

AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

9 February 2009

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

Other Council Members Present: - Cllrs D Brown and B Garlick
Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public present: Mr Baldwin.

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs S Boakes and C Grayhurst.
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 12 January 2009
 - 3.1 Item 7 – The 10K Run will take place on 11 October 2009.
The War memorial has been cleaned and looks very impressive.
 - 3.2 Item 3.1 – The Clerk has not received any reply regarding the football posts at Willowside so we presume that there are no further problems.
4. Questions from the Public
 - 4.1 Mr Baldwin asked why the lights in the Rocfort Rd car park had not been fixed. These have been reported to TMBC, whose responsibility they are. It is possible that they are waiting for EDF energy to carry out repairs to these lights. An improvement to street lighting repairs may be evident after 1 April.
Mr Baldwin asked if Snodland is a Town or a Village. It is a Town.
5. Presentation by Karole Reynolds on TMBC Draft Parking Review.
The working draft has been circulated and feedback is being collected and collated. This will be presented to the Transportation Advisory board on 3 March, and then go before the Joint Transportation board on the 9 March, then to Cabinet for a decision. There are no outstanding objections at the moment.
Queens Avenue / High Street yellow lines were put in place before the by pass was built to, enable Lorries to have a clear run to the mill. It is proposed that the lines be removed creating between 50 and 60 additional legal parking spaces. It is proposed that double yellow lines will be placed on some corners and junctions in the interest of safety.
The Snodland Partnership has offered to assist by placing railings outside Holmesdale School to discourage dangerous parking.
Afternoons are the main problem outside Holmesdale School, and there has been no

positive feedback from residents whether double yellow lines would be welcome. This will be investigated further, as the use of yellow lines should promote safer parking. Most areas suggested by residents in the draft plan for extra parking are not viable in planning or economic terms because the land would have to be purchased. The aim of the parking review is to identify needs and make the best use of available space.

Cllrs raised concerns about parking at Snodland C of E Primary School and Pilgrims view home for the elderly. Snodland Town Council car park at Potyns is available for safe parking of vehicles although there are still parents who ignore the dangers and park close to the school entrance. Cllr Maloney asked if it would be possible as part of the parking review to mark out parking bays in the Town Council car park to maximise the number of spaces that can be used? This will be considered.

Bramley Road residents suggested a one way system, and in safety terms it would be preferable for this to go out at Recreation Avenue, and corner protection would be put in place. Stopping people parking across the park gate in Recreation Avenue is also an option.

The Chamber of Commerce has put forward a suggestion that some spaces in the TMBC car park could become short stay; this would involve a cost to implement, and their suggestion to move the market would be very unpopular.

6. Potyns – New Build at Community Centre and Extension to Playing Fields

6.1 The new build was scheduled to begin today and Wards are organising a photo shoot. The Clerk will advise Mr Rimmer when the photo shoot will take place for Town Talk.

6.2 Mr Kevin Wise of Town Planning and Development Services has been appointed as 'Project Manager' for the extension to the Playing Fields.

A letter will be sent to the Sports Association informing them of this decision.

All enquiries regarding this project should be addressed to the Town Clerk who will liaise with the project manager.

7. Cemetery Request for a bench

Recommendation

To grant permission for a bench, under a permit scheme to last for ten years with the option to renew at the end of this period. Maintenance of the bench will be the responsibility of the purchaser.

This permit will be free of charge on this occasion, however the council is minded to charge for these permits in future years.

8. Correspondence

8.1 TMBC dog control orders document - in the office for perusal.

8.2 Valley of Visions letter - in the office for perusal.

8.3 Copy of Letter to Jonathan Shaw MP from KCC Highways – In the office for perusal.

8.4 Letter from Clocktower Pre School requesting the use of the cricket meadow on 10 April for an Easter Egg Hunt. The Committee have no objection as long as the Cricket Club is not using it that day.

8.5 Acknowledgment of STC response to the Community Governance Review is in the office for perusal.

9. Any Other Items
There being no other items

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.