

SNODLAND ANNUAL COUNCIL

6 May 2008

Council Members Present: Cllrs J Atkins, Mrs S Boakes, Mrs B Brown, D Brown
Mrs D Crook, B Garlick, C Grayhurst, Mrs B Keeley, D Keeley,
L Baldock, Miss A Moloney, J Tucker, L Withey
Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public Present: P Hickmott, J Hayes, Mrs A Hayes, G Miners, Mr J Boyes,
Alan Totham, S Norton, Mrs K Homer

Cllr Miss A Moloney Chaired the meeting.

Item 13 Correspondence will be taken after Item 5

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Block, C King and Mrs S Hohler
(KCC County Councillor).

2. Election of Chairman
Cllr Miss A Moloney asked if there were any nominations for Chairman.
Nominations: Cllr C Block, proposed by Cllr D Keeley - seconded by Cllr L Withey.
No other nominations.

RESOLVED that Cllr C Block be Chairman of the Council for the civic year 2008/9.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman
Nominations: Cllr Miss A Moloney, proposed by Cllr Mrs B Brown - seconded by Cllr D
Keeley.

RESOLVED that Cllr Miss A Moloney be Vice-Chairman of the Council for the civic year
2008/9.

4. Election of Committees and Chairman of Committees
The membership of each standing committee would be as follows:

Planning Committee

B Garlick (C)
D Brown (VC)
J Atkins
Mrs D Crook
B Keeley
C Grayhurst
Mr L Baldock

Policy and Resources Committee

J Tucker (C)
Mrs B Brown (VC)
Mrs S Boakes
D Brown
B Garlick
D Keeley
L Withey

Amenities and Recreation Committee

D Keeley (C)
L Baldock (VC)
J Atkins
Mrs S Boakes
Mrs B Brown
D Brown

D Crook
 C Grayhurst
 Mrs B Keeley
 J Tucker
 L Withey

A List of other committees and outside organisations will be held in the office.

5. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs D Crook is Chairman of the Community Association.
 Cllr Miss A Moloney Member of Community Association.

13. Correspondence

A Letter regarding the bench outside the CO-OP in the high street has been received from Mr. Sean Norton. Mr Norton has assisted with the taking in and out of the bench over the past months and along with his neighbours he has noticed a marked improvement in the quality of life for the local residents. There is less litter, noise and intimidation to the shopkeepers at night.

Mr Norton proposes that the bench is placed outside the CO-OP on Mondays and Fridays to see if things improve further. Mr Norton has offered to help put the bench out and take it in, in the afternoon, and also has offered to assist with its general repairs.

RESOLVED to have a three month trial.

Cllr Moloney thanked Mr Norton for his help with the bench, and asked Mr Totham if he could keep an ear open to see if there were any complaints from members of the public who frequent his shop.

Town Talk Chamber of Commerce has made a request to place signs on the entrances to Snodland again this year for the festival.

RESOLVED To allow the Chamber of Commerce to place their signs on the entrances to Snodland.

In the near future, the planning system will change, and instead of paper plans, an electronic version will be sent, which will require a screen and projector for their display at meetings.

This will go to the next policy and resources meeting for discussion.

An Invitation to the Chairman and Vice Chairman to attend the Valley of Visions Launch has been received. Cllr Moloney is unable to go, so has offered her place to Mr P Rimmer of the Chamber of Commerce.

Due to Archaeological finds at Church fields, the delay to the new build at the community centre will be a little longer than first thought.

PCSO Kim Hatchard is due back from Maternity leave within the next couple of days.

6. To confirm as a correct record Part I Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17March 2008 (pp 115-117)
- 6.1 Item 6.1 – A meeting will take place with ‘Stryker’ on 21st May to establish if the CCTV camera has Infra Red capacity.
- 6.2 Item 11. Our response to the open spaces strategy has been forwarded to TMBC.

Cllr Miss A Moloney proposed the minutes were correct – seconded by Cllr B Garlick.

RESOLVED that the Part I Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 March 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Signed.....

- 7. To receive part 1 reports of Council Committees
- 7.1 Amenities & Recreation (p119-121)
RESOLVED to purchase the Goal Posts and lockable containers.
- 7.2 Planning & Environment (p123-124)
No Recommendations
- 7.3 Policy & Resources (p125-127)
An amendment needs to be made as Cllr Mrs D Crook was not at the meeting.
RESOLVED Grant to the Kenward Trust
RESOLVED To allow the canine obedience display to take place at Potyns for the Carnival.

RESOLVED to accept as part of the council minutes.

8. Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Chris King has handed in his resignation on the grounds of ill health, and as suggested by Mrs Keeley a letter of thanks and a small gift to thank him for his time on the council.

PC Riley will be staying in Snodland although we do not know how long for, PC Stubberfield is off sick at the moment, and PCSO Kim Hatchard will return from Maternity leave in the next few days. Kevin Brigden is now the sergeant covering Snodland although he will be based at borough green.

There will be another 'Bash the Trash' on the 17th May 2008 and details are on the flyers that have been given to you.

There is an F. A. workshop on 28th May and we hope to glean more information on how we proceed with the extension of the playing fields at Potyns.

The Clocktower Pre School have their grand opening on Friday 9 May, between 11am and 2pm, and then again in the evening between 7pm and 9pm.

The KAPC minutes of the last meeting are in the office for perusal.

We have received a copy of the NALC standing order template, although these are in the process of being updated. We will look at this later in the year, when the new template is available.

9. Open Forum

- 9.1 Mrs Homer complained about the danger of speeding cars through the town.
The Clerk will pass on the concerns to the police.
- 9.2 Various parking issues were raised, and these will be addressed during the parking survey.

- 9.3 Mr Totham said it would be nice if the New Jerusalem Church could be purchased for keeping our 'heritage' findings. It would not be cost effective for the Council to purchase this building, although it would be nice.
- 9.4 Mr Miners said the goalposts in the recreation ground need turning. The clerk will look into this.
- 9.5 Mr Hickmott asked who is responsible for opening and closing the gates at Potyns. This is something that will be discussed at the amenities & recreation meeting next week.
Mr Hickmott also said that Mr O'Connell is still keen on running the gym when it is built, and he needs to know he has the backing of the Town Council.
Cllr Moloney answered that the council would be unable to commit to anything until the building has been built.
10. Asset Register
The asset register is in the process of being updated, and this will go to the policy and resources committee to be discussed.
11. KCC Spreadsheet
The spreadsheet was distributed. There were no questions from anyone.
12. To receive details of cheques signed since the last Council Meeting
The cheque list was circulated.
RESOLVED that the list be accepted.
14. Any other items which the Chairman has decided are urgent owing to special circumstances
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.