

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL

7 September 2011

Council Members present: Cllrs Miss A Moloney (Chairman), P Misy (Vice Chairman),
Ms D Alford-Smith, C Block, Mrs B Brown, Mrs D Crook,
P Hickmott, Ms V Hickmott, Mrs B Keeley, D Keeley,
Ms D Macey
Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler (KCC Member).
Mrs S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public present: Alison Hawkett KCC Samays, Ellen Shaw KCC Samays
P C Mark Stubberfield

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Atkins and B Garlick.
2. Declaration of Interest
Cllr Ms V Hickmott – Employee of KCC
Cllrs Miss A Moloney, Mrs B Brown and D Keeley Borough Councillors

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders for the next three items.

3. Report from Neighbourhood Police Team
PC Stubberfield reported that crime was down in Snodland compared to last year. School holidays had not presented any significant anti-social behaviour. Various questions were put to PC Stubberfield which he answered.
4. Guest Speaker Ellen Shaw – KCC Samays
Ellen Shaw gave some background information about her work with Samays, and explained what Samays provides for young people in Snodland and the surrounding areas. Samays gives young people opportunities to take part in different activities and obtain recorded outcomes for some of these e.g. First aid. Many of the activities provide valuable life skills these young people would not necessarily obtain from elsewhere.
Ellen described the 'HOUSE' project she is managing that moves to various areas in the borough and is based on providing health information for young people aged 13 – 19.
Questions were put to Ellen regarding where young people would go in Snodland if Samays was not there. Ellen replied that there would be pick up points to ferry them to other areas and venues, and outreach workers.
The success of the Y2 crew which is a summer scheme was also discussed.
Cllr Mrs Keeley thanked Ellen for the excellent work Samays did for the young people in Snodland.
5. County Councillors Report
Cllr Mrs Hohler reported that the County Council is changing the way things are done avoiding duplication, by commissioning local people to decide what they want in the area.
The Youth provision consultation is not about closing or getting rid of current facilities, but looking at different ways of doing things. The 'House' project for

example moves around to different areas in the borough and is proving to be successful.

Education Key Stage two has improved and also GCSE results have improved by 5%.

KCC is currently trying to obtain funding for additional broadband to reach the remote areas and this will cost in the region of £42 million pounds.

Highways has recently changed their contractor to 'Enterprise' and hope's to see Improvements in the service.

There will be changes in Health service provision with PCT's going and KCC will assist with this, possibly being replaced by Health and wellbeing boards.

Cllr Hohler was asked question about Grass cutting along the highways. The number of cuts has been reduced, although hopefully the new contactor will address this and there is a need for better inspections to take place.

The guests left the meeting.

6. Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.

7. Chairman's Announcements

- 7.1 A coffee morning will take place at the Devonshire Rooms on 25 October 2011 at 10am.
- 7.2 The Hand Over of the bowls club will take place hopefully the week of the 19 September 2011. Ward homes would like to donate a plaque and have suggested some wording. The clerk will reply the Council would prefer it to read 'Built for Townsend Hook Bowls Club by Ward Homes in Partnership with Snodland Town Council.'
- 7.3 The documents for the Queen Elizabeth 2nd Fields in Trust for the Recreation Ground have been signed and returned and STC is just waiting for its number. The same process is under way for Nevill Park.
- 7.4 The appeal against the planning decision of the plan for two bungalows at the Doctors Surgery site is underway. The Council is happy for a submission to be put in supporting the appeal.
- 7.5 The contractors are on site at New Potyns and the work is well underway. A complaint about the noise of the machinery from a local resident will be discussed with the contractor tomorrow.
- 7.6 TMBC is not averse to STC lighting a Beacon for the Queens Diamond Jubilee, subject to health and safety checks. This will take place on 4 June 2012 between 10 - 10.30pm and a specified time to light the beacon will be given to us.
- 7.7 A meeting will take place tomorrow with the Valley of Visions regarding the planting of hedges at new Potyns and other areas.
- 7.8 It is hope a meeting will take place with the FA on 2nd September 2011 with their ground grader, to discuss the requirements and possibility of Snodland football clubs moving to step six from seven football.
- 7.9 The Chairman has attended lots of meetings regarding grants and sports facilities and will be attending a meeting with Kent County Playing Fields Association on 21 October 2011.

