

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL**16 JUNE 2016**

Council Members present: Cllrs P Misy (Chairman), Miss A Moloney (Vice Chairman),
Ms D Alford-Smith, Mrs S Bell, Mrs B Brown, Mrs D Crook,
Mrs L Downes, P Hickmott, D Keeley,
Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf, D Purll.

Members of the public present: Cllr S King.
Mrs K Sowten (Chief Executive), Mrs V Tipp, Miss E Jones

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B Garlick, Mrs B Keeley, Cllr Mrs S Hohler (KCC), Cllr D Lettington, Cllr B Garlick
2. Declaration of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.
3. Report from Neighbourhood Police Team
No members of the Neighbourhood Police Team were present.
4. County Councillor's Report
Cllr Sarah Hohler apologised but the date of the meeting had been changed and she already had a prior engagement. Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler has a meeting to progress with the proposed speed warning sign in Malling Road.
5. Questions from the Public
There were no questions from the public.
6. Chairman's Announcements
 - 6.1 The Chairman informed the Council of upcoming events taking place in Snodland:
18 and 19 June 2016 – Snodland 5-a-side tournament
25 June 2016 - Annual beer festival at the cricket meadow
2 July 2016 – Annual carnival
9 and 10 July – Party in the Park
It was also reported that work at the train station was progressing well and that the Bridge opening would be around the middle of September.
Surveyors are currently looking at the proposed new Co-op building site at the Bull and have also been working on the old Nat West building.
7. To Resolve that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 May 2016 are a correct record
0154 RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 10 May 2016 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.
Signed
8. To receive reports and consider recommendations of Council Committees
 - 8.1 Amenities and Recreation – 12 May 2016 (pp 4-5)
Item 9 – To consider a request to allow further investigation of WW1 and WW2 artefacts in the Recreation Ground
0155 RESOLVED – To allow a Snodland resident permission to metal detect in a small area just inside the corner by the houses of the Recreation Ground.

8.2 Planning and Environment –19 May 2016 (pp 6-7)

8.3 Policy and Resources –6 June 2016 (pp 8-9)

Item 7 – To report on the Review of Funding by TMBC

0156 RESOLVED – that the Council’s grant to TMBC for Leybourne Lakes would be reconsidered if the changes to the grants received by TMBC are implemented.

9. Reports from Borough Councillors

9.1 Cllr B Brown attended a housing meeting at TMBC. It was reported that 1000 households were currently on the waiting list.

Cllr Brown also attending a Joint Standards Committee meeting and also a meeting at which a briefing on the upcoming local plan was discussed.

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

10.1 Cllr D Purll reported of the changes to council tax but this had been discussed previously.

10.2 Cllr A Moloney attended the Joint Transportation meeting.

Cllr A Moloney informed the Committee that she had been re-elected as Chairman of the Snodland Partnership and the Vice Chairman is Peter Rimmer. She also explained that Miss Shirley Boards had stood down as Vice Chairman because Trenport has reduced her working hours but she would still be interested to receive the minutes of the Committee.

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

A list of cheque payments, direct debits and transfers into the reserve account from 28 April 2016 to 6 June 2016 totalling £71,446.38. Various questions were asked which the CEO was able to answer.

12. Report from the Chief Executive Officer

12.1 The replacement bus shelter has finally been replaced in Holborough Road.

12.2 The co-op are re-visiting their plans for the Bull. They are now looking at one co-op in the Town which will be 5000 square metres located at The Bull Site or two 3000 square metre sites.

12.3 Snodland Town Football Club have advised that they have had a very good season all round and their first team have been promoted to the Southern Counties East League which is the highest position for any Snodland Team. They have also received confirmation of funding for the floodlights from the FA and they will hopefully be installed during the summer

12.4 On Thursday 7 July 2016 a Councillors conference will be held. It will be a whole day event with lunch. Specialist speakers and Workshops will form part of the Conference. There are two types of conferences:

- The Dynamic Councillor
- Planning For Local Councils

Details will be e-mailed to Councillors and a separate copy sent to Cllr Mrs Crook.

12.5 A reminder of the Open Air Church Service that is to be held in the Cricket Pavilion on Sunday 3 July at 3.00pm. All Councillors are welcome to attend.

13. To consider and if agree accept for fencing and gates at New Potyns

Two quotes had been received for 130 metres stock fencing, a 10ft main gate and a 3ft pedestrian gate. Quote A was for £2,175 and the quote B was for £2,600.

0157 RESOLVED – Quote A was accepted for £2,175.

14. To consider and if agreed accept quotation for felling of trees at the Cemetery

Four quotes had been received for the felling of 19 pine trees.

Quote A - £5,200

Quote B - £7,500

Quote C - £8,500 (if wood stumps left)

Quote D - £9,500 (if wood stumps removed)

0158 RESOLVED – Quote A was accepted for £5,200.

Cllr Alford-Smith advised Councillors that there may be the possibility of recycling the logs from the felled trees in one of the play areas. The CEO will investigate the Health and Safety implications of this.

15. Correspondence

One letter was received regarding the internal audit for the year. The audit was carried out and was satisfactory.

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 the report and valuation from the District Valuer relating to land adjacent to Coxs Barn

A District Valuer has confirmed that the valuation of land adjacent to Coxs Barn is £8,500. Confirmation has been sought from Berkeley Homes and TMBC that this land can be sold.

0159 RESOLVED – To accept the valuation as given by the District Valuer to sell the land adjacent to Coxs Barn and the purchaser to cover all legal costs. Additionally that the land is sold with restrictive covenants limiting its use to amenity garden and off road parking only, including the erection of a car park/garage.

17. To consider and accept the new salary rates for 2016 and 2017 from the National Joint Council for Local Government Services

0160 RESOLVED – To accept the new salary scales set by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services for 2016/17 backdated to April 2016 and for 2017/18 to apply from April 2017.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.