

**SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL****26 OCTOBER 2011**

Council Members present: Cllrs Miss A Moloney (Chairman), P Misy (Vice Chairman), J Atkins, C Block, Mrs B Brown, Mrs D Crook, B Garlick, A Keeley, Mrs B Keeley, D Keeley, D Purll, Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public present: P C Mark Eastgate, Cllr S King, Mrs R Purll

1. Apologies for absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ms D Alford-Smith, P Hickmott, Miss V Hickmott, Ms D Macey and Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler.
2. Declaration of Interest  
Cllrs J Atkins, Miss A Moloney, Mrs B Brown and D Keeley Borough Councillors.
3. Report from Neighbourhood Police Team  
PC Eastgate reported that crime percentages were down in Snodland compared to last year. Crime was down in Snodland East 34% and West 11%. More patrols would be in the area during the next few weeks to cover Halloween and fireworks night. Various questions were put to PC Eastgate which he was able to address.
4. County Councillors Report  
There was no report from the County Councillor
5. Questions from the Public  
Mrs Purll asked if there was any further news on the future of SAMAYS. The Chairman reported that the results of the consultation were not yet known but there had been significant numbers of representations opposing the proposed changes and T&MBC had suggested that the entire process in the Borough should begin again.
6. Chairman's Announcements
  - 6.1 The Chairman congratulated the Clerk on obtaining her Clerk's qualification.
  - 6.2 The Bowls Club had now been officially handed over. The hand-over day had been very good and the facilities there were excellent.
  - 6.3 Holborough Village Green and the trim trail had been officially opened and residents were delighted with the result.
  - 6.4 Various thanks were given – to all those who helped with the 10K Run
    - the coffee morning which was a success yet again.
    - to Cllr Block for attending the Environmental Awards on the Chairman's behalf.
  - 6.5 The Chairman reminded Councillors about the Firework Display on Wednesday 2 November and the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 13 November and asked Councillors to either attend or if that was not possible, to help with refreshments..
  - 6.6 There had been problems with the construction of one of the pitches at new Potyns. The planned width could not be achieved because of the position of the gas pipe-line. Cllrs Moloney, Keeley and Misy had taken the decision, with the clerk, to widen the other senior pitch to 60metres. Cllr Moloney asked Councillors if they agreed this decision.  
The committee confirmed the decision to widen the senior pitch at the far side of new Potyns.

7. To confirm as a correct record of the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 7 September 2011 (pp. 30-33)

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 7 September 2011, be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

Signed.....

8. To receive reports of Council Committees
- 8.1 Amenities and Recreation – 12 September 2011
- 8.2 Policy and Resources – 20 September 2011
- 8.4 Planning and Environment – 26 September 2011
- 8.5 Amenities and Recreation – 24 October 2011  
Item 16 should read S E Water and not Southern Water.
9. To consider and agree a response to the Parliamentary Boundary Commission Proposal as it relates to Snodland  
The Chairman explained the Parliamentary Boundary Commission's proposal for Snodland. The Chairman also reported on the Liberal counter proposal which would split Snodland in half, moving Snodland West into Gravesend and Snodland East into a newly formed Tonbridge and Malling.  
The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to take part in the discussion.  
Following discussion it was agreed that Snodland Council supports the Boundary Commission's proposal for Snodland and rejects the Liberal proposal.  
  
Standing Orders were reinstated.
10. To consider a request from Snodland Town Football Club to use the Town Council's Logo  
Snodland Town Council has no objection to the Snodland Town Football Club using the Council's logo.
11. Correspondence
- 11.1 British Red Cross had written to ask if Snodland Council would like to assist in a programme aimed at helping areas plan for emergencies. It was agreed that The Red Cross should be asked for more information.
- 11.2 The Medway Valley Rail Partnership is asking for the continued support of the Council. Mr Tucker would be asked if he would be willing to be the person of first contact for advertising material. The request for help would be brought to the next Policy Committee.
12. Reports from Borough Councillors
- 12.1 Cllr S King had attended the winter policy meeting and parishes will be contacted shortly seeking ways for them to work in partnership with the Borough.
- 12.2 Cllr Atkins reported that the Borough's grant support will be reduced by 16% next year which would be around £5000.
- 12.3 Cllr D Keeley had attended the Community Enhancement Panel and grants that had been applied for will be decided next week.
- 12.4 Cllr Mrs Brown had attended housing meetings and Kent Landlords meeting.
- 12.5 Cllr Miss Moloney had visited the Allington Waste Plant. She also reported that the Boundary Commission was looking at borough boundaries. Snodland West has a far

greater population than Snodland East and this will need to be made more equal for representation.

13. Report from Clerk on matters outstanding and work undertaken

The Clerk circulated a report on matters outstanding and work undertaken  
Jubilee Meeting

I attended the Jubilee meeting and I am still trying to discover what can be burnt in the beacon. Any information regarding this would be helpful as the Jubilee pack includes a beacon which we already have.

Deed of Grant of Right of Way Malling Rd/Oxford St.

All outstanding addresses have been contacted and this is now up to date.

Market Lease

This is still outstanding and is being dealt with by the relevant solicitors.

Community Centre

The new lease should be with the Council in the very near future.

Devonshire rooms

The Periodic electrical testing has been carried out for this building and has been flagged up for its next inspection.

A full fire drill was carried out and this was very successful.

I am currently in the process of looking to purchase LED rope lights for the front of the building.

Cricket Pavilion/Museum

The periodic electrical testing has been carried out on both of these buildings, and has been flagged up for re testing.

Potyns

I have contacted the borough Council regarding the release of money from the section 106 agreement to provide equipment for the care and upkeep of the new area.

Bowls Green

I had the pleasure of attending the handover of the new Bowls Green to Townsend Hook Bowls Club.

Staff Training

The cemetery course attended by the office staff and I was excellent. A great deal was learnt from this course and it will enhance the current excellent work carried out in this area.

One of the ground maintenance staff will attend a chain saw course in the near future.

Staff Appraisals

The staff appraisals are in progress and the new appraisal system is proving invaluable.

Cemetery

Refer to Cllr Misy's e mail.

The roof at the lodge

A thorough inspection of the cemetery has been carried out following on from the training course, and the findings will be discussed at a Cemetery Advisory committee meeting in the near future.

The office staff and I have attended many funerals since the last full council meeting, this being a legal requirement.

Fishing Licence

I have typed up the proposed new fishing licence and sent it to our solicitor, who approved it. It has now been sent to the fishing club for their perusal and comment prior to it being set up at the end of this year when the other licence runs out.

14. Town Councillors reports on Meetings attended on behalf of the Council
- 14.1 Cllrs Mrs Crook and Mrs Keeley reported on the Christmas in Snodland meeting and the Queen's Jubilee meeting.
- 14.2 Cllr Block had attended the Allotment Committee meeting. An AGM has been arranged for 16 November 2011.
- 14.3 Cllr D Keeley had attended the Boxing Club presentation evening, which had been very good.
- 14.4 Cllr Mrs Brown reported on a meeting with SE Water meeting at which a request had been made to see if there may be the possibility of finding space in Council car parks for SE Water staff. This will be discussed at the next Policy and Resources meeting.
- 14.5 Cllr Miss Moloney had attended meetings with PIPS and SMP Play, Kent Playing Fields, Bash the Trash and with Christchurch Young Mums Group, which she found very interesting.
- 14.6 Cllr Misy reported that he had been very impressed with the Bowls Club.
15. To receive details of cheques signed since the last Council Meeting  
Various questions were asked which the Clerk was able to answer.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.