

AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

18 JULY 2011

Committee Members Present: Cllrs D Keeley (Chairman), Ms D Alford-Smith,
J Atkins, C Block, Mrs B Brown, Mrs D Crook,
Mrs B Keeley, A Keeley, Miss A Moloney,
Ms V Hickmott.
Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Council Members Present: Cllr P Hickmott
Members of the Public Present: Mr B Miners

1. Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Misy.
Cllr Ms V Hickmott apologised for her late arrival.
2. Declaration of Interests
Cllr P Hickmott – Snodland Sports Association
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2011
Agreed
4. Questions from the Public
 - 4.1 Mr Hickmott informed the committee that Jack Green, the athlete supported by the Council, had come first in 400 metre hurdles in the recent games in the Czech Republic and asked if a reception could be arranged when the Council hands over the money to him.
5. To receive the report of the Potyns Sub Committee held on 6 July 2011
 - 5.1 Item 5 -To consider a recommendation to over seed the two pitches in two directions, to quad play the pitches (scarify) annually and to apply fertiliser summer and autumn, and to roll the pitches twice during the year.
RESOLVED – to budget for the work at Potyns in 2012/13 at a cost of £800 plus £100 each time it is rolled.
 - 5.2 Item 6 - Annual contract for use of football pitches
RESOLVED – to agree an annual contract after this year's figures for the clubs are taken to the next Policy and Resources Committee.
 - 5.3 Item 8 – Cllr Hickmott reported that the lights would be installed on Monday 25 July and he would be in attendance.
6. To receive the report from the meeting held with Medway Valley Fishing Club on 30 June 2011
The Fishing Club have requested a longer licence/lease of at least 10 years at a rent of £8000 per annum to be reviewed every five years. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Hickmott would look into what other fishing clubs paid. The Clerk would check with Any Waste to see if their security guard could unlock the gates in the mornings at 6.30am. A new sign is needed and this will be done after opening times have been agreed.

7. To consider a request for Malgo Ladies Football Team to use a pitch at Potyns for the 2011/12 season
It was agreed that unfortunately they could not be accommodated as this would result in the pitches being overplayed and the lack of changing facilities.
8. New signs for the entrances at Nevill Park
RESOLVED – to purchase two new signs for the entrances at Nevill Park stating ‘no golf’ etc as soon as possible.
9. New sign for the Cemetery
Mr Streatfield had reported that members of the public were having difficulty in finding the Cemetery as there were no signs on Paddlesworth Road.
RESOLVED - to place a new sign, possibly on Council land, at the corner of Cemetery Road and Paddlesworth Road, but wait until the new bus route was complete. The sign would also state that there was no parking at the Cemetery.
10. To consider an appropriate plan to celebrate the Jubilee event in 2012 over the weekend of 2 – 5 June
Various ideas were put forward and it was agreed to set up a committee to include members of various groups in the Town who would be interested.
11. To consider ways in which Council facilities may be better used
Cllr Atkins would like Snodland to be more included in the Borough’s Leisure Guide. Various ideas were discussed – farmers market, boot fairs etc. It was also suggested that a promotional event for the MUGA should be considered and ask the Borough if they would be involved.
Cllr Mrs Keeley reported that there is to be a Pensioners Coffee Morning on Tuesday 2 August.
Discussion took place regarding the Councils website and it was agreed that Mr D Brown should be asked to demonstrate a web site he has designed and to consider if it is appropriate.
12. Proposal for a new car parking area for the Cemetery
It was proposed that the piece of land between the boxing club and the MUGA could be turned into a parking area for the Cemetery. With the new bus route going in parking will become a real problem. Berkeley Homes to be approached to see if they can assist.
RESOLVED – to ask Robert Beswarick to draw up plans for a parking area.
13. Correspondence
- 13.1 A letter has been received from Sovereign Play Equipment offering to install play equipment. To reply that the Council would be delighted to take up the offer if it is free of charge.
- 13.2 Southern Water informing every one of the change of ownership of private sewers.
- 13.3 A copy of a response has been received from Kent Highways regarding the petition for a zebra crossing in Birling Road. The Clerk to follow up the possibility of a flashing warning sign.
14. Draft Leybourne Lakes Country Park Management Plant (2012-2016)
The draft consultation document is in the Office for perusal.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.08 pm.