

Snodland Events – 14th November 2024

Attendees:	Chris Sharp (Kent Army Cadet Force), Steve Cameron (1 st Snodland Scouts), Maria Ellison (1 st Snodland Scouts), Gary Ellis (Brownies and Rainbows), Joanne Thompson (Fun Fair), David Higgs
Councillors present:	Cllr G Miners, Mrs D Crook, Mrs S Bell, Cllr Shaun Loader
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (Chief Executive), Mrs Karen Miners, Mrs Helen Comber, Mrs Trudi Kinslow
Apologies:	Mrs Jane Ayers, Rev Danielle Pearson Smith, Paul Hickmott

1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> See above
2.	<u>Charities</u> Donations for light for life, the Council have agreed for Air Ambulance.
3.	<u>Minutes – To Agree the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2024</u> Agreed.
4.	<u>Date of the next meeting</u> 4 th February 2025

VE Day – 8th May 2025

1.	<u>Update on events</u> Similar to D Day, afternoon tea. Invite elderly residents for afternoon tea at the church hall. Will ask the singers to re-attend. Evening at the football club to light the beacon. Cadets to parade over to the Beacon. Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Mrs Bell will look for funding. • