Snodland Town Council – Amenities and Recreation Minutes

13 April 2023

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

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1.	Apologies for absence
	see above
2.	<u>Declaration of Interests</u>
	None
3.	Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2023
	The minutes of the meeting held on the 24 November 2022 were agreed as a true record.
4.	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
5.	Snodland Goes Cleaner
	The Committee received details of the next litter pick in Nevill Park on Sunday 7 May 2023 at 2pm. To be co-ordinated by Cllr Mrs D Crook. Litter pickers, sacks and hoops to be dropped off.
6.	To sign and Seal the deed of easement relating to Leybourne lakes
	The Committee received details relating to the deed of easement to the footpath that runs between Brooklands Lake and Leybourne Lakes.
1000	RESOLVED to sign and seal the deed of easement for Leybourne Lakes.
7.	To consider removal of old play equipment at Nevill Park and consider how best to refurbish the area.
	The Committee considered and discussed the removal of the old play equipment in Nevill Park. The electra unit has parts missing and a large amount of the plastic coating has disintegrated. The single point swing has had the basket replaced on a number of occasions and each time this has been vandalised beyond repair. The committee had previously considered removing this play area and replacing with a nature area. A working group should be formulated to consider a plan for the future to create a sensory area and flower meadow. This would fit in with the similar ideas of a Coronation meadow. The Bandstand will also be dismantled with a view to find an alternative location.

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1001	RESOLVED to remove all the play equipment and Bandstand in Nevill Park and formulate a working group to create a Coronation Meadow.
8.	To receive a request relating to sole use of Potyns Car Park and no football matches on Saturday 9 September 2023
	The Committee considered the request relating to sole use of the car park and no football matches on pitch one on Saturday 9 September 2023 for a wedding in the Community Centre.
1002	RESOLVED to refuse Permission for sole use of Potyns Car Park and no football matches on Saturday 9 September as this would set a precedent for all future Community Centre bookings.
9.	To receive reports and recommendations from the Events meetings.
	The CEO reported that despite significant social media campaigning, the number of entries to the carnival parade is still only 2 with no walking groups, leaving the viability of the parade in jeopardy. We currently have two bands booked for the parade.
	The Committee suggested that the Council email all groups who have taken part in previous years. Responses should be returned by Wednesday 26 April 2023 and a final decision will be made at Full Council on Thursday 27 April 2023.
	Nominations for the Charities for the year were put forward for consideration by the council.
	 The following Charities were nominated. Girl Guides (Rainbows, Brownies and Rangers) Mens Mind Project Snodland Bike Club Pilgrims View Army Cadets Kent and Medway Partnership Trust (A new charity Hope, Heart,
	Health) support residents of Snodland that suffer with a number of different disorders including mental health and Dementia. Tonbridge and Malling Dementia Friendly Society
1003	RESOLVED to accept the following groups as the Charities for the year and split the proceeds from all the events equally between the three charities.
	 Girl Guides (Rainbows, Brownies and Rangers) Mens Mind Project Kent and Medway Partnership Trust
	The Committee considered what decorations should be purchased to commemorate the Kings Coronation.
1004	RESOLVED to purchase 25 lamppost signs commemorating the Kings Coronation.
10.	To grant approval for the installation of a secondary gate at Birling Lands Allotments
	The Allotment Committee at Birling lands have received requests for a further gate to allow access from the footpath between Saltings Road and Catts Alley.

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	This will enable allotment holders to transport equipment, manure and plants via the footpath rather than trying to manuveure along a very narrow path inside the allotment.
	RECOMMENDED to investigate the cost of a gate to allow access to the Allotment from the footpath between Catts Alley and Saltings Road.
11.	To consider a request from the cricket club to instal a container to the right hand side of the pavilion for additional storage
	A request has been received to allow the cricket club to place a container beside the pavilion café to allow for a safe and secure storage area.
1005	RESOLVED to give permission for the siting of a container beside the Pavilion Café to allow a safe and secure storage area. The container must be painted with anti climbing paint together with signage.
	A request has also been received to paint the fence surrounding the Pavilion garden white, this is for safety reasons as the black fence blends in with the pavilion and makes it difficult to see when running towards it during a cricket match.
1006	RESOLVED to allow the cricket club to paint the fence surrounding the Pavilion Café garden white. The cricket club will provide the labour and the Council will provide the paint.
12.	To receive an update and consider quotation for Soakaway design tests relating to Paddlesworth Road Car Park
	A Report (copy of file) was received on the progress in relation to the soakaway design tests required at Paddlesworth Road Car Park.
1007	RESOLVED to approve the quote of £1775.00 plus VAT for the soakaway design tests at Paddlesworth Road Car Park.
13.	To consider new street names for the two developments off Cemetery Road Tonbridge and Malling Council have requested approval relating to names submitted for the housing developments in Cemetery Road.
	In 1844 one of the fields that surrounds the area was called Barnfield and therefore a suggestion of Barnfield Walk for the development of the 8 houses was put forward which donates a local connection. The suggestion of Heritage Walk was agreed for the development of the 4 houses.
1008	RESOLVED Barnfield Walk for the development of the 8 houses and Heritage Walk for the development of the 4 houses in Cemetery Road.
14.	<u>Correspondence</u>
	A letter had been received from Snodland Football Club thanking the CEO for attending their last game of the season. The First team won the title and have been promoted to the Premier Division of the Southern Counties East Football League.
1009	RESOLVED to send a letter of congratulations to Snodland Town Football Club on achieving promotion to the Premier Division of the Southern Counties East Football League.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:22