

## Snodland Town Council – Amenities and Recreation

5 March 2020

Committee Members present:	Cllrs Mrs D Crook (C), Mrs A Barden (VC), A Bennison, P Hickmott, W Mallard, Mrs N Misy and Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO) and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	Three members of the public present

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs D King, Mrs J Ayers, Mrs S Bell and A Keeley.</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interests</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 were agreed as a correct record.</p>
4.	<p><u>Questions from the public</u></p> <p><i>Pursuant to Standing Order 3 e &amp; g Members of the public may take representation, answer are advised that 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></p> <p>There were no questions from the members of the public.</p>
9.	<p><u>To consider and agree a request from the Cricket Club for an all-weather wicket at the Cricket Meadow</u></p> <p>The Chairman brought item 9 forward in order for the representatives from the Snodland Cricket Club to address the Committee with their request for an all-weather wicket for the Cricket Meadow.</p> <p>The Cricket Club Chairman advised that the cost of the wicket would be £7,550 and presented their reasons why they wanted to obtain an all-weather wicket:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Low maintenance cost for practice use;</li> <li>ii) It would be available for other users and in time would hopefully promote the club and the game.</li> </ul> <p>He advised the committee that the club had raised some funding for the wicket and had made tentative enquiries to Sport England regarding obtaining additional funding. The application would be made on behalf of Snodland Town Council (as the owners of the cricket meadow) and the club were seeking the Council's support for this proposal. It was suggested that extra funding could also be sourced from KCC (County Councillors Grant). It was also suggested that nearby organisations could also benefit from the equipment for</p>

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0584	<p>corporate events/fun days and further enquiries should be made with regard to this and the possibility of additional funding.</p> <p>It was suggested that the practice wicket would be ideally located where the table tennis table is currently situated.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – to support the Cricket Club’s proposal in order that they could move forward with the grant application to Sport England.</p>
5.	<p><u>Snodland Goes Cleaner</u></p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Great British Spring Clean at the Recreation Ground at 2.00pm.</p> <p>A litter pick was planned for Nevill Park in June which would give time for the park to dry out.</p>
6.	<p><u>To receive a report on the Christmas Committee meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that there was not a great amount to report on the Christmas meeting except that the event went very well and a considerable amount of donations were raised from the residents. It was agreed that donations from the buckets and the grotto donations would be used for future Christmas in Snodland events and monies raised from the Lights for Life would be used for a specific, local charity.</p> <p>The CEO advised that during a recent meeting with the Co-op she was surprised at the size of the previous Co-op and said that this would have been an ideal venue for the Christmas in Snodland event to be held. She advised that if it was still available (which she hoped that it was not) that she would make enquiries for it to be held there.</p>
7.	<p><u>To receive a report on the Carnival Committee meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that we had received a few interested parties to take part in the carnival parade. She advised that the Mayor’s car may be provided by Big Motoring World this year. The CEO told the Committee that the bikers who had approached the Council to lead the parade had unfortunately cancelled and Councillor Mrs A Barden offered to devise an advertisement for another biker group to take part on Facebook.</p>
8.	<p><u>To receive a report on the VE day meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that although posters and adverts had been sent and put up looking for invitees to attend the afternoon tea, there had not been a great response from the public to date. It was suggested that STARA be e-mailed to check if many people had come forward. It was also suggested that the British Legion and the local nursing homes be given information and that schools include the event information in their newsletters for parents to see. Councillor Mrs A Barden volunteered to send an e-mail to the local school giving all the relevant information of the event.</p>

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10.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>There was no correspondence.</p>
<p><b>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</b></p>	
11.	<p><u>To consider and if agreed renew the lease for Brooklands Lake Café</u></p> <p>The CEO gave a report on the current lease on Brooklands Lake Café which expires in April and went on to give details of the proposal that the current tenant had requested for the future lease.</p> <p><b>0585 RESOLVED</b> - It was agreed that the café lease at Brooklands Lake be extended for another year on the basis that the tenant keep the area clean and tidy and that bills be paid via direct debit.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.43pm.