

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL**3 August 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, B Garlick, C Grayhurst, D Keeley, J Tucker, L Withey, Ms. K Woolley.
Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public Present: Mr P Hickmott, PCSO Kim Hatchard, Mr S Eighteen.

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs L Baldock, Mrs B Keeley, Sarah Hohler and Sergeant Kevin Brigden.
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 and there is no report.
4. Borough Councillors Report
 - 4.1 Cllr Withey reported on the opening of the new play area at Leybourne Country Park. The new equipment was purchased at a cost of £65000.
The park has received a 'Green Flag' award for the third year running.
 - 4.2 Cllr Mrs S Boakes has become a trustee for the C. A. B. and also the Volunteer Bureau. Both organisations are very committed to Snodland, and very active at the Woolfe Building.
Cllr Boakes also reported that the whole of Snodland is now an non Alcohol Exclusion zone.
 - 4.3 Cllr Mrs B Brown has an ongoing problem that she is dealing with for a member of the public, and will report back when the matter is resolved.
 - 4.4 Cllr Ms. A Moloney has spoken to Robert Styles at TMBC and asked if there is any way we could obtain grant funding to upgrade the All Weather pitch.
Rate relief for the Community Centre and the Museum will be applied for in the hope that these community facilities will be rate free next year.
Karole Reynolds has completed the parking review, and the trial measures are being put into place for eighteen months.
The double yellow lines that will be placed in Catts Alley are not as a result of the parking review, but a condition of the developers for which they paid KCC Highways.
A change in the planning regulations will allow Councillors to give a view on plans as long as they do not have a prejudicial interest. All Parish and Town will be invited to attend a briefing in the near future.
5. Chairman's Announcements
 - 5.1 There will be two urgent items to discuss at item 12 1) The extractor fans at the changing rooms at Potyns, 2) The door to the changing rooms at Potyns.
 - 5.2 The Chairman advised the meeting that the new Vicar for All Saints with Christchurch has now moved into the parish. A letter of welcome to the new vicar and his family will be sent from the Town Council
 - 5.3 An additional amenities and recreation meeting will take place on 10 August, with one of the main items for discussion being the first draft of the master plan for Potyns field. Kevin Wise is asking to receive all comments by the 14 August 2009.

The planning application for the bowls green at Potyns will also come to this meeting. If any other items for the agenda please advise the clerk no later than mid day Wednesday 5 August 2009. Once Kevin has made any alterations to the plan he will produce a final draft for the Council to consider and if agreed, he will submit this to the borough Council.

- 5.4 The Chairman thanked everyone who had helped to make the Carnival a great success especially the staff and Cllr Crook. The Council floats were excellent this year.
Thanks go to the Chamber of Commerce for another excellent festival and also to Mr Hickmott for another successful Jazz / Beer Festival.
- 5.5 The Chairman attended the Try Angle Awards event, and had an enjoyable evening seeing young people being rewarded for various tasks. This event will be held in Maidstone next year.
- 5.6 The Chairman attended the opening of the Leybourne Country Park new play area, and reported that the ranger Daniel Gooch has received a degree at Rochester Cathedral for his work in the environment.

6. Questions from the Public

- 6.1 PCSO Kim Hatchard reported the crime figures for the past month.
A total of 47 Crimes were recorded which was made up of 9 assaults, 19 thefts, 9 burglaries other, 3 house burglaries and 7 criminal damage.
Several questions were put to PCSO Kim Hatchard who said she would find out the answers regarding statistics and give the information to the clerk.
Cllr Moloney suggested that the clerk should arrange a meeting with the police to discuss the quality of life issues raised by members of the public, and how they are best addressed.
- 6.2 Stephen Eighteen from DownsMail which is a free newspaper gave details about the paper and said it would be introduced to the Malling area to include Snodland from the 24th August 2009.

7. To confirm as a correct record the Part I Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 June 2009 (pp 16-18)

RESOLVED that the Part I Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 June 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 – 22 June 2009 (pp 20-22)**

- 8.1.1 Item 12.1 the goal posts in the All Weather pitch have been secured.
- 8.1.2 **Resolved** to accept the quotation from Graham Levett of £725 plus VAT to carry out repairs to building.
- 8.1.3 Item 8 **Resolved** to allocate the football pitches the same as last season.
- 8.1.4 Item 11 **Resolved** to supply the teas following the Church Service up to a cost of £200.
- 8.1.5 The New Build at Potyns is very near to completion.
- 8.2 **Planning and Environment – 8 July 2009 (pp 24-25)**
No recommendations.
- 8.3 **Policy & Resources – 27 July 2009 (pp 27-29)**
- 8.3.1 Item 7 **Resolved** to give a grant of £200 to the community association under sec 137 of the LGA
- 8.3.2 Item 9 **Resolved** to appoint Graeme Levett Carpentry to carry out the repair work to the town hall.

- 8.3.3 Item 11.4 **Resolved** to purchase one solar powered light to see if it serves the purpose at a cost of £45.95.
- 8.3.4 Item 11.6 **Resolved** to accept the quote from Loughman Civil Engineering to erect the notice board at a cost of £225.

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 Operation Cubit – If there are any specific areas please inform the clerk.

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 is an option.

11.2 Cllr D Brown attended the KALC Meeting, only two Councillors attended therefore there is nothing to report.

11.3 Cllr Miss Moloney attended a Councillors Training day at Lenham which provided a great deal of information.

The official opening of the Bird Sanctuary was a very nice event. The Bird Sanctuary will be used by the schools for nature projects and this was sponsored by the Snodland Partnership.

11.4 The Christmas in Snodland Meeting took place last week, and alternative sources of funding will be pursued to last year. The sleigh will be available again, and thanks must go to Mr Rimmer who is the main organiser of this event.

11.5 Cllr Mrs Crook reported that the changing rooms are unavailable to footballers at the moment, as they are being decorated ready for the new season.

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

12.1 The extractor fans in the changing rooms are not working, and will be cleaned out and a test will take place to see if they are functioning properly.

12.2 The outer door to the changing rooms needs to be either replaced or metal plates placed on it.

RESOLVED - The clerk will arrange for this to be carried out as soon as possible so the changing rooms can be handed back to the community association.

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.