#### Snodland Town Council - Full Council

#### 1 September 2022

| Councillors in attendance: | Cllrs Mrs S Bell (C) Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf (VC), Mrs N Misy |
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|                            | (DVC), A Bennison, Mrs D Crook, P Hickmott, Miss V         |
|                            | Lawrence, and J Minter,                                    |
| Other Council Members in   | Mrs K Sowten (CEO)   |
| Attendance:                |  |
| Others in Attendance       | County Cllr Mrs S Hohler, Inspector M Stubberfield         |
|                            | 2 Representatives from Snodland Library                    |
| Councillors Absent with    | Cllrs J Butterfield, Ms D King, D Lettington W Mallard and |
| apologies:                 | Mrs S Shaw   |
| Councillors Absent without | Cllr Mrs A Barden,   |
| apologies:                 |  |
| Other Apologies:           |  |

| 1. | Apologies for absence           |
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|    | See above.                      |
| 2. | <u>Declaration of interests</u> |
|    | Cllr N Misy – Agenda Item 15    |

#### 3. Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team

DI Stubberfield introduced himself as the new Inspector for Snodland. DI Stubberfield knows the area very well having spent several years working in Snodland. He reported on the current situation in Snodland and what measures have been put in place to deal with anti-social behaviour and how they are going to continue to react to the on-going situation.

It was reiterated that every incident should be reported to the police on 101 or 999.

A Councillor asked if going forward, additional police resources could be looked at. The Inspector advised that there is currently a neighbourhood policing review taking place and that the outcome of the review could lead to changes in resources. There is also a recruitment drive at the moment.

Representatives from the Library services introduced themselves and advised of two recent incidents in Snodland Library which resulted in a temporary closure of the Library, it has since reopened. The mass groups causing problems in Snodland are very concerning. They discussed what else can be put in place and how they can work in partnership with others to ensure that the High Street remains a safe environment for residents.

County Councillor S Hohler reported that KCC are trying to recruit a new Community Warden for Snodland.

It was again re-iterated that most of the incidents are not appearing on the E-watch report.

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#### 4. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Hohler (CC) reported on the following:-

- Waste Household recycling centres are doing very well, and a recent survey confirmed that residents were satisfied with the booking system in place. They have addressed the need for help for some residents who require assistance with unloading, which is being trialed at a number of sites.
- The Tovil site are trialing a scheme to recycle furniture, which will either be sold at charity shops or given to those in need. There is also a book recycling scheme in place.
- Sites are also monitoring activity where some traders are using the sites to dispose of trade waste.
- CAB have advised of a scam involving their name, where bogus calls are being made to say that CAB are following up on a problem.
- A Survey has been carried out relating to ideas on how to save on heating bills. KCC are looking at these ideas.
- School buses services that were originally going to be cut, will now continue to run for a certain amount of time. Government have announced more help with bus services.
- Local Government association is calling on the Government to make it law to ban HGV drivers from using car sat nav systems.

A Councillor wanted to make the County councillor aware of the number of Community Wardens who have left the system due to the added pressures being put upon them to look into complex cases.

#### 5. Questions from the Public

Pursuant to Standing Order 3 e & 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.

None

#### 6. Chairman's Announcements

The pump track is progressing nicely. There is a slight alteration to the design which has worked to our advantage.

