

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL**AMENITIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE****7 MARCH 2018**

Committee Members present:	Cllrs D Keeley (C), Mrs B Brown, Mrs D Crook, Mrs L Downes, P Hickmott, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (Chief Executive) and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	Members of the public present

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs D King, Mrs S Bell, A Keeley, P Misy and Mrs B Keeley (due to the meeting being held upstairs, she was unable to attend).</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interests</u></p> <p>Cllr Hickmott declared an interest in item 8 as he is the licence holder.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2018</u></p> <p>The minutes of 18 January 2018 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.</p>
4.	<p><u>Questions from the public</u> (<i>Members of the public are advised that they may speak for up to three minutes</i>)</p> <p>A member from the Snodland Cricket Club (SCC) raised concerns that the cricket meadow was not getting cut on a regular basis. The CEO reported that she had provided SCC with a schedule of works from the contractor and confirmed that according to the schedule the last cut was carried out in October. The CEO was awaiting confirmation from the contractor that this was correct. The issue of dog fouling and litter was also discussed and how best to combat the problem. The CEO explained that Snodland Town Council staff maintain the litter situation at the Cricket Meadow. Signs are displayed at the entrance to the Cricket Meadow excluding dogs, however it was pointed out that members of the Cricket club continue to take their own dogs into the Cricket Meadow and this was not setting a good example to others. The CEO stated that STC did not have the resources to clear up dog faeces.</p>
5.	<p><u>To receive a report from the Carnival Committee</u></p> <p>The CEO confirmed that the currently there were 6 floats and 5 walking groups taking part in this year's carnival. The CEO advised that during her recent holiday to Lanzarote she witnessed a spectacular carnival and it was a great carnival atmosphere even though there were mainly just walking groups. The carnival meeting held on 8 February 2018 was a successful meeting, with many members of the public in attendance. The CEO advised that arena acts still needed to be arranged. Cllr Hickmott advised that he was not on the attendee list and could his name be added?</p>

6.	<p><u>To receive a report from the Christmas in Snodland Committee</u></p> <p>Cllr Mrs D Crook gave a report from the Christmas in Snodland Committee and advised that the Santa Sleigh will be booked and that we would try to ensure that he arrives on time this year! She advised that the scout stalls will be moved further towards the High Street. Santa will have a new grotto due to the lengthy assembly process of the plastic shed. Cllr Hickmott remarked on how nice the festive tapestries were and asked if the third festive tapestry will be assembled in the grotto this year and the CEO confirmed that it would!</p>
7.	<p><u>To agree and accept the new Snodland Community Cricket Club licence agreement</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that following on from the Councillor's decision to draw up a licence agreement between Snodland Town Council and Snodland Community Cricket Club, she asked if they were in agreement with the final version of the licence. Cllr Hickmott queried whether there was a clause in the agreement to allow STC to use the facilities during the year and the CEO confirmed that this was included in the agreement.</p> <p>0358 RESOLVED – to agree and accept the new Snodland Community Cricket Club licence agreement. And put this forward to the Cricket Club for signing.</p>
8.	<p><u>To consider a variation on the Snodland Town Council premises licence</u></p> <p>The CEO reported to the Committee that the office were receiving numerous party requests to be held on a Sunday. The CEO advised that as STC do not currently hold a music licence for a Sunday, customers were advised that they may hold the party but were not permitted to play music. The CEO advised that this gave concern that if a customer breached this condition, it could be reported to TMBC. In order to avoid this situation, a music licence for a Sunday should be considered.</p> <p>0359 RESOLVED – to agree a variation on the Snodland Town Council premises licence to include a Sunday to 10.30pm.</p>
9.	<p><u>To consider and approve the removal of the kissing gate at New Potyns following the closure of the permissive path</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that following the closure of the permissive path at New Potyns. Permission was sought to remove the kissing gate at Paddlesworth Road end of the sports field.</p> <p>0360 RESOLVED – to remove the kissing gate at Paddlesworth Road end of the sports field.</p>
10.	<p><u>To receive a report with regards to the New Play Equipment at the Recreation Ground and Nevil Park</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that she had obtained a copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements on the company chosen to replace/install the new play equipment at the Recreation Ground and Nevil Park. The reports highlighted concerns regarding their viability as a going concern. The CEO advised that there were several options that the Council could take:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue with the initial company but raise the concerns regarding the financial situation; 2. Source 3 new quotes (but to bear in mind that this would take more time); 3. Approach one further Company to quote for the project.

0361	RESOLVED – It was agreed that the Project Manager should approach one further Company to quote for the project.
11.	<u>Correspondence</u>
11.1	<p data-bbox="225 353 898 389"><u>Letter to take part in the Great British Clean Up</u></p> <p data-bbox="225 427 1378 607">The CEO reported that the Great British Clean Up has passed (2-4 March 2018) and asked the Committee if they would carry out a litter pick? The CEO reported that she was not available through the month of March. Councillors suggested carrying out a litter pick in April/May when the CEO was available. The Scouts would also get involved as in the previous year.</p> <p data-bbox="121 607 1378 642">0362 RESOLVED – to carry out a litter pick during April or May. Date to be confirmed.</p>
11.2	<p data-bbox="225 685 1278 721"><u>Reminder relating to the unveiling on the Bench dedicated to Cllr Moloney</u></p> <p data-bbox="225 759 1355 866">The CEO reminded the Committee that the unveiling of the Bench dedicated to the late Cllr Moloney would take place at 12.45pm at Holborough Park (Tarmac Offices).</p>
11.3	<p data-bbox="225 904 930 940"><u>E-mail request from Wouldham PC for use of SID</u></p> <p data-bbox="225 978 1362 1158">The CEO reported that Wouldham Parish Council have asked to borrow the SID device for demonstration purposes initially with a view to regular use once their speedwatch campaign gets underway. It was agreed that members of the STC speedwatch group get a refresher training session before it is loaned to Wouldham PC.</p> <p data-bbox="225 1158 1374 1310">RECOMMENDED – that the CEO will make further enquiries with Wouldham PC with regard to insurance cover for the device (in case of damage) and enquire how often they would need the device in the future and discuss an amicable arrangement for both parties and report back to Full Council.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.