

## Snodland Town Council – Amenities and Recreation

31 May 2022

Committee Members in attendance:	Cllr Mrs D Crook (C), Mrs D King, Mrs S Bell, A Bennison, P Hickmott
Non Committee Members in attendance:	
Committee Members Absent with apologies:	Cllr W Mallard, Mrs N Misy and Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
Committee Members Absent without apologies:	Cllr Mrs A Barden
Council Staff Present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO)
Members of the public:	None

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 31 March 2022</u>  The minutes of the meeting held on the 31 March 2022 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>  There were no members of the public present
5.	<u>Snodland Goes Cleaner</u>  Cllr P Hickmott to lead on the litter pick scheduled for Saturday 4 June 2022 at Potyns meet at Potyns Car Park. – This venue has been changed because of the Jubilee event at Potyns and the potential for more litter than usual.  Cllr Mrs King to lead the litter pick on Sunday 3 July 2022 at 11am at Potyns meet at Potyns Car Park.
6.	<u>To receive an update on the pump track</u>  The CEO advised that TMBC had requested an extension on the deadline for the planning permission. The CEO has contacted the contractor with a view to start on Monday 4 July which she is awaiting a response.
7.	<u>To consider a request from Townsend Hook Bowls Club to fix a canopy to the front of the Bowls Club Pavilion building</u>

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0903	<p>The Bowls club have requested permission to erect a canopy to the front of the Bowls Club Pavilion. The CEO advised that although the building belongs to the Bowls Club it is on council land and they must request our permission.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to allow the Bowls club to fix a canopy to the front of the Bowls Club Pavilion.</p>
8.	<p><u>To receive final details for the Queens Jubilee Celebrations at Potyns</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that all the preparations for the event were in place and a programme of events has been produced and will be handed out to the crowd as they arrive.</p> <p>Beacon lighting will take place at 9.45pm and will be lit by the Mayor with a member of the council staff in attendance to assist.</p> <p>The Lorry will be put in place on Wednesday morning and the set up will take place by Council Staff from 3pm on Thursday afternoon.</p>
9.	<p><u>To consider quotations for tree work at Potyns and the Cricket Meadow</u></p> <p>The Committee were presented with 3 quotes for works at Potyns and the Cricket Meadow following the tree inspection.</p> <p>A Councillor asked why there appeared to be a significant difference between quote 2 and quote 1 and 3. The CEO advised that quote 1 and 2 would be felling the willows at Potyns whereas quote 3 had advised that the willows only required the deadpoles to be removed. The CEO also advised that the smaller spoils are chipped by the company and the larger pieces removed by the site staff.</p> <p><b>0904 RESOLVED</b> to accept quote 3 for the tree works at Potyns and The Cricket Meadow at a cost of £620.00</p>
10	<p><u>To create a draft plan for 106 requirements</u></p> <p>The committee discussed a number of initiatives that should be added to a draft infrastructure plan to be submitted to TMBC.</p> <p>They are as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brooklands Lake Car Park - Resurfacing of car park. Approximate cost - £150K</li> <li>• Recreation Ground There is no footpath from Birling Road footpath into and around the Recreation Ground. Disabled use required, pushchairs difficult to manoeuvre. Circular path joining up to the existing paths Approximate cost - £25K</li> <li>• Clocktower - The Weathervane needs replacing as it is bent and the tail has fallen off. The internal access to the top of the tower is a Health and Safety issue and an internal staircase to the top would be required to enable safe access to the top of the tower. The external area requires inspection to ensure it remains structurally sound. Approximate cost - £50K</li> </ul>

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- Cemetery – refit of lavatory facilities to purchase new sanitary ware, new door, decoration – Approximate cost £5K Concerns whether refurbishment would require to be disabled compliant
- Nevill Park lake –regeneration of the fishing lake either for fishing or Eco lake. Approximate cost - £10K
- Willowside, Nevill Park and Holborough Park – Bee and butterfly friendly areas. Cut back the overgrown bramble in Nevill Park and plant wild flowers to encourage the wildlife - Willowside plant across the top of the bank. Willowside around the boundary of the fence. Approximate cost £5K
- Memorial Garden Waghorn Road (this area belongs to Smurfit Kappa) Community garden - Approximate cost £10K (A Community garden for the growing of fruit and vegetable could be made available within the Allotments).
- Nevill Park – Raise the level of the footpath to allow all year round access due to water levels in the area. Approximate cost - £50k Tree planting around the edge to help soak up the excess water. Approximate cost £500-£1,000 per area
- Recreation Ground - Upgrade of Play equipment Approximate cost £25K-150K
- Nevill Park – Upgrade of Play equipment Approximate cost £25K-150K
- Potyns – upgrade play equipment - £50K
- Recreation Ground – adult exercise equipment. Approximate cost - £50K
- Nevill Park - Flower and herb sensory area including lecturns – £3K
- Nevill Park – History of Snodland information area consisting of a series of information boards set at regular intervals around the pathway, with each board showing information about different aspects of life in the town and details about nearby flora and interesting facts relating to nature. Most of the boards have an interactive post beside them, powered by solar energy and emit a sound. Approximate cost £25K

A discussion took place regarding adding more play equipment to Willowside, however the committee felt that the additional costs associated with adding another play area into the Town was prohibitive, considering other play equipment areas in Snodland including Holborough.

#### Areas funded by the Town Council from Reserve funds

- Paddlesworth Road Car Park is used by the Bowling and Football Club. The use of the car park has become very popular over recent years. Part of the car park only has a type 1 surface which has many potholes and an uneven surface, and the remainder is grass which during wet weather becomes boggy and unusable. - £67K  
It has become apparent that there is a drainage issue in the car park which will need addressing before any further work can be programmed.

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<b>0905</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pump Track Potyns Sportsground. Installation of a pump track £115K Grant British cycling/Partnership/Clarion/United living and KCC Member grant and STC Reserves. Start Date July 2022.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to complete a detailed 106 infrastructure plan and submit to TMBC</p>
	Correspondence – None received

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.48pm