

## Snodland Town Council – Amenities and Recreation Minutes

1<sup>st</sup> August 2024

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| Committee Members in attendance:            | Cllrs Mrs D Crook (C), A Bennison, P Hickmott and G Miners  |
| Non Committee Members in attendance:        |   |
| Committee Members Absent with apologies:    | Cllrs W Mallard, D Morgan(VC), S Loader, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf, Mrs S Bell, Mrs J Ayers, Mrs V Barker and Mrs D King |
| Committee Members Absent without apologies: |   |
| Council Staff Present:                      | Mrs K Sowten (CEO) Mrs K Miners   |
| Members of the public:                      | Member of Snodland Cricket Club   |

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| 1. | <u>Apologies for absence</u><br><br>see above  |
| 2. | <u>Declaration of Interests</u><br><br>None  |
| 3. | <u>Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024</u><br><br>The minutes of the meeting held on the 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 were agreed as a true record.  |
| 4. | <u>Questions from the Public</u><br><br><i>Pursuant to Standing Order 3 e &amp; 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><br><br>Litter pick – Saturday 03 <sup>rd</sup> August at 1100 at the Recreation Ground. Cllr Miners, Cllr Hickmott and Cllr Mrs Crook can attend.<br>It was mentioned that there was disappointment with responses from other councillors to help. Are the litter picks viable?<br>If we are not engaging as councillors, how can we engage with the public.<br><br><b>RECOMMENDED</b> to discuss viability of litter picks at full council. |
| 6. | <u>6.1 To discuss solutions relating to the dangers of cricket balls going into Hammond Square properties.</u><br><br>Local resident complaint was read out. Fence is 6ft and foilage has been cut back, hence now appears to be a problem with cricket balls going into the garden. Would a higher fence be erected.<br><br>A suggestion was put forward for ball nets to be put up, there are temporary or permanent ones.   |

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| 1269 | <p>Cricket Club response - cricket club are responsible – number of incidents minimal, we are covered by insurance, we are liable. This is under our insurance. We will not put up any nets during the game.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> To update local resident advising that the matter has been referred to the Cricket Club who are responsible and they will make the final decision on whether they will erect ball nets. Ask if resident would like the email address of Cricket, and email address can be passed on.</p> <p><u>6.2 To discuss potential storage at the cricket meadow for Snodland Community Cricket Club, following a meeting between the Cricket Club and Councillors.</u></p> <p>Dimensions have only just been received for the size of the storage container and there is a requirement to measure it out at the pavillon with Cricket Club directly.</p> <p>Cricket – size known, the container would fit in the gap right against the fence. It is not near the building, youths wont be able to reach the roof.<br/>Storage will not contain mechanical equipment. We will put other items in the container ie seed, loam, nets etc.<br/>We would like the chess cabinet moved so that we can use our changing facilities as a changing room and not as storage. During season, we may use a small area to leave little things in, but will empty the changing rooms out of season.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council to measure up the area with Cricket to ensure container fits</li> <li>• To speak to resident adjacent to the fence to gain their opinion of a container being present</li> <li>• Look at alternative storage options</li> <li>• Back to Council for confirmation</li> </ul> <p>Cricket will be available any time after 3pm every day.</p> |
| 7.   | <p><u>To receive an update relating to Paddlesworth Road Car Park:</u></p> <p>Report presented which gives details of the findings from the ground testing. The soil investigations revealed the presence of clay, which failed the infiltration tests. This finding indicates that the infiltration method is not feasible for this site. The revised solution involves connecting to the surface water sewer located at St Benedict Road. Which required permission from the water board to discharge into their system.</p> <p>The findings from the testing have been sent to TMBC to satisfy the planning condition. We await TMBC decision before further steps can be taken to approach the Water Company. Spending to date relating to the planning and development - £10,000.</p>   |
| 8.   | <p><u>To receive details of locations for Picnic tables and benches for Potyns:</u></p>  |

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| 1270            | <p>Pictures shown of the items that we have and suggestions of where to place the items were discussed.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Location of the benches and picnic tables as follows -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potyns - 2 picnic benches to be placed by the side of the fence.</li> <li>• Potyns - Curved bench to be placed at the side of the track in between pump track and football pitch.</li> <li>• Potyns - Large Picnic table and Cycle Bench to be placed on the mound beside the container.</li> <li>• Potyns - Large plastic bin – between the existing seats on the tarmac area</li> <li>• 3rd bench to be placed in Neville park.</li> <li>• Jubilee bench, to go by the Beacon, or somewhere in the cemetery, looking up towards the Cemetery. This will be at the CEO'S discretion.</li> <li>• Potyns - Roller skate Bin – wait until the resurfing has been completed before locating.</li> <li>• Basket Bin – by the cemetery car park to replace existing.</li> </ul> |
| 9.              | <p><u>To request Councillor Volunteers for Allotment Inspections to be carried out quarterly:</u></p> <p>The Committee discussed the need for more volunteers to carry out Allotment inspections. Two Members of staff will also be carrying out inspections and Councillor Volunteers are also required. Due to the limited number of Councillors in attendance it was <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the matter was discussed further at Full Council.</p>  |
| 10.<br><br>1271 | <p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Email regarding a Charity Football Match on the 3g to raise funds for Kent Air Ambulance, who air lifted a young lad from Snodland following an incident. Following discussion it was agreed to offer the use of the 3g for the Charity match.</li> </ol> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to allow the Charity match to take place free of charge on the 3g pitch. An email to be sent to the organiser.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Email from resident asking the council to byelaw for protection of woodland or consider nature reserve at Woodlands Lake. The Land is privately owned. The CEO has approached Tonbridge and Malling for advise, however they advised that they would not give us any legal advice.</li> </ol> <p><b>Action</b> : To consult with KALC and see if they can offer any advice and provide clarity regarding the legalities to byelaws on private land.</p>                                       |

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.35