

## Snodland Town Council – Amenities and Recreation

27 September 2022

Committee Members in attendance:	Cllr Mrs D Crook (C), Mrs S Bell, A Bennison, P Hickmott, Mrs D King and Mrs V Lawrence
Non Committee Members in attendance:	
Committee Members Absent with apologies:	Cllr Mrs A Barden W Mallard, Mrs N Misy and Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
Committee Members Absent without apologies:	
Council Staff Present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO)
Members of the public:	None

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>see above</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interests</u></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Crook declared an interest in Item 10.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2022</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 July 2022 were agreed as a true 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 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></p>
5.	<p><u>Snodland Goes Cleaner</u></p> <p>The next litter pick will take place on Saturday 1 October at 11am at Nevill Park.</p> <p>A further supply of bag hoops need to be purchased. These will be investigated as they are quite expensive.</p> <p>The Committee discussed additional areas to add to next years schedule –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malling Road from the School to the Garage</li> <li>• Ladds Lane needs to remain and also incorporate Holborough Road and Holborough Park</li> <li>• High Street Junction with Constitution Hill</li> </ul> <p>Although one bin has been purchased, additional Bins will be required at Potyns once the pump track is up and running.</p> <p>The committee suggested approaching County Councillor Sarah Hohler to apply for funding from KCC Combined Members Grant for Bag hoops and litter bins.</p>

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6.	<p><u>To consider placement of additional personal benches at the Cemetery</u></p> <p>Following a decision taken to limit the number of benches in the cemetery, the Council has received two further written requests and concerns have been raised regarding overcrowding of benches.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Cemetery Committee meet to ascertain the current locations of the existing benches and make a decision on how many more can be situated.</p> <p>It was also suggested that a waiting list be compiled of any requests that have been made.</p>
7.	<p><u>To consider the terms and conditions of the Cricket Club agreement</u></p> <p>The Committee considered the existing agreement with the Cricket club.</p> <p><b>0942</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to continue with the existing cricket club agreement and not to change the terms and conditions, however costs will be reviewed in line with all amenity charges ready for the next financial year.</p>
8.	<p><u>To consider a request from Snodland Football Club relating to the leasing of the grounds at New Potyn</u></p> <p>The Committee considered the request relating to the leasing of the ground at New Potyns, however due to existing clauses relating to the 106 agreement a lease would not be possible.</p> <p><b>0943</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> not to accept the request for a lease on new Potyns from Snodland Football Club, due to the existing 106 clauses.</p> <p>The Committee also received a copy of the new plans for the additional stand required to comply with FA regulations, which they considered acceptable.</p>
9.	<p><u>To receive an update on the pump track</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that the pump track is progressing well and just needs final sign off from ROSPA, track signage and thermos plastic markings. Once this has been done the contractors should be in a position to sign off to the council. It was noted that the security fencing keeps being moved and that there is no signage to say that it is not open to the public and still effectively a construction site.</p> <p>The launch event is currently scheduled for Sunday 23 October 2022 at 12 noon</p> <p><b>0944</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to email the Pump Track contractors asking them to secure the site and put up signage.</p>

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10.	<p><u>To consider the future use of Nevill Park Lake and the overgrown area along the edge of the houses that back onto the park.</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that the Oxygen levels in the lake had dropped dramatically recently due to the low water level. A number of dead fish had been found at the lake, causing distress to a number of residents. The water levels have dropped dramatically this year due to the drought and the climate changes indicate that this will continue to be the case. An Aquatic Consultant has attended the site and advised that there is little life left in the lake and no further fish stocks should be introduced. The best course of action would be to infill part of the lake and introduce plants and create a wildlife pond. It would also seem that there are gases escaping from the lake. A report will be forwarded to the council in due course.</p> <p>The lake would need to be tested and it was suggested that TMBC environmental Health should be contacted to carry this out.</p> <p>There may be some eco funding available via Clarion which would need to be looked into. There may be a small amount available from Section 106 funds. Medway Valley Fisheries would also be willing to help. Professional assistance would be required to manage this project.</p> <p>Further costs would need to be looked at in 2023-24 budget.</p> <p>Any fish that may be left in the lake would need to be removed and placed in quarantine and be tested before added to another lake. However it was deemed highly unlikely that any fish have survived.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND</b> To infill part of Nevill Park lake and introduce plants and create a wildlife pond.</p> <p>The area that runs along the back of the houses has become very overgrown and is starting to effect residents fencing. The area has also become an area where fly tipping has become prevalent. This would need to be looked at over a 5 year plan as the level of growth is quite deep. A contractor would be required to cut back the heavier growth each year and our workforce would then be able to cut back the smaller growth areas further.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND</b> to put in place a 5 year plan to clear the growth from the edge of Nevill Park where it backs onto the houses.</p>
11.	<p><u>To consider resurfacing requirements at Snodland Cemetery to include the reduction of the width of the driveway on the western side to incorporate a new line of Kerbstones.</u></p> <p>There has been a long term plan to resurface the western side of the Cemetery. The Committee also discussed the need for the further Kerbstones in the Cemetery and felt that these could run along the Western side of the road way opposite the existing Kerbstones. This would mean that the existing roadway would be reduced in width for pedestrian access only. The width of the path would need to be accessible by the undertakers to ensure that they can still access the graves effectively. Partial funding is already earmarked</p>

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	<p>for the resurfacing. Further funding will be required for the purchase of the Kerbstones. This project would require project management to ensure it complies with Cemetery Regulations and therefore further budgeting requirements would be required. Sufficient notice would also need to be publicised to ensure people are made aware of the changes.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND</b> to resurface the Western pathway by reducing the width to incorporate new Kerbstones.</p>
12.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>None</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:31