

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL

12 October 2009

Council Members Present: Cllrs C Block (Chairman), Miss A Moloney (Vice Chairman), J Atkins, Mrs S Boakes, Mrs B Brown, D Brown, Mrs D Crook, C Grayhurst, Mrs B Keeley, D Keeley, J Tucker, L Withey, Ms. K Woolley.
Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public Present: Cllr Mrs S Hohler (KCC), Ms J Smith (Valley of Visions)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs L Baldock and B Garlick

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs D Crook – Community Association

Cllr Miss A Moloney – Community Association

3. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Mrs Hohler presented her report. Cllr Mrs Hohler explained how her present post works in Education and Highways. 30,000 children are taking part in the Kent School Games. She reported that Kelly Holmes was pressing for a school's Olympics. She informed the Council that there was still time to apply for Highway grants. After various questions and answers, the Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Hohler for attending.

4. Borough Councillors Report

4.1 Cllr Mrs B Brown had attended four committee meetings. She had attended the Mayor's garden party and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, where four youngsters from Snodland received their awards.

4.2 Cllr D Keeley reported on the new play area at Leybourne Lakes.

4.3 Cllr L Withey had attended the same meetings as the other Borough Councillors

4.4 Cllr Miss A Moloney reported that the Community Centre has received a 20% reduction in rates. Unfortunately the Museum was not so successful as yet. She is also still working on grants for the All Weather Pitch improvements. Cllr Miss Moloney has been in contact with Holmesdale Technology College to improve the links with the Council.

5. Chairman's Announcements

5.1 There will be a Full Council meeting before the next Amenities and Recreation Committee on Monday 26 October 2009 to consider the final plan for Potyns and Mr Kevin Wise will attend.

With the permission of the Council I would like to propose that the Full Council also meets immediately before the Planning and Environment meeting on Wednesday 11 November for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the vacancy on the Council. This was agreed.

5.2 There are a few problems with the new parking bays following the parking consultation. These were being looked into.

5.3 Cllr Miss Moloney and I attended a Chairmanship Course which we found extremely interesting and informative. As a result I have asked the Vice Chairman to put forward a proposal for the Standing Orders and this will come up later in the agenda.

5.4 Forthcoming events for November are: Firework Display on 4th, Remembrance Day Parade on 8th and Christmas in Snodland on 28th.

5.5 The police are in the process of moving to the Wolfe Building at Holmesdale.

6. Questions from the Public

6.1 Jennifer Smith gave an update on the Valley of Visions projects in Snodland and the surrounding areas. They have funding for eight areas, but are working with four at the moment and pairing them up. Snodland is paired with Halling. The other two are Burham and Wouldham. The launch is to be summer 2010. The funding is available up to March 2011. They expect to hold consultations with councils and other interested parties in the community. It was suggested that possible people to contact would be Mr Coomber and Dr Ashbee and invite them to join a sub-committee. Ms Smith was asked to prepare a précis of the project and to liaise with the Clerk.

7. To confirm as a correct record the Part I Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 August 2009 (pp 34-36)

RESOLVED that the Part I Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 August 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Signed.....

8. To receive Part I Reports of the Council's Committees

8.1 **Amenities and Recreation – 10 August 2009 (pp 38-40)**

8.1.1 Item 6 – request to erect a poly tunnel on Sloughfields Allotments

RESOLVED – to permit the erection of a poly tunnel on an allotment at Sloughfields.

8.1.2 Item 7 a) and b)

RESOLVED – a) to allow the major clearing work to go ahead.

b) to agree the proposal to place hard standing at the Sharnal Lane entrance to the allotments which was agreed in principal six years ago.

8.2 **Planning and Environment – 12 August 2009 (pp 42-43)**

8.3 **Amenities and Recreations – 16 September 2009 (pp 45-46)**

8.3.1 Item 7

RESOLVED to arrange for an electrician to put suitable lighting in place at the gym/boxing club building as soon as possible.

