

Snodland Town Council – Full Council Minutes

11th July 2024

Councillors in attendance:	Cllrs D Lettington (C), Mrs S Bell (VC), Mrs J Ayers, A Bennison, Mrs D Crook, Mrs V Lawrence-Rose, S Loader, D Morgan, Ms D King, G Miners
Other Council Members in Attendance:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO) Mrs K Miners
Others in Attendance	
Councillors Absent with apologies:	Cllrs W Mallard, P Hickmott, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf, Mrs V Barker
Councillors Absent without apologies:	Mrs N Misy
Other Apologies:	County Cllr Mrs S Hohler

1.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> See above.
2.	<u>Declaration of interests</u> None
3.	<u>Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team/E-watch report</u> The Council members had received an E-Watch report prior to the meeting. Concerns were raised that some of the incidents are out of date, from May 2024. CEO advised that reports are dated from one Full Council meeting to the next – hence May reports. PCSO has visited recently to ensure all is ok in the area.
4.	<u>County Councillor's Report</u> Nothing to report.
5.	<u>Questions from the Public</u> None.
6.	<u>To resolve the Minutes of the Full Council held on 4th June 2024 (pp100-103) are a correct record.</u> 1262 RESOLVED to accept that the minutes are a true record of the Full Council held on 4 th June 2024 Signed
7.	<u>To receive reports and recommendations of Council Committees</u>
7.1	Planning and Environment 20 th June 2024 (pp104-105)
	There were no recommendations from the meeting.

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	<p>The Chairman of Planning and Environment advised that he did go and look at the plans for the Oast Park Golf Club, the plans are to shorten the layby, and the entrance to the facility will be via the dual carriageway. 100 hundred houses are being built here, but there is room for 300 more.</p> <p>Cllrs raised comments and concerns. The CEO advised that a representative will be attending the Planning and Environment meeting on 25th July, all concerns can be raised then. Draft plans have been received and will be sent out with the Agenda for Planning and Environment.</p>	
7.2	Amenities and Recreation	24 th June 2024 (pp105-110)
1263	<p>Cllr – there were 4 recommendations from our meeting.</p> <p>Item 7 The position of the benches – to include pictures and sizes of all the benches. Not been completed due to illness, this is on the list to be completed.</p> <p>Item 9 - RESOLVED to obtain quotes for new play equipment to fill in the gaps at Nevill Park and the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>Item 11 – <u>Cricket Pavilion – The decision to revoke permission for the container.</u> The Council reconsidered the recommendation to revoke the permission regarding the container. The CEO advised that there was not as much space in the Cricket Club lock up as originally thought. It may still be beneficial for some racks to be put up to utilize the space more effectively. It was also suggested that replacing the shutter would be good. The cricket club cannot continue to use the space they have as this is too small.</p> <p>A meeting has been arranged with the Chairman of the Cricket Club to discuss storage solutions and bring this back to a future meeting.</p> <p>Item 12 – work on the café at Brooklands Lake – Volunteers requested to remove signs, and to tidy the surrounding area. The first initial tidy-up will be on Saturday 20th July at 10am. Volunteers – Cllrs Mrs D Crook, D Lettington and G Miners. An email to be sent to all councilors asking for further Volunteers. A request for a member of the Grounds staff was also suggested to help and have time off in lieu. Quotes have not yet been received for the rendering works.</p>	
7.3	Policy and Finance	4 th July 2024 (pp111-113)
1264	<p>Holborough Cricket Club use Holborough Park and are meant to be doing their own maintenance, there are concerns as some aspects appear to have fallen upon the Council. The lease agreement needs to be looked into and a report will be presented to Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED to prepare a report on the Grounds Maintenance at Holborough Park.</p>	
1265	<p>RESOLVED to remove the noticeboard outside Devonshire Rooms and put council sign on the building above the porch.</p>	

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8.	<p><u>Reports from Borough Councillors</u></p> <p>None received due to election.</p>
9.	<p><u>Town Councillors items to be brought to the attention of the Council</u></p> <p>Cllr Hickmott, although not in attendance, asked for the following to be reported – Attended the carnival, Litter pick at Potyns. Attended Church service. Following correspondence with Highways requesting 2 hedgehogs signs at Holborough lakes, Highways have requested that this is added to the Highways Improvement Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Crook – Attended the Carnival and Church service.</p> <p>Cllr Morgan – Attended carnival, Litter pick at Potyns. A meeting was organised with the land and water surveyor for Sloughfields Allotment, however as Cllr Hickmott and Miners were unavailable the meeting will be re-arranged.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Bell – Attended the Carnival – inflatables were well received. It was a good event and well attended. Managed to get £3000 funding from KCC for Christmas Lantern Display. Funding of £1910 was also gained from Tonbridge & Malling for D Day.</p> <p>Cllr Bennison - Attended carnival and Coffee and Chat.</p>
10.	<p><u>To receive details of Payments and transfers from 29 May 2024 to 3 July 2024 from Unity Bank totaling £84100.17 and Nat West Bank totaling £126276.41 which includes BACS Payment lists pages 1804-1807, 1813-1814, 1816 – 1817.</u></p> <p>1266 RESOLVED to receive details of Payments and transfers from 29 May 2024 to 3 July 2024 from Unity Bank totaling £84100.17 and Nat West Bank totaling £126276.41 which includes BACS Payment lists pages 1804-1807, 1813-1814, 1816 – 1817.</p>
11.	<p><u>To consider and if agreed accept quotes for tree works at Sloughfields Allotments</u></p> <p>Three quotes were asked for, we received 2 quotes, which involve removal of all deadwood and crown reduce 40%. (copy of report available on file)</p> <p>Comments were made regarding removing the tree entirely and concerns of subsidence if it was removed.</p> <p>The quote received was just to reduce the height.</p> <p>1267 RESOLVED to accept quote from The Original Tree Surgeons Limited to carry out tree work at Sloughfields Allotment.</p>
12.	<p><u>To consider and if agreed accept quotes for tree works at Brooklands Lake Car Park</u></p> <p>Three quotes were requested to remove 2 willow trees at Brooklands Lake Car Park (A copy of the report is on file). The third quote was received after the report was sent</p>

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1268	<p>out.</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept quote from All About Trees & Hedges to remove the trees at Brooklands Lake. Confirmation of Liability Insurance will be required before the work can commence.</p>
13.	<p><u>Report from the Chief Executive Officer</u></p> <p>KCC have launched and are seeking views on council tax proposals, and across service areas on how to make further savings. It is on kent.gov.uk website and you can have your say by 21st August 2024.</p> <p>Both D-day events went really well. The Beacon has been taken down and cleaned and put back up. Carnival went well and thank you for all your help.</p> <p>Attended health team action meeting – to promote wellness in Tonbridge & Malling – priorities are Mental Health for the elderly and young people. The CEO reiterated at the meeting that it is access to services that is required. We need information that is available to everyone. A central Database of services. This is another area where our hub can come into its own.</p> <p>Cllr Lettington thanked all staff for their hard work at the events.</p>
14.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The CEO reminded staff that their Councillor email addresses still need to be set up. All councillors to ensure this is carried out.</p>

being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:09