

**SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL****15 June 2009**

Council Members Present: Cllrs Miss A Moloney (Vice Chairman), J Atkins,  
Mrs B Brown, D Brown, Mrs D Crook, Mrs B Keeley,  
D Keeley J Tucker, L Withey  
Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public Present: Mr J Boyes, Mr P Missy, PC Mark Stubberfield

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Miss A Moloney (Vice Chairman) to the Chair.

1. Apologies for absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Block (Chairman), L Baldock, Mrs S Boakes, B Garlick, C Grayhurst, Mrs K Woolley.
2. Declarations of Interest  
Cllr Mrs D Crook – Community Association  
Cllr Miss A Moloney – Community Association
3. County Councillor's Report  
Cllr Mrs Hohler had submitted her apologies but, unfortunately her report did not arrive in the Office on time.
4. Borough Councillors Report
  - 4.1 Cllr Miss Moloney reported on the Borough Parking Plan meeting. Residents of Bramley Road were objecting to the one-way system and had presented a petition. Cllrs D Keeley and Miss Moloney had held a meeting with Carol Reynolds and Matthew Balfour and some of the proposed yellow lines will not now go ahead. This is to be on an eighteen month trial.
5. Chairman's Announcements
  - 5.1 There are no urgent items on the agenda.
  - 5.2 Cllr Miss Moloney informed the Council that three meetings had been arranged for the same evening and asked for Councillors to assist in attending one of the two she cannot attend.
6. Questions from the Public
  - 6.1 PC Mark Stubberfield gave the crime figures for May in Snodland – 7 Assaults, 10 thefts, 4 burglaries and 2 public orders.  
Various questions were asked concerning speeding cars in the car park at Potyns. PC Stubberfield said that if caught Section 59 warnings could be given, with notices to be put up in the car park area.  
Following questions on parking problems in the High Street, it was agreed to write to TMBC to see if anything could be done to help alleviate the problem.  
Cllr Withey had been approached by residents of Malling Road complaining about vehicles mounting the pavement to pass each other. This is becoming a serious problem, but the pavements are not wide enough to place bollards along there.  
Cllr Miss Moloney thanked PC Stubberfield for attending the meeting.
7. To confirm as a correct record the Part I Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 May 2009 (pp 1-3)  
**RESOLVED** that the Part I Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 May 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 – 18 May 2009 (pp 5–7)**

8.1.1 The Boxing Club was progressing well

8.1.2 The Boundary Walk had been well attended and enjoyed by all.

8.1.3 The firework display time, at the Snodland Festival, is still under discussion. The field will be cut by Simon Lingham in preparation for the event.

8.2 **Planning and Environment – 20 May 2009 (pp 9-10)**

No recommendations.

8.3 **Policy & Resources – 1 June 2009 (pp 11-12)**

8.3.1 Item 9 – should read 'installing' a door, not replacing one.

**RESOLVED** that the Part 1 minutes of the Council's Amenities and Recreation, Planning and Environment, Policy and Resources Committees held since 6 May 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. Correspondence

10.1 The KALC website password will be circulated to all Councillors.

10.2 There is a Councillors Information Day on 29 July 2009. Cllr Miss Moloney will attend this.

10.3 A letter had been received from the Government Office for the South East with reference to gypsy and traveller sites. Cllr Miss Moloney would read it and report back.

10.4 Managing Development etc – Changes to the proposals map.

Cllr Atkins was not happy with the map as it did not take into account the sports areas at Holborough. It was agreed to stand by our original objections on this.

10.5 Permission has finally been to place a notice board on KCC land the other side of the bypass at an annual cost of £150 for the licence to do this. The Clerk is to approach Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler to see if she could use her KCC grants to fund this. The Clerk reported that the notice board has to be installed by KCC and this cost would need to be met. This is to be added to the request to Cllr Hohler for payment.

**RESOLVED** to place a notice board on KCC land adjacent to the bypass and seek financial assistance from the County Member.

10.6 The quotation for goal posts for the Recreation Ground at a cost of £345 was received from Harron Fencing.

**RESOLVED** – to accept the quotation from Harron Fencing for goal posts in the Recreation Ground at a cost of £345.

10.7 A photograph of Gilbert Engel, Chairman of Moyeuivre-Grande Twinning Association was shown to the Council wearing his Snodland tie. Many of the guests from Moyeuivre wore their ties or scarves at the dinner on the Monday of their visit and expressed their thanks to the Council.

10.8 Appointments Commission – invitation to apply for non-executives on the board (NHS). Applications to be received by 10 July 2009.

10.9 Malling Childrens Centre – they have joined the Snodland Partnership as a non-funding member.

10.10 Land to the rear of 95 Birling Road – to be taken in Part II.

10.11 A letter had been received informing the Council about the death of Charles Arnold Baker.

11. Reports from Councillors from meetings attended on behalf of STC
- 11.1 Medway Valley Rail Partnership – Cllr Tucker informed Council that there would be later trains in the evenings and links with the high speed line coming soon. The mural and seat for the station are still awaited. The modular gardens at the land adjacent to the station can be used by anyone, but could be taken back by the railway short notice. The Clerk to check with local housing associations, to see if any of them would be interested in the project.
- 11.2 Cllr Withey had attended the Scout AGM. The Scouts were still looking for funding for their new building. Their paperchase raises quite a lot of money, but they still need a lot more.
- 11.3 Cllr Miss Moloney reported that at the Partnership meeting it had been agreed to fund the flooring for the new gym.
- 11.4 The Clerk reported on the Snodland Festival meeting.

**RESOLVED** – that the staff be paid for the hours worked for the Festival weekend.

12. Any other items which the Chairman has decided are urgent owing to special circumstances

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.

**PART II**

1. To confirm as a correct record Part II Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 May 2009 (p 4)

**RESOLVED** that the Part II minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 May 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Signed.....

2. To Receive part 11 reports of the councils committees

2.1 **Amenities and Recreation – 18 May 2009 (p 8)**

2.2 **Policy and Resources – 1 June 2009 (p 13)**

**RESOLVED** – Mrs Julie Streatfield be employed as a part-time caretaker/cleaner.

**RESOLVED** that the Part II Minutes of the Council’s Amenities and Recreation, Policy and Resources, Committee’s held since 6 May 2009 be confirmed and accepted as part of the proceedings of the Council.

3. Correspondence

3.1 Land to the rear of 95 Birling Road – Cllr Atkins explained his reservations concerning this land. As a letter had been sent one year ago agreeing in principle, it was

**RESOLVED** to honour the agreement of £750, plus all costs, with Peter David Associates for the easement across the Council’s land.

3.2 Cllrs Miss Moloney and D Keeley signed the agreement for the hire of a new truck on behalf of the Council.

3.3 A copy of a letter from Mr Norton, who lives in the High Street, had been circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Atkins asked if Mr Norton had planning permission for all the work he has done, as he is in a conservation area. This is to be looked into.

The Clerk pointed out that Mr Norton has been very rude to Council staff in the office. She asked permission to have him banned from the Office if he continues to do this. Following discussion it was agreed to ask the staff to put any incidents in writing.

4. Any other items which the Chairman has decided are urgent owing to special circumstances

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.