

Snodland Town Council – Amenities and Recreation Minutes

13 April 2023

Committee Members in attendance:	Cllr Mrs D Crook (C), Mrs D King, A Bennison, P 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

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 24 November 2023</u> The minutes of the meeting held on the 24 November 2022 were agreed as a true record.
4.	<u>Questions from the Public</u> <i>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</i>
5.	<u>Snodland Goes Cleaner</u> 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.	<u>To sign and Seal the deed of easement relating to Leybourne lakes</u> 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.	<u>To consider removal of old play equipment at Nevill Park and consider how best to refurbish the area.</u> 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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	<p>This will enable allotment holders to transport equipment, manure and plants via the footpath rather than trying to manuevre along a very narrow path inside the allotment.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to investigate the cost of a gate to allow access to the Allotment from the footpath between Catts Alley and Saltings Road.</p>
11.	<p><u>To consider a request from the cricket club to instal a container to the right hand side of the pavilion for additional storage</u></p> <p>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.</p>
1005	<p>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.</p>
1006	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
12.	<p><u>To receive an update and consider quotation for Soakaway design tests relating to Paddlesworth Road Car Park</u></p> <p>A Report (copy of file) was received on the progress in relation to the soakaway design tests required at Paddlesworth Road Car Park.</p>
1007	<p>RESOLVED to approve the quote of £1775.00 plus VAT for the soakaway design tests at Paddlesworth Road Car Park.</p>
13.	<p><u>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.</u></p> <p>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.</p>
1008	<p>RESOLVED Barnfield Walk for the development of the 8 houses and Heritage Walk for the development of the 4 houses in Cemetery Road.</p>
14.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>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.</p>
1009	<p>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.</p>

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