

## AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

10 November 2008

Committee Members present: Cllrs D Keeley (Chairman), L Baldock, (Vice Chairman), J Atkins, C Block, Mrs S Boakes, Mrs B Keeley, Miss A Moloney, J Tucker, L Withey, Ms K Woolley  
Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public present: Mr Baldwin, Mr J Boyce, Mr Pollington, Mrs Doorey, Mr Hickmott

1. Apologies for absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs B Brown, Mrs D Crook, C Grayhurst.
2. Declarations of Interest  
Cllr Miss A Moloney – Community Association.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 September 2008
  - 3.1 Item 8 – The bench has been installed in Nevill Park.
4. Questions from the Public
  - 4.1 Mr Pollington asked several questions regarding the Bowls Club.  
Cllr Miss Moloney answered the planning application for the bowls green had gone in to the Borough Council this week. The bowling green will be ready for the 2010 season.  
The Bowling Club will be a self sufficient venture and the Council will enter into a 'lease agreement' with the club. The Council will provide the land space only and when a 'lease' is negotiated, rent will be discussed.  
Mr Hickmott asked 'where the senior football teams will be able to play, with the bowling green taking up football space'.  
Cllr D Keeley answered that the football teams are happy to share one pitch for a season, and the Council hopes to have the new pitches available the following season, although there is no concrete agreement.  
Mr Hickmott said the pitches would be overplayed if this went on for more than one season. Cllr Keeley answered that he has taken on board Mr Hickmott's concerns and Snodland Town Council is doing everything possible to get the new facilities up and running.
  - 4.2 Mr Baldwin said the signpost for Catts Alley needs to be anchored more securely as it swivels. Cllr Miss Moloney answered that it is a temporary sign and when the road is adopted by KCC Highways the sign will be changed.  
Mr Baldwin raised the subject of the measurements of the allotments he rents from the Council and said he had asked for a letter of confirmation. Cllr Keeley replied that the Council consider this matter closed and will not discuss it further. The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent and she will send Mr Baldwin a copy.
5. Allotments  
RECOMMENDED to allow a shed to be placed on 29 Sloughfields.

6. Potyns – New Build at Community Centre  
Three small alterations have been made to the plans, and the work should begin soon.

7. Willowside – Trees being used as goal posts damaging neighbouring fences  
Cllr Miss Moloney proposed that the Council try placing goal posts in the Willowside play area again, using bent bits of scaffolding, as in Nevill Park.  
Cllr Tucker suggested the Council dig a large flower bed near the fence to stop the youths kicking a ball in this area.  
The Clerk will ask Cllr Grayhurst where the Nevill Park goals came from and will obtain a cost.

8. Five-a-Side Tournament  
Cllr Keeley had asked Mr Terry Reeves (Sports Association) if the footballers would like to take over this event. Mr Reeves had suggested a Seven-a-Side tournament would be better.

RECOMMENDED that Snodland Town Council sends a letter to the Sports Association requesting they organise this event in future, and suggest sponsorship is sort.

9. Correspondence

9.1 KCC Registers of Common Land and town or village greens. Snodland Town Council land is registered, so there is no need to do anything.

Cllr Miss Moloney asked the Clerk to find out what the benefits of the above would be.

9.2 An invitation for the Chairman of the Council to attend the Lord Lieutenant of Kent's Civic Service on Thursday 26 March 2009 at Rochester Cathedral has been received. The Chairman and Cllr Ms K Woolley will attend.

9.3 Complaints have been received about the lack of seating in the town centre by several members of the public. Cllr Keeley has entered into correspondence with Mr Norton, who agreed to put the bench out on a trial basis, which had proved successful, although the bench has not been put out for some time now. The seat being placed outside the post office had created some problems and Cllr Miss Moloney suggested that the Council ask the market traders if they would be able to put out a seat when the market is on. Cllr Baldock will call on Mr Norton to see if he can ascertain where the bench is.

10. Any other items which the chairman has decided are urgent owing to special circumstances.

10.1 Cllr Miss Moloney has been in contact with tarmac, who will allow TMBC in to empty a dog bin if one is placed in Holborough Park. The cost of a dog bin is in the region of £200.

RECOMMENDED to purchase a dog bin for Holborough Park.

The Clerk will contact TMBC regarding litter bins being placed near the embankment on the station side of the A228. A request was made some time ago.

The Chairman moved that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.