

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE

29 JUNE 2017

Committee Members present:	Cllrs D Keeley (C), Mrs D King (VC), Mrs B Brown, Mrs D Crook, Mrs L Downes, Mrs B Keeley, P Hickmott, P Misy A Keeley and Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (Chief Executive) and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	Mr Wayne Mallard

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs S Bell.</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interests</u></p> <p>There were declaration of interests from Cllrs P Hickmott and Mrs D King.</p>
3.	<p><u>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2017</u></p> <p>The minutes of 18 May 2017 were agreed a correct record of the meeting.</p>
4.	<p><u>To accept change to the Vice Chair of Amenities and Recreation Committee</u></p> <p>Cllr Mrs S Bell has stood down as Vice Chairwoman of the Amenities and Recreation Committee and Cllr D King was appointed.</p> <p>0282 RESOLVED – to agree that Cllr D King be appointed as Vice Chairwoman for the Amenities and Recreation Committee.</p>
5.	<p><u>Questions from the public (<i>Members of the public are advised that they may speak for up to three minutes</i>)</u></p> <p>A member of the public spoke with regard to Item 11 of the Agenda. He informed the Committee that whilst he was litter picking the cricket meadow after the Beer Festival, he reported that members of the public were seen walking their dogs and were not aware that dogs were not permitted in the cricket meadow. He advised the Committee that there seemed to be confusion amongst dog owners whether dogs were allowed on to the cricket meadow as the dog show was held at the cricket meadow a few years ago. The Chairman advised that the dog show was a controlled event and in this case the dogs were allowed on to the meadow. This item would be discussed in further detail in the Agenda under item 11.</p>
6.	<p><u>To receive a report and recommendations from the Allotment Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>This item was delayed while photocopies were made available to the Committee members.</p>

<p>11.</p> <p>0293</p> <p>0294</p>	<p><u>To consider and discuss issues relating to the Cricket Meadow, including Dogs, Litter, Vandalism, public use</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that she had received the new signage to be erected in the Cricket Meadow (picture of signage shown to the Committee) which clearly states that dogs are not allowed. She advised the Committee that the sign clearly states what is prohibited in the cricket meadow and required their opinion on it. It was agreed that the sign should be erected and residents should also be advised via the STC Facebook page.</p> <p>RESOLVED – the CEO to erect the new sign and post information on STC Facebook page.</p> <p>RESOLVED - It was agreed that if residents continued to take their dogs into the cricket meadow, the Committee would have to consider locking the entrance gates at the end of the working day and at weekends.</p>
<p>12.</p> <p>0295</p> <p>0296</p>	<p><u>To consider and if agreed accept a quotation for repairs to the Play equipment in the Recreation Ground</u></p> <p>The CEO requested that she present items 12 and 13 jointly.</p> <p>The Councillors were given a handout on the play equipment. The CEO reported that some of the play equipment had come to the end of its useful life. She reported that the toddler equipment at Nevill Park (Brook Lane end) needed to be replaced as it was wooden, old and worn. The multi-unit may be kept but it would need repainting.</p> <p>Some of the play equipment at the Recreation ground would need replacing, due to its age, although 2 items may be repaired. The CEO pointed out the faulty equipment to the Committee using an overhead projector.</p> <p>The CEO reported that a public consultation would be held at the Snodland Carnival where residents would have the opportunity to add their ideas for preferred play equipment in a suggestion box. This would also be added to the STC Facebook page advising the public of the consultation at the event.</p> <p>The CEO and VC have explored the possibility of extra funding but there are no grants available. The only one is Tesco carrier bags grants that can give up to £8,000.</p> <p>The CEO is consulting with two play equipment companies. She is waiting for confirmation from one company to check whether they could supply parts for broken equipment.</p> <p>RESOLVED – that faulty equipment at the Recreational ground be removed safely and the swings and scales of justice be repaired. To carry out minor repairs to play equipment in Nevill Park and Potyns.</p> <p>RESOLVED - To await feedback from local residents with regard to replacing the old play equipment in both the Recreation Ground and Nevill Park.</p>

13.	<p><u>To consider the future programme for repairs or replacement play equipment in the Recreation Ground, Potyns and Nevill Park</u></p> <p>The CEO asked the Committee for their thoughts on fencing part of the Recreation ground for dog owners?</p> <p>RECOMMENDED – that the Committee would await the comments/feedback from the public consultation from the Carnival and then make a decision whether to fence the playground or create a fenced area for dog walkers.</p>
14.	<p><u>To consider a request to cut back the hedge at the entrance to the Cemetery Car Park</u></p> <p>The CEO asked Cllr P Misy to give feedback on this item as he had recently attended the Community Centre meeting. He reported that an employee of the Snodland Gymnasium complained that when he exits the Cemetery Car Park he invariably gets confronted with a large bus heading from Holborough Lakes as the sight line is hampered by the large hedge situated at the entrance of the Cemetery car park.</p> <p>0297 RESOLVED - for the hedge to be cut back to car bonnet height so that the sight line is clear to the left.</p>
15.	<p><u>To consider a request from the Historical Society to install a monitor in the Devonshire Rooms</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that the Historical Society have been bequeathed a sum of money and have asked if they can purchase a monitor (50" screen) to be installed on the Devonshire Rooms Hall wall to allow easy connection to their lap-top. They have also agreed to consider allowing any other groups the use of the monitor.</p> <p>0298 RESOLVED – to allow the Historical Society to place a 50" monitor screen on the wall (in between the windows) in the Devonshire Rooms hall.</p>
16.	<p><u>To discuss final planning for the Carnival</u></p> <p>The CEO asked the Councillors for any assistance they could provide at the Carnival and any help for Cllr Mrs D King on the public consultation stall and the 'Whack a rat' game would be appreciated.</p> <p>Cllr P Misy requested that the 2 bands walk through the car park and on to the field at the end of the parade. The CEO confirmed that this is what she had planned as long as the public were re-directed around the fenced pedestrian area.</p>
17.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p>
17.1	<p><u>E-mail from Snodland Football Club regarding the 5-a-side Tournament</u></p> <p>The CEO received an e-mail from the Chairman of the Snodland Town Football Club thanking the Council for the use of Potyns fields for the Football Tournament. The event was a big success. He stated that there was an extra</p>

	surprise when Rio Ferdinand made an appearance with his family and managed to have some photographs taken with local children.
17.2	<p><u>E-mail regarding parking on pavements</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that she had received an e-mail from a local resident complaining about vehicles parking on pavements. The CEO replied back to the resident explaining that Snodland Council did not have the authority to stop them. This was reiterated by TMBC and the Police.</p>
17.3	<p><u>Beer Festival</u></p> <p>The CEO read out an e-mail received from Cllr P Hickmott regarding the Beer Festival.</p> <p>The e-mail thanked all the volunteers who took part in the Beer Festival. He also thanked the Council for allowing the event to take place and the loan of the marquees and tables. He thanked the Cricket Club for preparing the wicket and the loan of the equipment. He reported how the Shades of Grey band gave a great performance. A profit was made and the funds were distributed between the Scouts, Twinning, All Saints Church and Christchurch Community Hall.</p> <p>His e-mail also requested the use of the Cricket Meadow on 30th June 2018 for the next Beer Festival.</p>
0299	<p>RESOLVED – to allow the use of the Cricket Meadow on 30th June 2018 and that all associated documentation, including Risk Assessments, must be made available in good time before the event.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.