

**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL
LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of a Meeting held via zoom on Tuesday 19th January 2021, at
8.00pm

Present

Councillor Crosbie (Chairman)
Councillor Humphrey (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Bentley

Councillor O'Brien

Councillor Miller

Councillor Massey

Councillor Kelly

Councillor Burman

Councillor Thompson

Councillor Wyatt

In attendance: Town Clerk and Open Spaces Officer

L140 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED** from Councillor Lobar and John

L141 Dispensation Considerations

No dispensation considerations requested.

L142 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Crosbie declared a Non - Pecuniary interest in Item 8 Christmas lights.

Councillor Thompson declared a Non - Pecuniary interest in Item 10 Proposed Leisure/Sporting Facility located within the Masterplan.

L143 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2020 were **APPROVED** as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman once social distancing measures are lifted.

Proposed: Councillor Humphrey

Seconded: Councillor Kelly

Vote: Carried

L144 Public Questions

No members of the public were present

L145 Budgetary Position

The current budgetary position as of 31st December 2020 was noted as attached to the agenda.

Councillor Bentley left the meeting at 8.15pm

L146 Blue Cage

Members were advised of the possible solutions which could prevent balls leaving the blue cage although the supplier advised that this was not recommended as in other areas there has been complaints from nearby

properties due to sound pollution of the ball hitting the netting which can be erected and there would be an ongoing cost of approximately £3,000 - £4,000 every 2-3 years. The issue is the location of the blue cage not the height of the cage.

Proposal: The Town Council do not do any future structural changes to the MUGA at the Village Hall and a letter will be sent to the Village Hall Chairman to suggest moving the Chip Van if required.

Proposed: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Humphrey

Vote: Carried

Councillor Bentley joined the meeting at 8.23pm

L147 Christmas Lights

It was **NOTED** the Christmas light scheme was removed 6/1/21 and on request by the Oakland Hotel the lights in the tree will remain for use during summer evenings for outdoor events.

L148 Summer Events 2021

The members discussed ideas and possible dates for events in 2021.

Proposal: Councillor Crosbie, Humphrey and Thompson will produce a financial business plan and proposal of events for the Leisure meeting on 30th March 2021.

Proposed: Councillor Massey

Seconded: Councillor Bentley

Vote: Carried

The Town Clerk stated that as there was no budget allocation for this in the 21/22 budget, a request to Policy & Resources to fund the event would be need to be made.

L149 Proposed new Leisure/Sporting Facility located within the Masterplan Development.

Proposal: To write to Chelmsford City Council to obtain clarity on the following points

- responses to the questions raised by South Woodham Ferrers Town Council at the Chelmsford Policy Board Meeting on the 14/1/21
- consideration on the future use of the land within the Masterplan and at Saltcoats Park.

Proposed: Councillor Thompson

Seconded: Councillor Massey

Vote: Carried

L150 Town Council Events

The following were **NOTED**

- Youth Club: A Youth Working Party meeting will be rearranged for Friday 22/1/21 to discuss future ideas and plans.
- Cinema Club: postponed, to be considered at 30th March 21 meeting

L151 Ping Table Adoption Scheme

It was **NOTED** Ping Pong Table has arrived at Champions Manor hall and it will be placed on the grass at the front of building for natural security after the Spring 21 or when social distance measurers are lifted.

L152 Report to Council

- Blue Cage
- Ongoing proposal for Summer Events 21
- Letter to Chelmsford City Council for clarity on the new Leisure/Sporting Facility within the Masterplan.

L153 Media Coverage

Nothing to report.

L154 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee will be on 30th March 2021 8pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Meeting

Date: 30th March 2021