

## Snodland Town Council – Amenities and Recreation Minutes

24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Committee Members in attendance:	Mrs D Crook (C), D Morgan(VC), Mrs J Ayers, A Bennison, P Hickmott, G Miners,
Non Committee Members in attendance:	
Committee Members Absent with apologies:	Cllr W Mallard, Mrs V Barker, Mrs S Bell, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
Committee Members Absent without apologies:	
Council Staff Present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO) Mrs K Miners
Members of the public:	

1.	<u>Apologies for absence</u>  see above
2.	<u>Declaration of Interests</u>  None
3.	<u>Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024</u>  The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 were agreed as a true record.
4.	<u>Questions from the Public</u>  <i>Pursuant to Standing Order 3 e &amp; g Members of the public may make representation, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes</i>
5.	<u>Snodland Goes Cleaner</u>  Recommendations for more posts on facebook to advertise. Real shame not enough volunteers.  An reminder email will be sent to all councillors and post on website and advertise earlier. Litter pick starts at 11:00 Sunday 7 July at Potyns Sportsground.
6.	<u>To consider recommendations relating to Boundary and flooding at Sloughfields allotments</u>  The Committee received a report regarding the boundary and flooding at Sloughfield Allotment (full report on file). We are not receiving the support from KCC.

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	<p>Cllr Loader is suggesting we dig a bigger ditch at the bottom of the bank and fence it in. The bank belongs to STC, we will need to put signs up to say that the ditch is there. Costs involved in the digging of the ditch and fencing will be costly. A letter will need to be sent to the local households that back onto this area to advise a fence is going up.</p> <p>Cllr Hickmott made the committee aware that if a right of way has been in use for over 20 years, there will be issues. Although if the residents have no allotment, they shouldn't have a key to get through the walkway of the allotment. This is not a public right of way.</p> <p>STC are trying to stop the houses and allotments from flooding, hence by re-digging the ditch and putting the fencing up.</p> <p>Quotes will need to be sought for digging the ditch, putting a fence in.</p> <p>Cllr Hickmott – there is a sewer, Contact will need to be made with Southern Water to seek further advice on recommendations to connect into the existing drain that runs at the end of the allotment. Would suggest we see if we can get into their drain first.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding the costs.</p> <p>Cllr Morgan will organise further advice regarding the drainage. Cllr Morgan, Cllr Miners and Cllr Loader to meet contact to discuss further suggestions/recommendations.</p>
7.	<p><u>To receive an update on the positioning of the furniture at Potyns</u></p> <p>STC were originally waiting for a tarmac surface to be added at the end of the pump track so that the furniture could go out, but the waiting has been longer than anticipated. There is a lot of furniture to go in. The children have created another track, in the area of grass bank between the pump track and the car park and recommendation would be to level out the grass area, place with concrete slabs and re-seed it, and then for the furniture to go in.</p> <p>Unknown exact amount of furniture but aware that there is a separate jubilee bence.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND</b> – Inventory of what we have and then we can map out where it can go. To include pictures and sizes. Also to consider placing some seats at the bowling Club/FootballClub area side. Cllr Miners to take the pictures.</p>
8.	<p><u>To receive updates on Cemetery matters</u></p> <p>Rubbish bin on the entry to the car park, needs re-straightened. Cllr Miners to resolve, and will have a look at it.</p>

