

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL**28 FEBRUARY 2011**

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

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Mrs K Block, D Brown, Ms S Simmonds and Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler (KCC Member).
2. Declaration of Interest
Cllr Mrs D Crook – Community Association
Cllr P Misy – Community Association
Cllr Miss A Moloney – Community Association
3. County Councillors Report
Cllr Mrs Hohler had sent her apologies.
4. Questions from the Public
There were no members of the public present.
5. Chairman's Announcements
The Chairman had nothing new to announce since the last meeting.
6. Questions from Councillors
Cllr Withey asked what the response had been from the Auditor reference 'the Chairman's allowance'. The Clerk reported that this could not be called anything else.
Cllr Withey also asked why there had been such a rush to purchase the roses for the Cemetery. Mrs Tipp informed the Council that if the roses were ordered by the Friday of the week in question this would save a lot of money.
7. To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 15 December 2010 (pp 69-71) and 11 January 2011 (p 73)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 15 December 2010 and 11 January 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Signed.....

8. To receive reports of Council Committees
 - 8.1 Policy and Resources – 11 January 2011 (p 72)
 - 8.2 Amenities and Recreation – 24 January 2011 (pp 74-75)
 - 8.3 Policy and Resources – 26 January 2011 (pp 76-78)
 - 8.4 Planning and Environment – 31 January 2011 (pp 79-80)

9. Reports from Borough Councillors

- 9.1 Cllr D Keeley – reported that the Borough would not be increasing the Council Tax.
 9.2 Cllr L Withey had attended various meeting including licensing, budgeting and transportation. He reported that there will be a meeting in Brook Street with reference to the parking problems there with the lorries there.
 9.3 Cllr Mrs B Brown had attended housing meetings.

Standing Orders were suspended at this point to allow Mr Brian White to present a petition from the residents of Holborough Road, as he had just arrived at the meeting. Mr White then left the meeting.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders.

- 9.4 Cllr Miss A Moloney reported that following a meeting with Berkeley Homes, Berkeley Homes had agreed to withdraw from charging for parking at the temporary visitor car parks and at the on street parking bays. All other parking restrictions remain unchanged.

10. Town Councillors reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Council

- 10.1 Cllr J Tucker had attended the Rail Partnership.
 10.2 Cllr D Keeley had attended a Bash the Trash meeting and the Saturday Bash the Trash clear-up – 39 sacks of rubbish were taken away.
 10.3 Cllr Mrs D Crook gave a report on the Christmas in Snodland meeting and the Carnival meeting.
 10.4 Cllr Miss A Moloney reported on the Bike Track meeting proposal to have a bike track in Birling and also a dog show meeting.
 10.5 Cllr L Withey informed the Council of a fun day to be held at Holmesdale Technical College on 2 April run by the Beat Project.

11. To receive details of cheques signed since the last Council Meeting

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

12. Upgrading of Office computers – a presentation by Cllr Garlick

Cllr Garlick gave a presentation on the condition of the computers and their replacement in the Council Offices. The total cost of upgrading the Office IT system would be £864.93. Cllr Garlick asked the Council to consider taking out a hardware cover with PC World at a monthly cost of £14.46.

Cllr Garlick thanked Mrs Comber for the amount of her time given to assist in completing this project.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Garlick for all of his time and hard work with the Council's computers and also thanked Mrs Comber.

Cllr Mrs B Brown asked the clerk to make sure the system is covered under the insurance policy.

- 12a Cllr Mrs Brown proposed that the Council approve the upgrade of IT equipment, seconded by Cllr D Keeley.

RESOLVED to approve the upgrade of the Council's IT equipment and to take out hardware cover with PC World at a cost of £14.46 per month.

13. To consider the purchase of a trailer

The Clerk informed the Council that a trailer was needed to transport earth from newly dug graves and also the sit-on mower to various areas. Following discussion

it was agreed that a four wheeler twin-axel trailer would be needed to carry the weight required. The Clerk would investigate this and take it to the next Policy and Resources committee.

14. Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Fields Trust – to consider the proposal to apply for this status for one of Snodland's open spaces
 Cllr Miss Moloney explained what this would involve. It was agreed to apply for this and a vote was taken to agree the open space area to be put forward.
RESOLVED to apply to the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Fields Trust for the Recreation Ground to become a Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Field.
15. Correspondence
- 15.1 Malling Holmesdale Federation is carrying out a consultation on seeking Academy status.
- 15.2 Acceptance of ground maintenance agreement with KCC Landscape Services at £2,958.00 per month from April 2011 to March 2012 with additional cuts to any areas at £2,218.80.
- 15.3 A letter of thanks has been received from the Boxing Club for the £100 donation.

THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED

That in view of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

16. To consider a request regarding use of Town Council Car Parks
 S E Water approached the Clerk to ask if the Council could allow some of their workforce to park at either Potyns car park or Brookland Lake car park. They require up to 40 spaces. The Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting with S E Water to discuss the possibility.
17. To consider the possibility of creating parking space for the Cemetery
 Cllr Miss Moloney explained the need for a car parking area to be made for the Cemetery and suggested the plot of land behind the multi use games area at Potyns. A discussion took place and Cllr Miss Moloney would follow this up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.