



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Wednesday 18 April 2012 7.30pm
The Harlington**

PRESENT Councillors	Paul Einchcomb (Chairman) Alan Oliver Sue Fisher Bob Schofield George Woods	Helen Perthen Grahame Chenery Alastair Hill Sue Tilley
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Also Present

Alex Robins – Operations Manager (for part of the meeting.)
Kitty Yarwood – Sports and Recreation Officer (for part of the meeting.)
Janet Stanton – Acting Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner- Committee Clerk

Representatives of The Friends of Ancells Farm and The Faulkner Arms

ITEM 1 - April /2012/RLA: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Forster

ITEM 2 – April/ 2012/RLA: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest (personal) were declared:

Cllr Woods Personal Interest in Items 5,6,7. Ancells Farm
Cllr Fisher Personal Interest in Item 6 Oakley Park
Cllr Chenery Personal Interest Item 6 Calthorpe Park

ITEM 3 –April 2012/RLA : QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public

ITEM 4 – April 2012/RLA : MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

With the amendment to para 4 (c) change 'pavilion' to 'pond', para 6 add new garden' behind Ancells Community Centre', para 7 amend 'Hall' to 'Hill', para10 amend final point to 'NEAP/LEAP'

RESOLVED

To receive and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the RLA committee meeting held on the 21 March 2012.

ITEM 5 – April 2012/RLA : THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

The Committee received a report from the Harlington Manager.

The members discussed the proposals regarding the installation of a television in the café during the Olympics. As there was some uncertainty regarding the proposal it was agreed that the Chairman and The Harlington Manager should check the minutes to clarify the situation with a view to presenting options to the next meeting.

The proposed launch of the garden at Ancells Farm was discussed with a request that the proposed invitation list be agreed with Cllr Woods and that the availability of key invitees be checked before a date was set. It was understood that the event would be held during the coming two weeks.

In response to a question the Harlington Manager confirmed that the availability of grant funding was being checked before the new chairs for Ancells Community Centre were ordered.

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

ITEM 6- SPORTS AND RECREATION REPORT

The Committee received the report of the Sports Officer.

Events

There was a discussion regarding the use of parks for events and the Committee made a request that a draft policy on the use of the parks for events be presented to a future meeting.

The Committee also considered the request for the Wish upon a Star Fundraiser event

RESOLVED

That the Committee approve the event to be held on 6 May 2012 at Ancells Farm with a bond of £1000.

Prop Cllr Woods
Sec Cllr Chenery

Tennis

The Committee considered the information provided regarding income from casual tennis. There was further discussion regarding the takings connected with tennis coaching and the committee requested a report back which explored alternative ways of funding the provision of tennis coaching which prevented a financial loss in future years.

RESOLVED

**That casual tennis on courts 5 and 6, be free of charge over the two weeks of Wimbledon
25 June-8 July 2012, on a trial basis**

Expenditure in Parks

The expenditure on each of the parks was noted but members requested that at future meetings the total historic expenditure be presented and updated at each subsequent meeting.

Oakley and Basingbourne paths

Members were concerned that timber edges to paths were seen as a trip hazard and asked the Sports Officer to request Nigel Jeffries to inspect the same finish at Fleet Pond which had proved to be very satisfactory.

Benefits of QE11 status

The Sports Officer reported on the issues surrounding the benefits of obtaining QE11 status for Calthorpe Park. Having considered the advice of NALC which questioned the wisdom as the park has the benefit of a covenant which protects its status.

RESOLVED

That after careful consideration the Council does not proceed with any application to secure QE11 status for Calthorpe Park

Prop Cllr Woods
Sec Cllr Hill

Funding bids

In view of the findings of the survey carried out by the Sports Officer it was agreed that the question of Youth Shelters should be raised by Cllr Tilley in her meeting with the Hampshire Youth Service , with a view to replacing the Youth Shelter in the S106/CIL projects list with a MUGA (multi-use games area). The view of the local police should also be sought.

Maintenance of parks

In considering the proposals regarding the repair to the skatepark at The Views it was agreed that the Sports Officer obtain views and quotes from skatepark suppliers to secure the longer term repair to the skatepark.

Members also requested that the display of signage that skateboarding was at the users own risk should also be checked was in place

Shoretrax

Members noted an estimate for £60-£70k for phase 1 and 2. It was noted that further discussions with Shoretrax and other providers were ongoing and members suggested that contact be made with The Look-Out at Bracknell to seek their advice/views on the provision of such facilities.

Olympics

During discussion it was suggested that contact be made with the local RFU reps and the Canoeing club at Mytchett.

ITEM 7 – April 2012/RLA ANCELLS FARM PLAY AREA

The committee considered a request from the Friends of Ancells Farm that FTC purchase a Slide and Trim Trail to be located in the position agreed at the last meeting with a grant of £6350.25 from the Friends of Ancells Farm.

RESOLVED

That FTC purchase a slide and trim trail for installation in Ancells Farm Play Area and to receive a grant from Friends of Ancells Farm of £6350.25

Prop Cllr Woods
Sec Cllr Perthen

ITEM 8- April 2012 /RLA : THE CLERKS REPORT

The Acting Clerk reported on further incidents of vandalism in Calthorpe Park.

An update on the arrangements for the Action Day on 21 April 2012 were also reported. In view of the poor weather forecast it was agreed that in the event of poor weather continuing to be forecast by Friday 20 April 2010 then the Action Day be postponed until Saturday 19 May 2012 at 9.30am

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The date and time of the next meeting is 7.30 Wednesday 16 May 2012 at the Harlington.

Signed.....

Date:.....