

SILVERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

Meeting commenced at 7.03pm

Present

- **Councillors**
 - Bruce Benyon – Chair (BB)
 - Tim Coleman – Vice Chair (TC)
 - Mark Bladon (MB)
 - Mohamad Djahanbakhsh (MD)
 - Michelle Webb (MW)
- **Clerk to Silverstone Parish Council**
 - Ross Sands (RS)

1. Apologies of absence:

- None

2. Requests for Dispensations, Declarations of Interest, Gifts and Hospitality

- None

3. Open to the public (Max. 15-minute session)

- None

4. Councillors to approve and the Chair to sign the minutes of the last Committee Meeting

- Proposed: MB
- Seconded: MW
- All Cllrs voted in favour

5. PLR Update

- BB – New police constable as PC Mel Carter transferred back to Daventry. BB has not met the new PC
- BB – Different cars are congregating in the SRA car park. BB to reach out to SRA and police be made aware. MW raised whether it would be too dark to view on CCTV
- BB – Extra police presence during Trax at Silverstone Circuit. Some speed tickets were issued

6. To receive an update on the War Memorial Restoration/Repair

- BB – War Memorial Trust advise is that we shouldn't take it down and rebuild. They also do not recommend attaching metal plaques to memorials of over 100 years. MB suggested that plaques could go on the wall behind.
- MD – asked whether the War Memorial trust offer grants for repair or restoration

7. To receive an update on the Pocket Parks

- MB/MW have met with Peter Holland and Eb Brown including what is on their wish lists, such as:
 - Signage/Repairs to signage
 - Removal of debris at Brickle Pocket Park
 - Material for paths in Brickle Pocket Park
 - Equipment Supply (e.g. Gloves)
 - Decking and pond signage
- MB/MW also discussed with Peter Holland and Eb Brown:
 - Health and safety report
 - Woodland trust
 - Olney pocket park paths
- BB clarified the main action areas to be looked into:
 - Replacement Bridge in Brickle Pocket Park
 - Signage
 - Path Grading in Brickle Pocket Park

- Path widening (to original width of paths) in Olney Pocket Park
- Decking and platform in Olney Pocket Park
- MW advised that we need a file related to pocket parks which details what we expect and what they need from the Parish Council. **Action: MW/MB to work on a memo of understanding**
- BB advised that we do have CIL money which could be used for pocket park improvements

8. To discuss green waste disposal from Pocket Parks

- MB – Currently green waste is left in the pocket parks which has some risk. Are there companies which would collect the waste free of charge or for a cost?
- MW would waste collect reduce/remove the need for the bonfires which take place in Brickle Pocket Park?
- MD suggested that a proposal be put forward to the Parish Council
- Issue with a bench in the Pocket Park. MD suggested that the RSPB may be interested in collecting. **Action: MD to contact RSPB to see if they are interested in collecting the bench**
- MB – Could community payback support in pocket parks. MB is happy to support community payback in MW absence

9. To note the Leisure Enhancement Committee Meeting Dates for 2024-25

- Monday 18 November 2024
- Monday 20 January 2025
- Monday 17 March 2025
 - Meeting Dates noted. Monday 18 November to be moved to Monday 25 November

Other Discussion

- MD – Is play equipment at pocket parks still being discussed.
- MD – We need a strategy for leisure in Silverstone. TC agreed that a strategy would be a good idea.

Next Meeting: Monday 25 November 2024

Meeting was declared closed at 7.51pm

Signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair of the Leisure Enhancement Committee

Chair:

Date: