



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7pm

The Harlington

PRESENT

Councillors:

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

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

The Chairman opened the meeting by inviting the officers to report on the outcome of the recent South and South East in Bloom Awards ceremony:

Basingbourne Conservation Area	Gold
Basingbourne Park	Gold
Oakley Park Conservation Area	Silver Gilt
Calthorpe Park	Silver Gilt
Fleet Cemetery	Silver Gilt
Friends of Oakley Park	Level 5 -outstanding
Basingbourne Neighbourhood	Level 5 –outstanding
Our Community	Silver Gilt

The members congratulated all concerned and suggested that a press release be sent to the local press and local radio

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Having amended the minutes to show that Cllrs Jasper and Oliver were not present, the minutes of the meeting of the RLA committee held on Wednesday 20 June 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 5 THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE (taken after item 7)

The report of the General Manager of the Harlington for the period April –Aug 2018 was presented and the following matters were discussed:

- The imminent hygiene inspection of the Coffee Shop at no cost
- Plumbing issues in one of the disabled toilets
- The 5 Harlington boilers with one of these now being used for spares
- Description of which shows were seated, which were partially standing and which were all standing , all for business reasons
- The car park management fee levied as a contribution for the car park at Ancells Farm. Arising from this, members asked the officers to request the Tesco Land Agent to seek a greater proportion of the cost to be met by Tesco

RESOLVED

To note the report

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 6 FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES MANAGER'S REPORT

Members received the report of the FOSM for the June –Aug 2018 quarter

The report was discussed and in particular:

- Preparations for Traveller incursions . Costs had been obtained by the Town Clerk, from the Grounds Maintenance contractor to secure timber bollards but the members asked for a revised cost for metal bollards. Arising from this the officers were asked to seek other ideas and costs from the Grounds Maintenance contractor to safeguard the land behind the shops at Ancells Farm
- Timetable for the implementation of the Calthorpe Park play area . Arising from this members acknowledged that additional manpower resources could be made available if necessary. The Town Clerk to report back to members in 2 weeks on a suggested timescale
- Imminent Calthorpe Park Traffic Order to secure parking in bays, 3 hour stay, no return within 3 hours, applicable Monday-Friday
- Lights on the war memorial to light up at dusk each day
- Basingbourne Play area -4 week programme
- Condition of the Calthorpe Park pavilion

RESOLVED

To note the report of the FOSM

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 7 CEMETERY OFFICER'S REPORT (taken after item 4)

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

- Garden of Remembrance. Arising from this, members were asked to suggest a name for the proposed arch- the Cemetery Working Group view to be sought and then emailed round to RLA members. The proposed stone seats were thought not to enhance the setting and a selection of alternatives also to be presented to the Cemetery Working Group.

RESOLVED

To note the report of the Cemetery Officer

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 8 PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

The members reviewed a list of capital works for submission to HDC for S106 funding to be considered. Members discussed the S106 tests which would need to be satisfied before the funds would be applied.

RESOLVED

With the deletion of decorations to Ancells Farm Community Centre, the members approved the list of capital works for submission to HDC in readiness for possible future S106 funding

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 9 FLEET TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB -TREE TRIMMING QUOTE

Further to the Council decision on 5 September 2018 (item 8 refers), members were advised that a quote of £350 + VAT had been obtained for the trimming of trees in association with the club's replacement of the netting behind the goals at Fleet Town Football Club.

In connection with this it was reported that eight members had volunteered to serve on the ad hoc Fleet Town Football Club Working Group which was scheduled to meet with representatives of the football club to discuss matters relating to the Club's finances and the lease issues.

Following discussion regarding the need to ensure that the nets are replaced immediately the trees are trimmed, it was

RESOLVED

- a) To approve the acceptance of the quote of £350 + VAT by FTC to proceed with the tree trimming in association with the club's replacement of the netting behind the goals at Fleet Town Football Club
- b) To establish an ad hoc Fleet Town Football Club working group comprising Cllrs Chenery, Jasper, Oliver, Robinson, Schofield, Wheale, Wildsmith and Woods. In the first instance Cllrs Einchcomb, Oliver and Schofield , to meet with representatives of the FTFC at the FTC offices, and report back to the working group to formulate a recommendation to Council

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 10 APPLICATION FOR A WEDDING IN OAKLEY PARK

The members considered an application from a local resident to hold a wedding reception in a tipi tent in Oakley Park on 13 July 2019 and the use of the facilities in Oakley Park pavilion

Members were impressed with the quality of the application and gave very careful consideration to the issues involved. The view of the representative of Friends of Oakley Park was also sought.

Regrettably the members considered that there were strong concerns associated with the event which meant that approval would be difficult including, noise, security, parking, impact on local residents and the setting of precedent.

In view of this it was

RESOLVED

To refuse the application and suggest the Harlington as a venue

(It has since emerged that The Harlington is booked on 13 July 2019)

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 11 ROSIE AND BEAN’S CAFÉ

Members noted that Rosie and Bean’s private children’s café was held in the cricket pavilion in Calthorpe Park. It was reported that the food hygiene regulations were in compliance.

Members referred to the recently negotiated new lease with the Cricket Club which had not included the use of the accommodation by Rosie and Bean. The lease provided for the landlord’s permission to be sought for such a use.

RESOLVED

To refer the matter to the Lease Working Group with a view to it suggesting to Council that the Cricket Club be reminded of the terms of the lease and to invite an application to regularise the use of the premises by Rosie and Beans

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 12 ROSPA REPORTS

The members noted the 2018 ROSPA reports for Ancells Farm, Basingbourne Park, Edenbrook(Blackthorns and Sorrels), Calthorpe Park, Oakley Park and The Views. Any issues were of a minor nature and were being dealt with by the Grounds Maintenance contractor

RLA Sept 2018 ITEM 13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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