

Snodland Town Council – Full Council

24 February 2022

Committee Members present:	Cllrs Mrs S Bell (C), Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf (VC), A Bennison, Mrs D Crook, P Hickmott, Ms D King, Mrs N Misy, W Mallard,
Council Staff present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO)
Other Councillors Present:	County Cllr Mrs S Hohler
Members of the public:	None

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from J Minter (Dep VC), Mrs A Barden J Butterfield, D Lettington and Mrs S Shaw</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of interests</u></p> <p>Cllr Hickmott declared an interest in item 11</p>
3.	<p><u>Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team</u></p> <p>There were no representatives from the Neighbourhood police team. The Council members had received an E-Watch report prior to the meeting.</p>
4.	<p><u>County Councillor's Report</u></p> <p>Cllr Hohler reported on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household waste recycling centres consultation results. The outcome has resulted is a new book on the day system which has been put in place. • The reopening of Snodland Library and apologised for the temporary closure. The informal consultation regarding what would encourage residents to use services more and any ideas for new services or improvements to the existing services. The consultation is running until 7 March 2022. • The Government have issued a white paper on “levelling up” • Subsidised bus services which run to rural areas are being cut and a list of the services that will be affected has been published. None of the cuts affect Snodland. • KCC have launched the Civil Societies strategy which has replaced the Voluntary Community sector, to use charities and volunteers to support and strengthen stronger communities. • KCC working in partnership with the Kent Community Foundation who offer advice to people who want to give to charity. The foundation look after people’s money and invest it in the charities the people want to invest in. • Cross party consultation on KCC country parks. <p>A Councillor raised concerns regarding the increase in the cost of the school travel pass. Mrs Hohler advised that Kent is the only authority outside of London that subsidises school travel, this is costing the County millions per year.</p>
5.	<p><u>Questions from the public</u></p> <p>There were no members of the public present.</p>
6.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>None</p>

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7. 0835	<p><u>To resolve the Minutes of the Full Council held on 14 December 2021 (pp77-82) are a correct record</u></p> <p>To amend the spelling of Cllr Mordecai-Woolf on the minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14 December 2021 (pp77-82) were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Signed</p>
8.	<p><u>To receive reports and recommendations of Council Committees</u></p>
8.1	<p>Planning and Environment</p>
8.2	<p>Amenities and Recreation</p>
8.3	<p>Policy and Resources</p>
0836	<p>The CEO advised that she had received 2 offers on the sale of the old Massey Furgeson Tractor.</p> <p>RESOLVED to negotiate and accept the best offer for the sale of the Massey Furgeson.</p>
8.4	<p>Planning and Environment</p>
9.	<p><u>Reports from Borough Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr Hickmott had attended –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Housing Advisory board which discussed costs associated with homeless people. Cllr Hickmott put forward at that meeting to include in the new local plan to provide extra housing units for social housing. <p>Cllr Bell had attended –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMBC Joint Employee review regarding people working from home. • TMBC Cabinet budget meeting which is £2m down this year due to reduction in Government Grants and they are looking at ways to save money. <p>Cllr Bell reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime rates in TMBC is one of the lowest in Kent. • Leybourne Lakes Eco Café is progressing well. This is one of the first in the Country.
10.	<p><u>Town Councillors reports on meetings, events and activities attended on behalf of the Council</u></p> <p>Cllrs Mrs King, A Bennison, P Hickmott and Mrs Bell all attended the litter pick on 5 February.</p> <p>Cllr Bennison & Cllr Mrs Bell have been in contact with Kent Highways regarding the failure of the Lights on Leybourne Way affected by the recent storms.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Bell attended a meeting with a consultancy company working for TMBC to understand how the council can better support local town centres; a meeting with the police, TMBC and other agencies regarding antisocial behavior at the end of the High Street; pump track telephone meetings.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Mordecai-Woolf extended her thanks to Cllr Mrs Misy for stepping in and chairing the Planning and Environment meetings recently due to her work commitments.</p>

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<p>11.</p> <p>0837</p>	<p><u>To receive details of Payments and transfers from 8 December 2021 to 16 February 2022 for bank accounts totaling £139940.99 which includes BACS Payment lists pages 1277 – 1280, 1288 – 1291, 1295 – 1296, 1299, 1307 – 1310 and 1314</u></p> <p>Council members received details of payments and transfers prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Questions were asked regarding the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wages for 10 January was 1 persons wages and monthly tax, NI and pension. • KF mobile – double charge for Kwik fit amendment adjustment. <p>RESOLVED - to accept the details of Payments and transfers from 8 December 2021 to 16 February 2022 for bank accounts totaling £139940.99 which includes BACS Payment lists pages 1277 – 1280, 1288 – 1291, 1295 – 1296, 1299, 1307 – 1310 and 1314.</p>
<p>12.</p> <p>0838</p>	<p><u>Report from the Chief Executive Officer</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently two Co Option Vacancies and only one application received so far. <p>RESOLVED to extend the deadline for applications for the co-option vacancies until the next Full Council on 14 April 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey Work on the pipeline on Whitedyke Road had taken place this week • Storm damage had resulted in trees down in Willowside and Nevill Park and damage to the Cemetery car park gate post • Snodland Goes Cleaner litter pick – Sunday 6 March 11am Willowside – Cllr Hickmott to co-ordinate. <p>The CEO reported that she had attended the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the Highways Engineer regarding positioning of planters. • Meeting with Cllr Mrs Bell and a consultancy company working for TMBC to understand how the council can better support local town centres with the ongoing Covid situation and looking into measures that will help promote thriving town centres in the longer term. <p>A Councillor asked if the Leader of TMBC could be invited to a Town Council meeting as there was concerns regarding the amount of work being carried out in Tonbridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with the police, TMBC and other agencies regarding antisocial behavior at the end of the High Street. • Meeting with the CAB regarding a pilot ‘virtual outreach’ for 12 months, using video call facilities located at the Town Council. • SLCC virtual conference