8.3.2 Item 8

RESOLVED – to allow Mr Block to place a small shed on his allotment at Sloughfields.

8.4 **Policy & Resources – 21 September 2009 (pp 48-50)**

8.4.1 Item 7.1

RESOLVED – to purchase the treatment needed on behalf of the Cricket Club.

8.4.2 Item 7.1

RESOLVED - to pay for the equipment requested, but the Council does not want to own the equipment, should the gym cease to operate. Cllr D Keeley wished it recorded that he was opposed to this. Cllr Mrs Brown requested copies of all invoices.

8.4.3 Item 8

RESOLVED – to accept the list of meeting dates for 2010.

8.4.4 Item 9

RESOLVED – to accept the NALC Recommended Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure as part of the policy of Snodland Town Council.

8.4.5 Item 10

RESOLVED – that STC adopt the procedure for the co-option of a councillor to fill a casual vacancy as Best Practice recommendations.

8.4.6 Item 14.1

RESOLVED – to allow Mr Hickey to hold a key to the Cricket Pavilion on behalf of the Chess Club, subject to no objections from Mrs Pearce.

8.4.7 Item 14.2 - Two options for the wording on the notice board for the Cemetery were circulated. The more up to date wording was agreed.

RESOLVED – to accept the quotation from Ray-Dor to supply a new notice board for the Cemetery at a cost of £284.00, and to accept the more modern form of wording.

8.4.8 Item 11 – the budget meeting had been held on Tuesday 6 October 2009.

8.5 **Planning and Environment – 30 September 2009 (pp52-53)**

RESOLVED that the Part 1 minutes of the Council's Amenities and Recreation, Planning and Environment, Policy and Resources Committees held since 3 August 2009 be confirmed and accepted as part of the proceedings of the Council.

9. To Receive Details of Cheques Signed Since the Last Council Meeting

The cheque list was circulated.

Various questions were asked, which the Clerk was able to answer.

RESOLVED that the cheque list be accepted.

10. To Consider the Proposal that the Clerk Should Attend the KALC Course for CiLCA Training in February (3, 10, 17)

RESOLVED – that the Clerk attend the KALC course for CiLCA training in February.

11. To Consider and if Agreed, Adopt, Together with any Amendments, the NALC Model Standing Orders as Laid on the Table at the Policy and Resources Meeting on Monday 21 September 2009

Cllr Miss Moloney explained the reasons for the changes to Standing Orders.

Council was not permitted to have 'urgent items' on the agenda and items cannot be hidden from public view on agendas, so therefore there should be no Part II.

Cllr Miss Moloney read out the list of changes needed

RESOLVED – to adopt, together with any amendments, the NALC Model Standing Orders as laid on the table at the Policy and Resources meeting on 21 September 2009.

12. Alteration to Financial Regulation

RESOLVED – to change 18.1 from £35,000 to £50,000 so that it is consistent with Standing Orders. Also to change the wording to read over and not exceeding the amounts, when between two figures.

13. Correspondence

13.1 J5 Slips.org – Tim Shaw an invitation for STC to join the campaign to promote and lobby for practical support, to assist the enabling of slips, which allow full road connectivity in all directions at the M25/M26/A21 interchange.

RESOLVED – to give support where needed.

13.2 A letter had been received from Berkeley Homes regarding parking in Holborough Road. Additional parking to be added on the site at Holborough in the future. Cllr Miss Moloney to organise regular meetings with Berkeley Homes and the Council.

14. Reports from Councillors from meetings attended on behalf of STC

14.1 Snodland Partnership – the financial situation will be changing as three major partners would be reducing their contributions.

14.2 Twinning Association – Cllr Withey happy to be informed of meeting dates as well as Cllr Miss Moloney.

15. Any other items which the Chairman has decided are urgent owing to special circumstances
This to be removed from future agendas.

The Chairman moved that the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.