



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 7pm

PRESENT

Councillors: G. Chenery, P. Einchcomb (Chairman), L. Holt, E. May, A. Oliver, R. Schofield, G. Woods

Also Present: Janet Stanton – Town Clerk

Rochelle Halliday – Executive Officer (from 1st October) Clerk for meeting

Alex Robins – Harlington General Manager

Sian Taylor – Cemetery Officer

Mike Bye – Friends of Oakley Park (FoOP)

Dave Harrison – Friends of Basingbourne Park (FoBP)

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STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman gave a brief statement covering the local arrangements put in place following the passing of HM The Queen, a recent incursion by Travellers onto Ancells Farm and the success of FTC in the South and South-East in Bloom competition. He also wished Janet Stanton the outgoing Clerk well as she retires from FTC and welcomed the new Executive Officer Rochelle Halliday.

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APOLOGIES

Members received and accepted the apologies from Councillor Richmond due to previously having resigned from RLA, Councillor Tilley due to medical reasons, Councillor Fang due to work commitments and Cllr Willcocks due to ill health.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public. Members of the Friends of Groups thank the Council for the new and improved pathways at Oakley Park.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received and approved as a correct record the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15th June 2022. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

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THE CEMETERY OFFICER'S REPORT

Members received the report of the Cemetery Officer, with the following matters being discussed:

- **Parking**
 - Ongoing issue of cars parking along Cemetery Road outside the Cemetery.
 - Parking restrictions on Cemetery Road have been included in a parking order with HDC. The Parking Order is due to be issued for consultation in three weeks with the order due to be agreed by Christmas. Road markings will be installed when weather permits.
- **Lengthsman Scheme**
 - Ideas have been put forward, but no decision has been made on the residual funds.
- **New Burial Area**
 - The new plots should last approximately 10 years. There is an ongoing maintenance liability.
- **Cemetery Pathways**
 - Pathways are deteriorating and need repairing.

Members considered funding to repair and resurface a section (red section) of pathway in the Cemetery. The repair work will cost £7,965.53, the Rejuvophalt resurfacing will cost £5,669.57. Total cost £13,635.10.

The following proposal was put forward and **RESOLVED**:

1. FTC to proceed to repair and resurface the red section.

This was seconded and agreed by all Councillors.

- **Badgers**
 - FTC is awaiting expert advice on the best course of action prior to applying for the relevant licence from Natural England.

Members **RESOLVED** to

- a. Use General Reserves resulting from surplus cemetery funds for the works.
- b. To cut further costs by using infill on the ends of the green paths by using soil from the digging of graves and grass it.
- c. Note the report of the Cemetery Clerk.

Cemetery Clerk left at 7.30pm.

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THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

The report of the General Manager of the Harlington for the period June - August 2022 was presented. Members discussed the following:

- The forecast on projections for The Harlington. Currently a £50K shortfall against whole budget, which is an improvement on previous projections.
- Performances are affected nationwide, sales are slow but starting to improve, autumn is the key period.
- The impact from Covid and now the cost-of-living crisis continues.
- Contractually shows can be cancelled if they are not selling well.
- Energy costs and hiring costs, if charges are raised, the venue will become uncompetitive.
- NHS vaccinations will continue to be delivered in the building until the end of 2022.
- Ancells Car park surface is deteriorating and will need repair soon, this will entail higher costs than normal.
- Plans for the Coronation will need to be considered.

RESOLVED

To note the report of the General Manager of the Harlington.

Harlington General Manager left at 7.50pm.

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FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES MANAGER'S REPORT

Members received the report of the FOSM for the June – August 2022 quarter. The following matters were discussed:

- **Parking on Baker Way/Calthorpe Park**
 - Parking on Baker Way is stopping access for pedestrians at certain times.
 - Consideration should be given to potentially amending the traffic order as the current order does not allow 'no parking' on the Cycleway. If a change is agreed, please advise Cllr Oliver at the next RLA meeting. Additional costs will be incurred for line painting, signs and advertising the traffic order.
 - The ROSPA reports identify no urgent repairs, all other repairs are manageable within budget. Issues identified in Calthorpe park are covered by the warranty.
- **The Harlington**
 - An issue has been identified in relation to The Harlington heating system, which is likely to have financial implications.
- **Basingbourne Park**
 - A picnic bench has been damaged and has been removed from site. A suitable replacement will be considered.
- **Ancells Farm – Green Gym**
 - Location of the new green gym will need careful consideration.
 - Meeting to be convened with Cllrs. Einchcomb, Woods, May, Executive Officer and FOSM to agree equipment choices and location.

Members **RESOLVED** to

- a. Consider a change to the Traffic Order in Baker Way (Calthorpe Park) at the next meeting.
- b. To establish a group to decide on the equipment and location of the Ancells Green Gym.
- c. Note the report of the Facilities and Open Spaces Manager.

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SPEED INDICATOR DISPLAYS (SIDS)

Members considered the SIDs data and made the following comments:

- The SID reports showed max speeds of 79mph in a 40mph zone, in one location and similar speeds in other areas.
- General outcome of implementing SIDS should be reported back to residents in the next Town Talk and on social media.
- FTC is currently paying a contractor to put up the SIDS however the funds are limited and additional locations may not be able to have boards installed.

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FUTURE EVENTS

Members noted the forthcoming community events.

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CLERK'S REPORT

Members received an update from the Clerk, and noted the following:

- A request to replace whips damaged during the recent Traveller incursion on Ancells Farm for the areas behind the Faulkner's Arms.
- To consider further the format for Action Days, to look at improving ways of engaging residents and targeted support to increase turnout. It was agreed that the October Action Day will not go ahead.
- A Climate Change event is taking place across Hart on 1st October.

- HDC are purchasing heat loss guns, residents' access may be co-ordinated through parish councils and a bond will be required to borrow the equipment.

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The next meeting of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee will be held on Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 7.00pm at the Harlington. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed: **Date**.....

Chairman