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| 7.        | To resolve the Minutes of the Full Council held on 21 July 2022 (pp 30-35) are a correct record   |  |
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| 0937      | <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21 July 2022 (pp 30-35) were agreed as a correct record.   |  |
|           | Signed  |  |
| 8.        | To receive reports and recommendations of Council Committees  |  |
| 8.1       | Planning and Environment – 8 August 2022 (pp 36-37)   |  |
|           | <b>RECOMMEND</b> that the Newsletter with the proposals set out by the council regarding the parking proposals at Holborough Lakes be delayed until a response regarding a meeting with KCC and Berkeley had been received. This has been added as Agenda Item 15 & 16 at Full Council.   |  |
| 8.2       | Amenities and Recreation – Cancelled  |  |
| 8.2<br>9. | Policy and Resources – 25 August 2022 (pp 38-39)  Reports from Borough Councillors  |  |
| 10.       | Cllr P Hickmott – attended two Area 3 meetings Cllr Mrs S Bell – nothing to report, however has attended a number of events in her capacity as Mayor. Mrs Bell also reminded Councillors of her Mayor's Civic Ceremony on Sunday 25 September 2022. All Welcome. CEO to send a reminder to Councillors.  Town Councillors reports on meetings, events and activities attended on behalf of the  |  |
|           | Council - Councillors are reminded to only report on council related items  Clir Bennison attended Coffee and Chat Clir Mrs Crook attended the pump track to see the progress and attended a meeting with McCulloch Homes regarding proposals for Cemetery Road and Woodlands Lake Development. Clir Bell attending the pump track to see the progress and attended the meeting with McCulloch Homes. Clir Hickmott organised a litter pick.  |  |
| 11.       | To receive details of Payments and transfers from 13 July 2022 to 24 August 2022 for Nat West payments totaling £50296.92 and Unity Trust Bank payments totaling £7186.44 which includes BACS Payment lists pages 1405,1406,1411 and 1418  Council members received details of payments and transfers prior to the meeting.  A Councillor questioned the transactions "wrong bank account". The CEO advised that this is because we now have two different bank accounts, the staff need to get used to the drop down box to ensure that the correct account is selected. |  |

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# 0938 RES

**RESOLVED** to accept details of Payments and transfers from 13 July 2022 to 24 August 2022 for Nat West payments totaling £50296.92 and Unity Trust Bank payments totaling £7186.44 which includes BACS Payment lists pages 1405,1406,1411 and 1418

#### 12. Report from the Chief Executive Officer

The CEO reported on the following –

- The pump track is progressing well and is starting to take shape and looking good. The team are very dedicated to the build. There will be a launch date in October to coincide with half term.
- A meeting took place between McCulloch Homes, Cllr Bell and Cllr Crook where they presented plans on the future development of Cemetery Road and Woodlands Lake. Cllrs had a mixed reaction to the plans.

#### 13. To receive the conclusion of Audit for the financial year ended 31 March 2022

The CEO presented the End of year audit, and advised that based upon the Auditors review of Section 1 & 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the information received was in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to the attention of the Auditors to give cause for concern. The relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have been met.

# 14. To Consider a request from a resident to assist in the request for rear parking to some of the properties in Malling Road

A report had been distributed regarding the background to the parking issues in Malling Road and the possibility of allowing residents of 73-91 Malling Road to create parking in their rear gardens. To enable this to happen they have tried to seek approval from Clarion Futures, the owners of the land that would need to be crossed to facilitate this request. Clarion Futures have already been contacted by Tracey Crouch MP and has declined the request, however it would appear that there may have been some confusion over the request. The Residents are seeking the assistance of the Town Council to approach Clarion Futures again.

**0939 RESOLVED** to write to Clarion futures on behalf of the residents of part of Malling Road to clarify the situation and seek approval for a Right of Way across Clarion land.

#### 15. To receive correspondence regarding parking at Holborough Lakes

The Council have received correspondence, from both KCC and Berkeley Homes regarding the installation of further double yellow lines on the Holborough Development. This is despite the Councils recent request to reduce the number of yellow lines on the Holborough Development. The CEO has set up a meeting with the KCC Officer and a Representative from Berkeley Homes to discuss the matter in

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|     | more detail.  |
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| 16. | To receive an update regarding the publishing of the Town Council Newsletter  |
|     | Following the recent development relating to parking at Holborough Lakes, the Newsletter has been amended and the informal consultation has been removed. This will be sent out as a separate document in the future. |
| 17. | Correspondence  |
|     | None  |

being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:13