

## AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

**30 March 2009**

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

Other Council Members Present: Cllr B Garlick  
Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public present: Mr Baldwin, Mr M Conmy, Mr M Rayfield, Mr P Rimmer, Mr J Boyes, Mr P Hickmott

1. Apologies for absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Grayhurst and L Withey.
2. Declarations of Interest  
Cllr Miss A Moloney – Community Association.  
Cllr Mrs D Crook – Community Association
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 February 2009  
There were no matters arising.
4. Questions from the Public
  - 4.1 Mr Boyce informed the meeting that the Snodland Chess Club will be playing in a cup match in the near future.
  - 4.2 Mr Baldwin asked why there is no seat on the Maidstone side of the train station. Cllr Tucker answered that the intention is to place one there and that he will chase this up.
  - 4.3 Mr Rayfield introduced Michael Conmy as the new secretary of the Snodland Sports Association. The Sports Association has several questions that they would like the Council to answer regarding the All Weather Pitch. The Clerk will obtain this information and send a reply.  
They asked for the Council to confirm when a meeting with Mr O'Connell will take place. The Clerk is in the process of arranging this meeting and will inform the Sports Association when this will take place.  
Three of the football teams have objected to the Bowls Green application.

The Chairman proposed to bring forward the Sports Association's letter from Item 8, Correspondence, to be discussed now. The Committee agreed to this and Cllr Keeley suspended Standing Orders.

- 4.4 Discussion took place regarding the condition of the All Weather Pitch. Cllr Atkins suggested that the Sports Association might have access to grant money that the Council does not. Mr Rayfield said perhaps the Sports Association could work more closely with the Council regarding this. The Clerk will obtain estimates of the costs for the resurfacing of the All Weather Pitch. Further discussion would take place regarding the future management of the facility.

Cllr Mrs S Boakes arrived at 7.55 pm  
The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.

5. Boundary Walk  
The Boundary Walk will take place on 10 May 2009, starting at Oast Park Golf Course at 10 am. The Council will provide bottled water for participants.
6. Potyns – New Build at Community Centre and Extension to Playing Fields  
Cllr Mrs Crook said there are concerns about the fire exit of the existing building. Cllr D Keeley will go and inspect the site tomorrow.  
Ward Homes would like to have a link to our website and they would also like to place a sign at the construction site.  
The Committee agreed to the link and the sign as long as it reads ‘new facilities’.
7. Cemetery - Request for Memorial Bench – Photograph for Approval  
The Committee agreed to the style of bench chosen by Ms Wratten.
8. Correspondence
- 8.1 Wincantons have requested the use of a football pitch on Sunday 19 April for a fund raising match for Muscular Dystrophy  
RECOMMENDED to allow this, subject to a pitch being available.
- 8.2 A letter from Mr Trebill regarding the condition of the allotment gate and fence in Catts Alley. The Clerk has inspected the gate and fence and although it is adequate at the moment, it will need to be replaced in the future. The Clerk will obtain quotations to replace the gate and repair the fence.
- 8.3 A letter from Mr and Mrs Welfare giving positive feedback regarding Leybourne Country Park has been received.
- 8.4 KCC would like comments by 17 April 2009 regarding MR44, this will be in the Office for perusal.
- 8.5 The annual play equipment inspection report has been received showing only minor maintenance repair work to be carried out.  
The Clerk will contact Safe Play, who have carried out this work in the past.
- 8.6 A reply from Mark Heeley on behalf of Lafarge has been received regarding Holborough Cricket Club’s request to extend the pavilion. Lafarge have no objections to the proposed extension subject to the following conditions:
1. Planning consent is obtained
  2. Building regulation approval is obtained, in particular in relation to fire precautions and emergency exit procedures
  3. The extension is kept in good and substantial condition throughout the lease term
  4. At the end of the term, however that occurs, and if required by the landlord, the extension is to be removed and the existing building made good.
- Mr Heeley would like to be kept up to date with the progress.
- 8.7 There will be a temporary road closure – Snodland level crossing, Mill Street during Saturday 2/3 May 2009 between 23.00 and 09.00 and on Sunday 3 May 2009 between 21.00 and 05.00 Monday 4 May 2009, or until such works are completed to carry out maintenance of the track.
9. Any Other Items which the Chairman has decided are urgent owing to special circumstances
- 9.1 The twinning visit in May – Cllr Keeley suspended Standing Orders.  
Mr Hickmott informed the meeting that to date eighteen people would be arriving from Moyeuivre, although exact numbers would be confirmed nearer the time.  
Cllr Mrs B Keeley would organise the catering and ask the Clerk to purchase the food and wine. The Mayor has been booked to attend the reception and the

only thing to consider is the arrival time of the guests which could be between 5 and 6 pm.

Cllr Keeley reinstated Standing Orders.

9.2 Cllr. Tucker reported that the Public Transport Guide that covers Snodland, Kings Hill and Borough Green will go out with the next Town Talk. He also raised concerns that the 151 bus has suspended part of its route and it does not travel through St Benedict Road after 4 pm each afternoon. This decision was taken by the bus company after antisocial behaviour had occurred endangering the bus drivers and their passengers.

The Clerk will call New Venture to see if and when the route will be reinstated.

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.