

## AMENITIES &amp; RECREATION COMMITTEE

15 FEBRUARY 2017

Committee Members present:	Cllrs D Keeley (C), Mrs D King (VC), P Misy, P Hickmott, A Keeley, Mrs D Crook, Mrs L Downes and Mrs B Brown
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (Chief Executive) and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	PCSO Ross McMillan and Inspector Rachel McNeil

1.	<u>Apologies for absence</u>	
	Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs B Keeley, Mrs S Bell, D Purll and Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf.	
2.	<u>Declaration of Interests</u>	
	Cllrs Mrs B Brown and D Keeley – Item 3 - Area 3 Planning Cllr P Misy – Planning application TM/16/03592/FL and TM/16/17/0041/FL. Cllr P Hickmott – Planning application TM/17/00163/FL	
3.	<b>Planning applications:</b> Cllrs Mrs B Brown and D Keeley left the meeting in order for the applications to be discussed:	
	<b>TM/16/03592/FL</b>	<b>Land in Queens Avenue, Snodland</b> – Removal of sundry buildings and replacement with five one bedroom flats – <b>Objection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does not comply with IGN3 KCC parking standards;</li> <li>- Overdevelopment of site;</li> <li>- Backland development;</li> <li>- 50% of area to be taken up by the property is very high;</li> <li>- Only 4 parking spaces for 5 flats and town centre parking already to its limit.</li> </ul>
	<b>TM/17/0041/FL</b>	<b>3B Holborough Road, Snodland</b> – Change of use from A1 (Sandwich Shop) to dog grooming parlour – <b>No objection</b>
	<b>TM/17/00163/FL</b>	<b>115 Covey Hall Road, Snodland</b> – Erection of a detached double garage (Retrospective) – <b>No objection</b>
	Pursuant to Standing Order 68 the Chairman of the Committee will invite Members of the public to express an interest should they wish to make representations, ask questions, or give evidence in respect of any item of business included on the agenda	
	Questions from the public ( <i>Members of the public are advised that they may speak for up to three minutes</i> )	
4.	<u>Minutes – to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2017</u>	
	The minutes of the Amenities & Recreation Committee held on 4 January 2017 were agreed a correct record of the meeting.	
5.	<u>To discuss matters relating to the damage caused in Snodland in the last three months</u>	
	PCSO R McMillan and Inspector R McNeil gave a report on the criminal damage carried out in Snodland during the last 3 months.	

	<p>Inspector McNeil reported that the frequent criminal activity in Snodland has been identified as an isolated case and that the offenders have been arrested and interventions were undertaken where necessary.</p> <p>Frequent shoplifting crimes have been reported in Snodland and the PCSO has spoken to the shop owners giving advice on how to manage and display their stock to deter shoplifting crime.</p>
6.	<p><u>To receive a report on Christmas in Snodland</u></p> <p>The CEO updated the Committee with information which arose from the Christmas in Snodland meeting which was held on 27 January 2017. This included the new ideas which were suggested to be introduced to the new programme of events for this year's Christmas in Snodland. A copy of the minutes are available to read on file.</p>
7.	<p><u>To receive a report on the Snodland Carnival</u></p> <p>The CEO updated the Committee with information which arose from the Carnival meeting which was held on 27 January 2017. This included the new ideas which were suggested to be introduced to the new programme of events for this year's Carnival. A copy of the minutes are available to read on file.</p>
8.	<p><u>To receive an update on the Community Speedwatch Scheme</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that Holborough Lakes have distributed a leaflet giving information about the Speedwatch Scheme and it was agreed that a similar leaflet should be distributed around Snodland informing residents of the Scheme.</p> <p>The CEO and the Speedwatch co-ordinator visited various locations around Snodland to ascertain their suitability for the Speedwatch scheme.</p> <p>The CEO reported that 19 people have volunteered to take part in the Scheme. Fifteen of these volunteers are from Holborough Lakes and the remaining 4 are Councillors. The CEO reported that all volunteers needed to carry out the training online before they can become part of the Group.</p>
9.	<p><u>To consider Proposal for Public Spaces Protection Orders in the Borough from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council</u></p> <p>The Proposal for Public Spaces Protection Orders in the Borough From Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council document was made available for Councillors to read online.</p> <p>The CEO gave an overview about the document and what it involved. A number of issues were discussed. 1) currently the maximum number of dogs one person can take onto a public place is six. It was agreed by the Committee that this was too high 2) TMBC have stated that the PSPO would cover all of the Public Spaces within T&amp;M, this should be made clearer in proposal to state that this includes land owned by Parish/Town Councils 3) Who can be an authorised person and what can Parish/Town Councils do to assist.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND</b> – that the CEO report back to TMBC regarding the three points above.</p>
10.	<p><u>To discuss an invitation to join the Great British Spring Clean Campaign</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that she had received an e-mail from TMBC inviting Councillors and members of the public to get involved with the launch of the Great British Spring Clean Campaign on 3 – 5 March 2017.</p>

0225	<p>It would involve tackling areas of heavy litter. Litter pickers and sacks would be provided by TMBC.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – Councillors to meet on <b>Saturday 4 March 2017 at 10.00am at the recycling point in Rocfort Road Car Park.</b> Members of the public are also invited to join. CEO to get in touch with TMBC to request the equipment.</p>
11.	<p><u>To discuss Car Parking issues in the High Street</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that she had received an e-mail from a local resident raising the issue of motorists causing obstruction by parking outside the Co-op/Post office.</p> <p>In order to alleviate the congestion in the High Street, it was suggested that the Rocfort Road car park should be regularly spot checked by TMBC enforcement officers to ensure that vehicles are only parked for the short stay period.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND</b> – that the CEO write to TMBC requesting enforcement officers to be assigned to check the Rocfort Road car park and issue penalty notices to offenders.</p>
12.	<p><u>To consider and if agreed, accept quote for one tree to be removed from the Cemetery</u></p> <p>Only one quotation has been received as others have been unable to compete with the current tree surgeon on past quotes and have declined the offer to quote. The CEO asked the Committee to accept the quote from the tree surgeon to remove the large tree on the lawn section of the Cemetery.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – quote accepted for work to be carried out.</p>
13.	<p><u>To consider the future maintenance regime on New Potyns</u></p> <p>The CEO advised the Committee that the maintenance regime at New Potyns was entering its 5<sup>th</sup> year. Whilst general maintenance of the pitches would continue the need for top dressing could be reduced.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> - It was agreed that the pitches were now in excellent condition and the CEO would liaise with the contractor to ascertain the need for top dressing dependent on the future condition of the pitches.</p>
14.	<p><u>To receive an update on matters relating to Brookland Lake</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that she is waiting for the lease to be finalised.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – to execute the lease outside of a Council meeting as soon as it is available.</p>
15.	<p><u>To re-apply for variation of opening hours for the Cricket Pavilion Café</u></p> <p>The CEO advised the Committee that the Council needed to re-apply for planning permission for a variation of opening hours as the current permission was only granted for one year.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND</b> – that the CEO re-apply, but also speak to TMBC to ascertain if a longer period would be granted.</p>
16.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The CEO advised the Committee that a thank-you card had been received from a local resident thanking Snodland Town Council for their assistance.</p> <p>The CEO reported that she had received a letter from KCC regarding the Volunteer Support Warden Scheme informing her that a recruitment campaign would begin at the end of March requesting volunteers to take part and that further details would follow.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.56pm.