8. To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 July 2011 (pp 17- 19)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 13 July 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Signed.....

9. To receive reports of Council Committees

- 9.1 Amenities and Recreation – 18 July 2011 (pp 20 - 21)

Item 4.1 should read Mr B Miners not Mr Hickmott.

- 9.2 Policy and Resources – 26 July 2011 (pp 22 - 24)

- 9.3 Planning and Environment – 15 August 2011 (pp 25 - 26)

10. To consider the proposal from Brook Street Developments regarding the use of the Bridge at the entrance to Brook Street Car Park

1. Proceed with a draft agreement to accept the capital sum of £10,000 for a 'Deed of Grant of Right of Way' to be paid on commencement of building works.
2. Agreement to provide a fair and proportionate cost towards the future care and upkeep of the bridge by the owner or the development. (Insurance to be in place during works being carried out in the event of construction vehicles causing damage to the bridge.)

3. On completion of the building works the Town Council will place a 7.5 ton weight restriction on the bridge.

Good photographic record before and after the works take place will be necessary.

Cllr Misy pointed out that the building regulations will require a structural engineers report for the bridge.

RESOLVED to accept the above proposals.

11. To discuss the Town Councils response to the KCC Consultation on Youth Service Provision.

RESOLVED – STC will make a representation and this will go to the policy committee for approval. It was also suggested individual responses are sent.

12. To consider the proposal to site a gas governor at the Cricket Meadow.

RESOLVED - to accept the proposal subject to a response from the district auditor.

13. Correspondence

- 13.1 A letter from TMBC regarding the land ownership at the car park in the high street, specifies that the paving is in the ownership of TMBC and the front vegetation by the notice board. The trees and other vegetation belong to Snodland Town Council. An agreement has been made with the Borough Council that STC will take care of the land by the notice board.

- 13.2 A letter from MP for Chatham and Aylesford regarding KCC Youth service provision was circulated for Councillors information.

14. Reports from Borough Councillors

- 14.1 Cllr D Keeley reported that apart from attending site meetings things had been quiet.

- 14.2 Cllr Mrs B Brown had attended a meeting with the Police regarding anti-social behaviour. Cllr Brown also reported that TMBC had received their audit back from the Audit Commission and all financial matters are without fault. TMBC was the first in Kent to complete their audit.

15. Report from Clerk on matters outstanding and work undertaken
The Clerk circulated a report on all matters outstanding and work undertaken and a copy is on file.
Cllr Ms D Alford-Smith gave her apologies and had to leave the meeting at 9.03pm
16. Town Councillors reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Council
- 16.1 Cllr Macey reported on the meeting held with the Clerk to finalise the new style appraisal forms. These are in line with the current recommendations from SLCC. A staff surgery will be introduced in the very near future and Cllr Macey asked for Councillors to give perhaps one hour of their time each month for this purpose. The self-appraisal forms will be issued to staff and they should be back within the next two weeks.
- 16.2 Cllr Keeley reported on the various site meetings he had attended and the contractors at new Potyns hope to be able to seed the new playing fields soon, although this will depend on the weather. If the weather is against us they will not be seeding until March 2012. Everything is going well on both allotment sites.
- 16.3 Cllr Hickmott reported on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee meeting that had taken place and the proposed events. There will be another meeting in November.
- 16.4 Cllrs Mrs Keeley and Mrs Crook reported that the coffee mornings had been a success and they are thinking about having a Strawberry Tea next summer. They have wrapped 500 presents to send to Santa for his Grotto at Christmas. The 10k Run takes place on the 9 October 2011 and there will be an indoor market at the Community Centre.
- 16.5 Cllr Miss Moloney reported on the play equipment and she has been working with P.I.P.S and Russet Homes about a proposed project to put new play equipment in Nevill Park.
17. 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 9.30 pm.