

Snodland Town Council – Full Council Minutes

23 March 2023

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Councillors in attendance: | Cllr Mrs S Bell (C), Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf (VC), Mrs N Misy (DVC), A Bennison, Mrs D Crook, P Hickmott, Ms D King, Miss V Lawrence, D Lettington and Miss V Parker |
| Other Council Members in Attendance: | Mrs K Sowten (CEO) |
| Others in Attendance | 4 Members of the public in attendance |
| Councillors Absent with apologies: | Cllrs J Butterfield, W Mallard, J Minter, Mrs S Shaw County Cllr Mrs S Hohler |
| Councillors Absent without apologies: | |
| Other Apologies: | |

| | |
|-----|---|
| 1. | <u>Apologies for absence</u> See above. |
| 2. | <u>Declaration of interests</u> Cllr N Misy Agenda Item 13 |
| 3. | <u>Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team</u> The Council members had received an E-Watch report prior to the meeting. |
| 4. | <u>County Councillor's Report</u> The County Councillor was not in attendance. |
| 5. | <u>Questions from the Public</u> 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. Members of the public present raised concerns regarding the proposed changes to the parking at Holborough Lakes. A member of the public also sent in an email which was read out. They have also submitted their concerns in the recent parking survey and send additional video footage of areas of concern. Suitable safer roads than have been suggested. |
| | A proposal was put forward to move agenda item 13 to the next item on the agenda. |
| 13. | <u>To review the responses from the informal survey relating to Holborough Lakes Parking Review and agree whether any changes need to be made to the proposed prior to submission to the formal TRO process.</u> |

Snodland Town Council – Full Council Minutes

23 March 2023

Councillors made the following comments –

- It is not for the Town council to decide on the proposals. The Town Council can express an opinion, the decision-making body is the Joint Transportation board of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and Kent County Council.
- It is clear from the outcome of the results of the survey that the opinion is split.
- From the very beginning of Phase one there has been insufficient parking on the development and the roads were designed that they had insufficient width to accommodate additional parking in many places.
- Where additional parking can be allocated safely and where Highways Engineers have recommended where they believe it is safe to do so, the spaces should be considered.
- It is unrealistic to expect residents to park elsewhere, including outside of the development, where it has a knock-on effect in the surrounding areas of the town. The development should consume its own parking.
- The Town Council's comments should reflect that areas being considered should be allocated safely.
- There are some unreasonable expectations by some residents about other people being allowed to park outside their properties. It is a public highway for people to use and if it is unrestricted by any traffic regulation order then people should be able to park there.
- Opinion is split. If this goes out to a formal consultation, it's going to be a waste of money because there will be loads of objections to it. Some people want it some people don't. because it is such a big area, you're going to get a lot of people objecting to it, a waste of time and a waste of money. From what has been heard from residents there is some scope for some areas to be looked at, but we are looking at all the areas across the whole of the estate and we are going to be looking at an impasse and keep going around in circles.
- Berkeley Homes will go ahead with all their additional restrictions regardless of the results of the informal consultation and will not include any of the areas suggested by KCC Highways where restrictions could be removed.
- The point of a formal consultation with specific maps for people to comment. There was a promise to residents of Holborough lakes made over 3 years ago that a review of the entire estate would be carried out to see where the right places were to accommodate additional parking. Over the years as each phase of the development has been built, individual road traffic regulations have been adopted, some of which have worked and some which haven't. There are areas that have been retained by Berkeley as private roads, but we are now at a stage where the development is coming to a close and we have a clearer road network that we can look at as a whole it is much better to have a public consultation to see what people's views are on specific areas.
- And would give the county council a chance to resolve some of the issues that have been going on for many years. When it comes to the decision-making body of the JTB looking at the maps they will be fully informed about what areas will and will not work.
- There should have been accommodation made for commercial vehicles within the development. Most new estates have restricted covenants on commercial vehicles and the planning system needs to be reformed to prevent developers

Snodland Town Council – Full Council Minutes

23 March 2023

| | |
|-------------|--|
| | <p>from implementing this covenant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circumstances change for people and what was originally an acceptable level of parking when they moved in may not still be the case now. • The formal consultation needs to be carried out on a road-by-road basis and this would need to be reiterated to KCC and Berkeley Homes. |
| 0996 | <p>RESOLVED to proceed with the formal consultation on a road-by-road basis as per the areas already included in the informal survey without any amendments.</p> |
| 6. | <p><u>Chairman’s Announcements</u> A jobs fair that was organized by Clarion Futures and Department for Work and Pensions took place at the council offices today (23rd March) and was very well attended.</p> <p>Reported large amount of fly tipping in Hollow Lane.</p> <p>Attended a Tarmac Meeting. No recent reports in relation to the smells or noise.</p> |
| 7. | <p><u>To resolve that the Minutes of the Full Council held on 9 February 2023 (pp84-88) are a correct record</u></p> <p>0997 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 9 February 2023 (pp84-88) were agreed as a correct record</p> <p>Signed</p> |
| 8. | <p><u>To receive reports and recommendations of Council Committees</u></p> <p>There were no recommendations from any of the meetings.</p> |
| 8.1 | <p>Planning and Environment – 23 February 2023 (pp 89)</p> |
| 8.2 | <p>Amenities and Recreation – 2 March 2023 Cancelled</p> |
| 8.2 | <p>Policy and Resources – 9 March 2023 (pp 90-92)</p> |
| 8.4 | <p>Planning and Environment – 13 March 2023 (pp 93)</p> |
| 9. | <p><u>Reports from Borough Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr Hickmott – Attended a meeting regarding the local plan and reported that small pockets of land belonging to TMBC in Snodland would not be put forward in the local plan.</p> <p>Cllr Lettington – Attending a meeting regarding the local plan and advised that an Urban Capacity Study had deemed some of areas in Snodland not suitable for development. Cllr Lettington also reported that the local plan would be submitted under the current process for submitting local plans and not under the new process.</p> <p>Cllr Bell – Attended a meeting regarding the local plan.</p> |

Snodland Town Council – Full Council Minutes

23 March 2023

| | |
|-----|---|
| 10. | <p><u>Town Councillors reports on meetings, events and activities attended on behalf of the Council - Councillors are reminded to only report on council related items</u></p> <p>Litter Pick Potyngs – Cllr P Hickmott, Open Door ChristChurch – Cllr A Bennison Council Audit – Cllr Miss Lawrence Helping a local resident relating to housing needs – Cllr Miss Parker Inspection of Allotments – Cllr Lettington Litter Pick – Hollow Lane – Cllr Bell TMBC election meeting – Cllrs Mrs Mordecai-Woolf, Miss Lawrence, P Hickmott. Open Evening for prospective new Councillors – Cllrs Mrs Mordecai-Woolf, Mrs Bell, Mrs Crook, Miss Lawrence, D Lettington, P Hickmott, A Bennison</p> |
| 11. | <p><u>To receive details of Payments and transfers from 1 February 2023 to 15 March 2023 for Nat West Bank totaling £28230.96 and Unity Bank Payments totaling £17584.15 which includes BACS Payment lists pages1526-1529.</u></p> <p>Council members received details of payments and transfers prior to the meeting. No comments were made.</p> <p>0998 RESOLVED to accept details of Payments and transfers from 1 February 2023 to 15 March 2023 for Nat West Bank totaling £28230.96 and Unity Bank Payments totaling £17584.15 which includes BACS Payment lists pages1526-1529.</p> |
| 12. | <p><u>Report from the Chief Executive Officer</u></p> <p>The CEO reported on the following –</p> <p>Red Lion House – 2 youths have been prosecuted – 1 male 1 female. There continues to be ongoing multi-agency work relating to the resident.</p> <p>There has been a team on ASB officers at St Katherines Lane accompanying the traffic enforcement officers due to abuse and threatening behavior from parents.</p> <p>Market – TMBC have offered to negotiate the rent, which will help market traders and should allow it to continue. The CEO will talk to the Market Traders to see if they wish to continue. It was suggested that the future council could look at a working party to rejuvenate the market for the future. It was also requested that TMBC are approached and negotiate a better rate than initially offered.</p> <p>Fire at the cricket meadow where youths set fire to Ropes and netting from Cricket club. The Cricket Club are looking into a container for storage.</p> <p>The CEO advised that the Council had only received 2 applications for floats and 1 walking group for the carnival parade. Comments have been received that groups are struggling with the theme of “Famous Charlies”. The CEO advised that there was many suggestions that had been put forward under the theme “Famous Charlies”. A new social media post offering further suggestions of the theme would be put out. It was felt that the theme is not the problem it is down to lack of volunteers within many</p> |

Snodland Town Council – Full Council Minutes

23 March 2023

| | |
|---|---|
| | <p>of the groups. A decision will be made at the next full council whether the parade can take place and a way forward for the parade in future years. It was suggested that future Event meetings could be conducted Hybrid.</p> <p>The CEO reported that various grants totalling £18000 have been received from Clarion futures for the conversion of the toilet block. The Council are still awaiting a response from TMBC.</p> <p>Litter Pick at Willowside on Saturday 1 April at 11am which will be co-ordinated by Cllr Hickmott.</p> |
| 14. | <p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>None</p> |
| <p><u>THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED That in view of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be Temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.</u></p> | |
| 15 | <p><u>To Approve the Audited Accounts for New Tenant at Brooklands Lake Café</u></p> <p>The Committee received Audited Accounts for the prospective new tenant at Brooklands Lake Café.</p> <p>0999 RESOLVED to accept the Audited Accounts and agree a new 5-year lease for Brooklands Café. All legal costs must be covered by the leaving tenant and the new incoming tenant.</p> |

being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:40