

AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

5 DECEMBER 2011

Committee Members present: Cllrs P Misy (Vice Chairman), C Block, Mrs D Crook, A Keeley, Mrs B Keeley, Miss A Moloney
Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Keeley (Chairman), Cllrs J Atkins, Mrs B Brown, Ms V Hickmott, P Hickmott and Mr Withey.
2. Declaration of Interests
Cllr Mrs D Crook – Snodland Community Association
Cllr P Misy – Snodland Community Association and Item 10
Cllr Miss A Moloney – Snodland Community Association
3. Minutes
The minutes were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.
4. Questions from the public
 - 4.1 Mr Seymour reported that the damson trees in the Recreation Ground had grown back again and were causing a nuisance and asked if they could be removed. The Clerk will inspect them and see what needs to be done. Mr Seymour also asked what can be done about the dog fouling in the Recreation Ground as it appears to be getting worse. If descriptions and times of offenders could be given in to the Office then the Dog Warden would be able to catch the culprits and they will be fined for the offence.
 - 4.2 Item 5 – Mr David Smith from South East Water gave a short presentation on the proposal from South East Water requesting car parking facilities within Snodland for their employees. At present car parking is causing a problem in Rocfort Road/ Saltings Road. The request is for between 30 – 40 spaces at Brookland Lake Car Park for which they would pay an annual fee. These would be in use between the hours of 8 am – 6 pm Monday – Friday only. They would be happy to map out the car park on behalf of the Council taking into account the spaces needed for Any Waste, the Café and the fishing club.
Following discussion it was
RECOMMENDED – to take the request to Full Council for 30 – 40 spaces depending on whether the grassed area adjacent to the Café could be used.
5. To consider a proposal from South East Water
Discussed under Item 4.2.
6. TM/11/02953 – 204 Birling Road – Single storey side extension and conversion of the loft space into a habitable room – No objection
7. TM/11/02955 – 117 Simpson Road – Proposed double and single storey side extension – No objection
8. TM/11/02979 – 4 Freelands Road – Two storey side extension – No objection
9. TM/11/03005 – 192 Malling Road – Single storey rear extension – No objection
10. TM/11/03126 – 27 Godden Road – Two storey side, single storey rear extensions plus porch to front – No objection

11. To consider ordering two new signs – one for the Cemetery and one ‘No Parking on the Grass’ sign for Willowside

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED – to purchase a sign for the Cemetery stating that all floral ‘tributes will be removed after two weeks’, to be placed in the Kerbstone area.

Instead of the sign for Willowside the Clerk will speak to the workforce about making a low wooden barrier instead to keep cars off the grassed area.

12. Correspondence

- 12.1 A letter has been received from the Community Association requesting the Council to pay their legal fees with regard to the renewal of the lease.

Cllr Miss Moloney informed the Committee that as this was a renewal of their existing lease the Council could not pay their legal fees as this could cause problems in the future with other leases.

RECOMMENDED – the lease be renewed for 30 years, but Committee feels that the Council cannot pay the legal fees of the Community Association.

- 12.2 An invitation has been received to the Lord Lieutenant of Kent’s Civic Service in Rochester Cathedral on 6 March 2012. Cllr Block will attend.

- 12.3 Confirmation has been received that Snodland will receive 25 free trees under the Kent Free Trees Scheme.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.43 pm.