

AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

11 January 2010

Committee Members present: Cllrs D Keeley (Chairman), C Block, Mrs B Brown,
Mrs D Crook, Mrs B Keeley, P Misy, Miss A Moloney,
J Tucker, L Withey, Ms. K Woolley

Council Officers present: Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public present: Mr Grant, Mr Rayfield (Snodland Sports Association)

The Chairman asked if there were any objections to Item 10 as the Borough had requested a response to this planning application this week. This was agreed as long as there were three members of the Planning and Environment Committee.

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs L Baldock, J Atkins and Mrs S Boakes.
2. Declaration of Interests
Cllrs Mrs D Crook, P Misy and Miss A Moloney – Snodland Community Association.
3. Minutes
 - 3.1 Meeting of 26 October 2009 (accepted as part of the Council minutes at the Full Council Meeting on 7 December 2009).
 - 3.2 Matters outstanding from these minutes
The decorating of the Devonshire rooms and entrance hall to Council Offices should now be carried out during the February half-term as there has been a delay due to the inclement weather.
4. Questions from the public
 - 4.1 Mr Grant had sent in a letter concerning the gritting of roads, which will be discussed later in the meeting.
5. Carnival
The planning meeting for the 2010 Carnival will be held on Friday 5 February at 7 pm.
6. Pensioners coffee morning
Cllrs Mrs Crook and Mrs Keeley would like to hold a coffee morning in the Devonshire Rooms during half-term, for people to meet with Councillors. Unfortunately as the redecoration is now due to take place at half-term it was agreed to hold a coffee morning on Tuesday 6 April at 10.30 am. This would be free of charge.
7. Inclement Weather
The Clerk presented the letter from Mr Tony Grant reference the condition of the roads around Snodland and the lack of gritting.
The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Mr Grant to speak. The Clerk explained that KCC was responsible for the gritting and clearing of roads and also

the maintenance of the salt bins around the Town. It was reported that Constitution Hill, St Benedict Road and Freelands Road were all very bad and had not been treated at all, which is part of the main bus route through Snodland. Following discussion it was agreed to contact KCC to see if they have the bus routes correct and that they are on their gritting rota and to look into the possibility of purchasing salt and grit if severe weather is forecast in the future so that the workforce can help in the worst areas. The Clerk to write to TMBC with the Council's concerns over the lack of care the Town received from KCC. Also to contact Russett Homes reference the Saltings Road estate and the Nevill Road areas. Request that these problems be put on the next Parish Partnership agenda at TMBC.

8. Hedge Trimmer

The Clerk reported that it had cost £800 to hire a hedge trimmer in the past and to purchase one would cost between £450 and £500 plus vat.
To be put on the next Policy and Resources agenda.

9. Obtaining Funding to refurbish the All Weather pitch – Update

Cllr Miss Moloney informed the committee that the full cost to refurbish the All Weather pitch would be £35,000. So far grants available are:

- £5000 Snodland Partnership
- £5000 Snodland Council
- £9000 TMBC
- £4500 KCC (disabled access)

The Clerk was looking into further grants and Cllr Miss Moloney was in contact with a group who would like to use the facilities and would be able to give a grant in lieu of payment.

It is hoped to begin on 1 April. Two further quotations to be obtained.

10. Planning Application

TM/09/02931 - 9 Malling Road - Change of use of first floor office to one bed flat – No objections

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 South East Water - Water mains improvement works have now been completed.
- 11.2 Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill – The Clerk will send a letter showing STC support for this bill.
- 11.3 Letter from Mr. Lingham regarding extension to Potyns Playing Field. Cllr Keeley had spoken to Simon Lingham, who is now happy with the extension plans.
- 11.4 Kent Downs area of outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2009-2014. A CD and copy of first revision for Councillor Information is in the Office for perusal.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm