meandering footpaths with two walls supporting a water feature and the addition of seating areas and small bridges. Ditches were to contain gravel with ornamental grasses.

It was confirmed that the scheme was within budget and would be displayed for public comment at the Open Day on 31 October 2015 with a view to a recommendation being presented to members and work commencing in the Spring 2016

ITEM 9 CALTHORPE PARK LANDSCAPE PROPOSAL UPDATE

It was reported that an 'ideas' meeting had been held immediately before the Committee meeting when earlier ideas regarding parking in Merivale Road and a new pavilion had been resurrected. New ideas envisaged the better use of the football club car park and pockets of play areas within the park, an open vista and improved accessibility to a wider community

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be authorised to obtain the necessary materials to be able to obtain public feedback on the proposals at the Open Day on 31 October 2015

ITEM 10 THE VIEWS-SENSORY GARDENS UPDATE

The proposals for the Sensory Garden in The Views were presented with the introduction of colourful plants and flowers, improved management of the existing vegetation, installation of seats and a trail post

RESOLVED

- a) The proposals(with the deletion of the illustrative link to the town centre) , be displayed for public comment at the Open Day on 31 October 2015
- b) Following public consultation, The Town Clerk be authorised arrange for the preparation of a contract
- c) The Town Clerk be authorised to seek release of the S106 funding held by HDC

ITEM 11 FLEET FUTURE/FLEET TOWN COUNCIL OPEN DAY

Members were reminded that a joint Open Day with Fleet Future would be held on Saturday 31 October 2015 at the Harlington followed by a period in the following week in the Hart Shopping Centre .

In order to make the best use of space it was noted that it may prove necessary to make use of an area in the Coffee Shop

Members of the relevant Working Groups were reminded that volunteers would be required to help man the displays at the Open Day. Cllrs Einchcomb, Jasper, Oliver and Schofield confirmed their availability

RESOLVED

- a) The following schemes be displayed at the Open Day on 31 October 2015
 - Sensory Garden, The Views
 - Garden of Remembrance, The Cemetery
 - Landscaping in Calthorpe Park
 - The Harlington
- b) Members of the relevant Working Groups inform the Town Clerk of their availability to man a display at the Open Day on 31 October 2015

ITEM 12 TENNIS REPORT

The members noted a report on the introduction of the new on-line tennis booking service

ITEM 13 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk reported:

- The presentation of prizes by Cllr Jasper at the Fleet and Church Crookham In Bloom ceremony on 19 September 2015
- Arrangements so far for the Christmas festivities
- New signage in the cemetery
- Launch of the basket ball hoop at Ancells
- Paths in Oakley Park
- The need for volunteers to help switch on 25 November 2015 (Email to be sent to Mike Bye to assist with recruitment of volunteers)
- The need for Remembrance Sunday volunteers

ITEM 14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 December 2015 at 7pm at The Harlington

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman