

AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

22 FEBRUARY 2010

Committee Members present: Cllrs D Keeley (Chairman), J Atkins, C Block, Mrs S Boakes,

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 R Comber, Mr C Preston (Sloughfields Allotments),
Mr K Rimell, Mr K Bush (Motorcycle Club), Mr J Boyes,
Mr D Lettington, Mr R Farrington (Station Cabs),
Mrs M Pearce (Pavilion Café)

The Chairman congratulated Cllrs C Block and Ms Woolley on their recent marriage.

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs B Brown (TMBC meeting).
An apology for lateness was received from Cllr Withey (TMBC meeting).
 2. Declaration of Interests
Cllrs Mrs Crook, and P Misy – Snodland Community Association.
Cllr Miss Moloney – Snodland Community Association and Allotments
Cllrs C Block and Ms Woolley – Allotments
 3. Minutes
 - 3.1 Meeting of 11 January 2010 (accepted as part of the Council minutes at the Full Council Meeting on 8 February 2010)
 - 3.2 Matters outstanding from these minutes
Grants for the MUGA. Award of grant from County Councillor Sarah Hohler.
Council agreed the terms and conditions and the acceptance form was signed by Cllrs D Keeley and C Block.
 4. Questions from the public
 - 4.1 Mr Comber requested that Part 5 of the allotment agreement be reinstated and enforced and that regular inspections be carried out. He had sent photographs of the unkempt allotments, which were in the office for perusal.
This to be taken in Item 5.
 - 4.2 Mr Bush of the Friends and Bikers Motorcycle Club said that the club was five years old in May and had raised almost £8000 for charity. In 2008 they had held regular meetings in the Car Park at Brookland Lake and the Café had remained open for them in the evening. They would like to resume the meetings this year on a Wednesday night and have requested that a mobile tea bar be allowed to attend. Mr Bush said that they were working with Valley of Visions to find a suitable area of land to use. They are also working with schools to set up a workshop to teach youngsters about bikes safely.
 - 4.3 Mrs Pearce had requested to open the Pavilion Café on a Saturday morning. This to be taken at Item 6.
- Cllr L Withey joined the meeting at 7.45 pm.
5. Allotments
 - 5.1 To discuss and agree a request to place a shed on allotment 4a Sloughfields.
Sheds need to go in appropriate places on the allotments and not just anywhere.
RECOMMENDED to allow the shed to be placed on 4a Sloughfields allotments subject to its sighting.

- 5.2 To discuss and agree the requirement of a skip to clear rubbish at a date to be determined at Sloughfields.

Cllr Miss Moloney suggested that there be a sub-committee or working party for the allotments and to lease over the date

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow the public to participate.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.

RECOMMENDED that a skip be put on Sloughfields allotments when the weather allows.

- 5.3 To discuss and agree the possibility of the allocation of an allotment to the Beat Project.

Nicky Delacy from the Beat Project had requested the use of an allotment for people to use. She has received funding for a project like this. Following discussion it was pointed out that there was a long waiting list for allotments. A letter to be sent to all allotment holders to see if they have any objections. Also to contact people on the waiting list and ask if they would be interested in joining in with the Beat Project.

The Clerk to speak to Nicky to ascertain if the project was in a position to begin straight away.

6. Pavilion Café

To discuss and agree a request from Mrs. Pearce to open on a Saturday morning between 9am – 12 noon on a 3 month trial basis.

Cllr Misy reported that there did not appear to be planning permission for A3 use.

The Clerk to check this.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Mrs Pearce to speak.

Mrs Pearce circulated comments members of the public had made about the Café and it was felt that opening on Saturday mornings would be beneficial.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders

RECOMMENDED to allow Mrs Pearce to open the Pavilion Café on Saturday mornings between 9 am and 12 noon on a three month trial basis.

7. Boundary Walk

Following discussion it was

RECOMMENDED to hold the Boundary Walk on Sunday 16 May 2010.

8. Carnival

The Clerk had received a request from a 'crepe van' to attend on carnival day.

There were no objections subject to size of van and that they agree to give a donation to the charity.

Sgt Brigden is hoping to get the police dog display to attend.

Bands were discussed and Cllr Miss Moloney had been in touch with a pipe band and they charge £500. The office to check with the usual bands to see if they can attend.

9. Request to hold a Charity Football Match at Potyns

A request had been made to hold a charity football match at Potyns. This to be passed to the Sports Association for them to check dates etc. The Council has no objection to the match being held.

10. Request to Hold an Easter Egg Hunt

The Silhouette Dance School had requested the use of either the Cricket Meadow or Potyns on 27th or 28th March 2010 to hold an Easter Egg Hunt.

RECOMMENDED to allow the Silhouette Dance School to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday

28 March 2010 in the Cricket Meadow.

11. Request to advertise the forming of a Snodland Samba Band
A request had been made to advertise the forming of a Snodland Samba Band on Town Council website. No objections raised to them being included on the website.
12. To discuss and agree on a proposal from British Gas to place a Gas Governor in the corner of the Cricket Meadow, near to the Red Gate by the High Street
The Clerk had a meeting with the Gas Board. She has taken advice about a fee and a sum of £800 was suggested. Cllr Atkins expressed concern and suggested delaying a decision and ask the Gas Board to suggest a price and remind them they were in the Council's debt.
It was agreed in principle reference a suitable price. The Clerk to send a reply using Cllr Atkins wording.
13. Correspondence
 - 13.1 The new Holborough Development has a notice board, and it has been agreed to allow Snodland Town Council to place Town Council information on this board to inform residents of events, meetings etc. that take place.
 - 13.2 A letter has been received from the Sports Association regarding the Clerks reply about charges for football. The Clerk reported that she had replied with the Council's views on this.
 - 13.3 Thank you from the United Church for the donation towards the use of the Church for Christmas in Snodland.
 - 13.4 The Mayors Charity Bike Ride will take place on Sunday 11 April 2010.
 - 13.5 A letter was circulated from the Valley of Visions with information of shared walkway and cycle route (Map).
 - 13.6 SLCC course on 29 March 2010 at a cost of £95.00.
 - 13.7 There is to be a Councillors Course on the Power of Wellbeing.

THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED

That in view of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

14. Brookland Lake Cafe
This was discussed and the Clerk will obtain further information.
15. Friends and Bikers Club
The committee agreed to allow Friends and Bikers to hold a weekly evening event at the Brookland Lake Car Park commencing 31st March.
16. Multi Use Games Area
Further considerations will be pursued.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.