

Snodland Town Council – Amenities and Recreation

24 November 2022

Committee Members in attendance:	Cllr Mrs D Crook (C), A Bennison, P Hickmott and Mrs D King
Non Committee Members in attendance:	
Committee Members Absent with apologies:	Cllr Mrs S Bell and W Mallard
Committee Members Absent without apologies:	Cllr Mrs N Misy and Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
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 27 September 2022</u> The minutes of the meeting held on the 27 September 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 next litter pick is scheduled for Saturday 3 December 2022 at 2pm at Potyns. Cllr Hickmott to co-ordinate.
6.	<u>To consider creating a pond to help alleviate the flooding on Sloughfields Allotments</u> The CEO reported on the ongoing problem in relation to the flooding in the allotment. Historically this relates to the riparian responsibility of STC to accept flood flows through their land from Orchard Way. The ditch that has already been created along the eastern edge is not substantial enough to prevent flooding onto nearby plots. A pond will therefore be created on one of the vacant plots to hold the overflow of water. A Fence would also be installed around the pond. The cost involved will just be the hire of a small digger and labour charges for 2-3 day. The CEO and Cllr Hickmott will also investigate the drain that has recently been installed in the allotment by a resident that backs onto the allotments.
0970	RESOLVED to create a pond and fence at Sloughfields Allotment. The cost of this will be taken from Repairs and Renewals, if there is insufficient funds left in the Allotment Maintenance budget.

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7. 0971	<p><u>To consider whether voluntarily register with Defra the presence of chickens on the allotments should be considered for allotment holders. This is in relation to the current outbreak of Avian Influenza</u></p> <p>The Council discussed the voluntary registration, however felt that this should be the responsibility of the Allotment Holders as they have more details of the breed of chickens that are held.</p> <p>RESOLVED to suggest to allotment holders who have Chickens that they voluntarily register them with Defra.</p>
8. 0972 0973 0974 0975	<p><u>To receive a report and any recommendations from the Cemetery committee meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting were put forward and the following recommendations presented</p> <p>RESOLVED A policy be written explaining the new rules and procedures relating to benches, which includes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bench applications will be assessed individually. ▪ Benches will be placed in areas designated by the Town Council to prevent overcrowding in one area. ▪ All future benches will be to the specification advised by the Town Council ▪ Bench applications can only be made by the owners of an Exclusive Right of Burial in the Cemetery. <p>RESOLVED A notice is put on the notice board at the cemetery advising that with effect from 1 January 2023 glass vases are not permitted on graves. All glass vases must be removed from the cemetery by this date or they will be removed by the staff and stored safely for 4 months. After 4 months they will be disposed of. (The recommendation changed from a notice period of 3 to 4 months)</p> <p>RESOLVED to remove the roses in the Garden of Remembrance and replace with shrubs. The cost of this will be taken from Repairs and Renewals, if there is insufficient funds left in the Cemetery Maintenance Budget.</p> <p>RESOLVED planting shrubs along the eastern boundary to provide screening from the houses. This will only be necessary if no screening is planted by the new houses. The cost of this will be taken from Repairs and Renewals, if there is insufficient funds left in the Cemetery Maintenance Budget.</p>
9.	<p><u>To Advise final details relating to Christmas in Snodland</u></p> <p>The CEO advised the Committee on the final preparations for Christmas in Snodland.</p>
10.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>None</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:07