

**SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL****AMENITIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE****28 FEBRUARY 2019**

Committee Members present:	Cllrs D Keeley (C), Mrs D Crook (VC), Mrs B Brown, Mrs D King, Mrs L Downes, P Hickmott, A Keeley, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf and Mrs N Misy
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO), Cllr J Minter and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	Two members of the public present

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Mrs B 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 January 2019</u></p> <p>Cllr A Keeley referred to the third recommendation in the minutes regarding the poor state of the blocked pavers in Snodland Town Centre. He reported to the Committee that two more residents had tripped over while walking in the town centre.</p> <p>The CEO informed the Committee that KCC had advised her that work would be carried out in the summer to replace the pavers that were raised above the 20mm threshold in the town centre. She also advised that the Co-op had received permission to widen the entrance to the store's car park (although no planning information has been received for this) and the roads would also be investigated for repair;</p> <p>The CEO advised that the recommendations were dealt with at the last Full Council meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and are documented below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another date was arranged for the Christmas and Carnival meeting due to the original date coinciding with the Election briefing;</li> <li>• An e-mail was sent to the representative of the Kent Community Rail Partnership to continue his role until he moved out of Snodland;</li> <li>• Due to a busy period/holidays, the office staff had yet to update the Council's website with advice to residents to report crime via 101 and this would be carried out next week.</li> </ul> <p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.</p>
4.	<p><u>Questions from the public</u> (<i>Members of the public are advised that they may speak for up to three minutes</i>)</p> <p>There were no questions from the members of the public.</p>

5.	<p><u>To receive a report from the Carnival Meeting</u></p> <p>The Committee had all received a copy of the minutes of the meeting which was held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Cllr Mrs D King chaired the meeting and gave a brief report to the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Floats and walkers – Cllr Mrs D King was pleased to report that quite a few groups had put their name’s forward for a float and she requested that more groups were needed to take part as a walking group;</li> <li>• Ideas for the Arena – Cllr Mrs D King asked for Councillors to put forward any ideas they had for acts to take part in the arena. The CEO advised that she had received one confirmed act – Knights of Medway (sword enactment);</li> <li>• Next meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm – this date was purposely arranged so that the newly elected Councillors could observe how the meetings are conducted. The CEO advised the Committee that retired Councillors were still invited to take part in the Carnival. Cllr Mrs D Crook thanked Cllr Mrs D King for chairing the carnival meeting and advised that she was not given the date.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><u>To receive a report from the Christmas in Snodland Meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf gave a report from the Christmas in Snodland Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last year’s events – It was reported that £341.71 was raised from the Lights for Life and was donated to the homeless charity, Porchlite;</li> <li>• No bucking reindeer for 2019 – it was agreed that the bucking reindeer would not be booked for this year’s event as it did not seem that popular last year;</li> <li>• Next meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.00pm;</li> <li>• The CEO reported that additional Santa’s presents had been ordered and delivered as the current stock was running low.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><u>To consider and agree for the Snodland War Memorial in Snodland Cemetery to be added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest ('The List')</u></p> <p>The CEO advised the Committee that she had received notification from Historic England that the Snodland War Memorial in the Snodland Cemetery had been assessed as having special architectural or historic interest and will be put forward to the Secretary of State for approval. The CEO was not sure of how this would impact on the cleaning and maintenance of the memorial in relation to the requirement of planning permission but it may possibly aid the funding for future grants.</p>
8.	<p><u>To consider and agree to advertise the 3G pitch on the Snodland crest</u></p> <p>The CEO advised the Committee that she had received an e-mail earlier in the year from Cllr M Sawkins regarding the possibility of advertising the 3G pitch</p>

0475	<p>and other Council venues (hire of Council function rooms) on the Snodland crest (as he had seen this while passing through a nearby village).</p> <p>It was suggested that particular signage could be advertised at certain times of the year. It was advised that care should be taken regarding the wording of the signage.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – for Cllr Mrs D King to consider the options and report back with further suggestions.</p>
0476	<p>9. <u>To consider and agree for track marking for bikes and removal of fencing around Ball Park at Potyns Sportsground</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that this item was discussed at the last Amenities and Recreation meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. The CEO advised the Committee that the play inspector has reported health and safety concerns regarding the ball park's fence bars which are rusting, loose and even missing. The CEO asked the Inspector if the ball park needed to be enclosed with a fence – the play inspector advised that it did not. The CEO suggested that the fence be removed, leaving one of the three basketball nets. In order to create a space for children to practice their bike tricks, the hard stand could also be marked out with distance markings (for distance of wheelies). This area could be extended towards the Bowls club if the area became popular. A Councillor requested that football goals could be purchased so that football could also be continued. The CEO also suggested that the space could be developed further if the area became popular and is used regularly.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – to completely remove the worn fence surrounding the ball park and paint markings on the tarmac for bike use.</p>
0477	<p>10. <u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Litter pick has been arranged for <b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 10.30am in Rocfort Road car park;</b></li> <li>• Snodland Cricket Club have requested to hold a charity event in the Cricket Meadow to commemorate the life of a long-standing resident who has recently passed away (donations to Demelza House/ Cancer Research) and also to place a plaque on one of the benches in the grounds.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – to agree to Snodland Cricket Club's requests.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.57pm.