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<p>0842</p>	<p>Company A - £86090 plus VAT Company B - £66642.80 plus VAT Company C – £124488.00 plus VAT The Council discussed the quotes and felt that Company B had offered a more comprehensive quotation. The quotes only covered to the entrance and the Council felt that it would be more beneficial to go to the road and this might also need to include some drainage at the entrance.</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept Company B - £66642.80 plus VAT for the resurfacing of the car park at Paddlesworth Road and to extend the area to the road and include any drainage required. To be funded from General Reserves.</p>
<p>18.</p> <p>0843</p>	<p>To consider quotations for the resurfacing of a small area at the northern end of Catts Alley</p> <p>The Council considered the quotations received for the resurfacing of a small area at the northern end of Catts Alley.</p> <p>Three quotes had been received Company A – £11900 plus VAT Company B – £13227.22 plus VAT Company C - £9500.00 plus VAT</p> <p>The council discussed the quotes and felt that although Company B were the most expensive they had offered a more comprehensive quotation, and if both jobs were given to Company B the overall total would be the most cost effective.</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept Company B - £13227.22 plus VAT for the resurfacing of the small area at the north end of Catts Alley. To be funded from Capital Reserves Catts Alley Grant of Right of Way.</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p><u>To receive an update on the pump track</u></p> <p>The CEO presented an updated plan of the pump track and advised that some minor amendments had been made to the previous plan following comments from users. The Contractor is currently in the process of working on the construction plans ready to submit a planning application. They hope that these will be available by Wednesday 2 March 2022.</p> <p>A Topographical survey has been completed.</p> <p>The CEO advised that there may be an issue with the emergency gated access to the field. The council suggested that now would be an appropriate time to replace the fencing and move the gate.</p> <p>The CEO is still liaising with Tarmac regarding the supply of materials at Prime cost.</p>

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<p>0844</p>	<p>A Councillor asked if there are any minutes available from the Pump Track Meeting, the CEO advised that only telephone meetings had taken place just to chase up regarding the design and planning.</p> <p>A Councillor asked if the area in between the track could be utilised as a skate park track. The CEO advised that she did not think it was possible as the funding had been provided by British Cycling and advised that the track itself was suitable for skateboarding and the plan was far to advanced to make these type of amendments.</p> <p>The CEO advised that there was funding available from TMBC/KCC for benches which were currently being designed by a company based around cycling. A Councillor asked if there could be some based around skateboarding as well.</p> <p>A councillor asked if the marking were going to be added to the “learn to ride area”. The CEO advised that they would be added and discussed as part of the finishing touches.</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept the revised plan for the pump track.</p>
<p>20.</p>	<p><u>To receive an update on Community Events</u></p> <p>The Council were reminded of the events meeting to be held on Tuesday 1 March 2022.</p> <p>A councillor commented on one of the agenda items regarding nominations for the year’s Charities.</p> <p>The CEO advised that these were nominations only and the final decision on the chosen charity would be made by the Council.</p>
<p>21.</p> <p>0845</p>	<p><u>To Consider and if agreed accept the quotations for the Planters and Seating as part of the welcome back fund.</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that she had requested quotations from 3 companies and had only received a response from one. The Company that did respond had been extremely helpful.</p> <p>The Council considered the robust design and quotation received and also the need to include watering reservoirs within the planters. The Council also accepted the reasoning for only having one quote</p> <p>The Council also suggested that the plants and compost should be ordered.</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept the quotation for the planters as part of the welcome back fund at a total cost of £9489.00</p>

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22.	Correspondence
22.1	A letter has been received from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council wanted to ascertain whether the Parish would re-consider its decision not to take a transfer of the public toilets.
0846	RESOLVED not to reconsider the decision to take on the transfer of the public toilets.
22.2	An email has been received requesting permission to carry out filming in the Recreation Ground.
0847	RESOLVED to allow filming in the Recreation Ground and to request a donation from the filming company to the Town Council.
<u>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</u>	
23.	<u>To consider a request for the lease on Brooklands Café (Peridise) to be formally assigned from (1) the existing tenant to (2) the existing tenant and his business partner.</u>
	The Council have received a request to formally assign the lease for Brooklands Café (Peridise)
0848	RESOLVED to allow for the lease on Brooklands Lake Café (Peridise) to be assigned from (1) the existing tenant to (2) the existing tenant and his business partner.
24.	<u>Staffing Update</u>
	The CEO updated the council of staffing matters
0849	RESOLVED to offer the Temporary Member of staff a permanent contract as Office Assistant.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.18pm.