

AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

16 September 2009

Committee Members present: Cllrs D Keeley (Chairman), J Atkins, C Block,
Mrs D Crook, Mrs B Keeley, Miss A Moloney,
J Tucker, L Withey

Members of the Public present: Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)
Mr Baldwin, Mr P Hickmott, Mr D Lavery,
Mr B Miners, Mr O'Connell, Mr Offord

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs L Baldock, Mrs S Boakes, Mrs B Brown and Ms K Woolley.
2. Declarations of Interest
Cllr Miss A Moloney – Community Association & Allotments Birling Lands
Cllr Mrs D Crook – Community Association
Cllr C Block – Allotments
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 August 2009
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- 4 Questions from the Public
 - 4.1 Mr Miners, representing the Sports Association, said that everyone felt that the sweep up at the All Weather Pitch had been very good. The meeting the Association had with the Council on 20 August had been very helpful and everyone was happy. The Chairman said that STC felt the same.
 - 4.2 Mr Lavery reported four issues –
 - 1) the parking bays outside the Workingmen's Club were causing a problem.
 - 2) the bus stop opposite the Clock Tower was not being used by buses and again this caused a hold up and stopped people using this area for parking.
 - 3) Estate agents were putting 'for sale' signs on the Clock Tower ground again. The Clerk would contact them again.
 - 4) The road sign in Clock Tower Mews had been broken seven months ago and was still not repaired. The Clerk would contact Highways.
 - 4.3 Mr Hickmott had been approached by a resident of Snodland saying that he had offered to cut the grass on the field adjacent to Potyns free. He had not been allowed to do this. The Clerk explained that he did not have public liability insurance, so the Council could not use him. The field has since been cut by Mr Lingham.
 - 4.4 Mr Offord asked what the latest situation was on the Bowls Club. There is no further news on this as yet.
5. Memorial Gardens
Cllr Miss Moloney expressed concern over the condition of the Memorial Garden at the junction of the High Street and Waghorn Road. The Clerk will look into possible action.
6. Medway Local Development Plan - Reply
Concern was expressed over the effect the extra traffic would have on Snodland. The Clerk to reply.
7. Opening Date for the New Building at Potyns
The Clerk to speak to all involved to set a date for the official opening.

Cllr Miss Moloney reported that outside lighting was needed as it is very dark on the approach to the building. The Clerk to arrange this as soon as possible.
RECOMMENDED to arrange for an electrician to put suitable lighting in place at the gym/boxing club building as soon as possible.

8. Allotment Tidy up Feed Back – Request to Place a Shed on Allotment

Cllr Miss Moloney reported that the clean-up had gone very well. The Snodland Partnership will be paying costs for the improvements.

A request had been received from Mr Block to place a small shed on his allotment at Sloughfields.

RECOMMENDED to allow Mr Block to place a small shed on his allotment at Sloughfields.

9. All Weather Pitch

Cllr Miss Moloney is looking into funding with an officer from TMBC to see what grants are available, especially through Sport England.

The Nomads are still unhappy about safety aspects and asked for concessionary rates of hire if they supplied new goals etc. The Clerk to obtain the costing involved and then to negotiate.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Public footpath MR33 proposed diversion – Cllr Atkins expressed concern that it could preclude residents of Holborough Road gaining rear access for parking to their properties. Reply that it is 'noted.

10.2 Appointment of contractor for fencing of the field at Potyns – Dawes Fencing Ltd would be carrying this out in the next few weeks.

10.3 New day nursery and diving and water sports academy at Holborough – the details are in the Office for perusal. Both appeared to be very nice facilities.

10.4 A letter of thanks had been received from Snodland Scouts for the cheque of £800, which was the collection from carnival day.

11. Any Other Items which the Chairman has decided are urgent owing to special circumstances

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.