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	<p>Salt bag, in the car park to be removed and placed in the salt bin.</p> <p>Bark has been placed on the roses at the top of the cemetery.</p> <p>Rose/memorial garden, rose bushes have now been removed and new flowers have been placed.</p>
9.	<p><u>To consider new play equipment for Recreation Ground and Nevill Park</u></p> <p>There is space at the rec for new equipment within the fenced off area.</p> <p>Neville park – one item needs to be removed. Lake end – there are 2 or 3 empty spaces to fill in.</p> <p>Initial enquires should be made to our existing Play equipment repair company, and also other play equipment companies to fill in the gaps at Nevill Park and for one pieces of equipment at the Recreation Ground and Nevill Park. Some of this equipment should be disabled friendly.</p> <p>Further recommendation was put forward for exercise equipment on the existing rubber matting surface at the bottom end of the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>Produce some literature, to be distributed to residents that back onto the recreation ground regarding proposals to site the exercise equipment on the existing rubber matted area. Cllr Mrs Ayers happy to distribute the literature.</p> <p>Can we apply for a grant from Tonbridge and malling for exercise equipment? The CEO advised that we have just received funded for DDay. But we can look at other grants.</p> <p>Look at Grant making applications – for a training and development need.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND</b> to fill in the gaps at Nevill Park and the Recreation Ground and to seek quotes.To look into exercise equipment for next year.</p>
10.	<p><u>To receive an update on the Community Hub</u></p> <p>There are no new updates. Full update was given at full council. We are still waiting to here from Clarion and United Living regarding the revised costs for the refurbishment.</p> <p>CEO attended an ME6 meeting, which is made up of a number of key community partners, who showed an interest in working with the hub.</p>
11.	<p><u>To consider concerns raised regarding the installation of a container in the cricket meadow next to the Pavilion.</u></p> <p>The placing of a 10 foot container was agreed in April 2023 for it to be placed at the side of the Pavilion.</p>

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	<p>STC have concerns regarding anti social behaviour of youths climbing on.</p> <p>Previous recommendations were for anti climbing paint to be placed on the container. It is like tar. This would need to be maintained. It ruins clothes and does not come off and signs would need to be put up. If painted green, it was be less of an eyesore. There would be no anti social behaviour, as youths cannot climb it.</p> <p>STC have 106 money available from the building of the Apartments on the old Clinic site which may be able to be utilised for storage and sports equipment. STC need to review the funding to ensure that this can be used.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND</b> to revoke the permission for the Container. The current storage facility could be utilised more efficiently. STC could purchase some racking for them for their equipment. Rack the side and the back wall. If extra 106 money left over, the shutter is horrendous, we could replace the shutter.</p> <p>Mrs Miners to email Chairman of Cricket Club to arrange a meeting. The CEO is waiting on Tonbridge and Malling on the final update regarding the 106 allocation.</p>
12.	<p><u>To receive an update on Brooklands Lake Café</u></p> <p>Cllr Miners has been investigating the ongoing electrical issue at Brooklands Lake Café from the past and following a meeting with the Council Electrical contractor and Medway Valley Fisheries (MVF) a proposal was put forward for the best way to charge MVF for their electricity usage. Two meters will be purchased to ensure that the correct charges a made in the future.</p> <p>The Equipment inside the building needs to be cleared and MVF knows people that could clear it and will advise STC in due course of the costs involved. Sink, ventilation and some storage racking needs to be kept.</p> <p>A proposal was put forward for the Scouts to use the building for storage for their equipment, and to build to the right of the building, their own building. MVF is happy to work with STC and with the Scouts.</p> <p>Are we restricting ourselves to a particular community group?</p> <p>Scouts are the only group that could accommodate. They are the only community group that could accommodate their own needs.</p> <p>The land cannot be sold, as its common land. Scouts have a desperate need, but have no property. They have a wonderful asset they can use, which they can sell and move to Brooklands.</p> <p>A meeting needs to be set up with Council Representatives and the Scouts. It would be beneficial for MVF to also attend to promote this area as an existing tenant.</p>

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	<p>Official letter from STC to go to Scouts, to propose our thoughts, to arrange a meeting with Cllr Morgan, Cllr Miners and MVF.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND</b></p> <p>Work needed to be carried out at the front of the building via our volunteers as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General tidy up of the outside area</li> <li>• Removal of all signage apart from the sign on front facing shutter but to be turned round as the reverse is black</li> </ul> <p>Work to go out to quote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of front facing shutter window to be blocked up, 10mm back rendered, this will allow it to be painted and a nice sign to be placed inside</li> <li>• Brick up the back windows (pictures not included, 4x in total) block and rendered so in future if needed, easily removed</li> <li>• Improve security on the doors – requires welding and a set of high security locks.</li> </ul> <p>Prices in for recommended works to be submitted to full council once received</p>
13.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>None</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.01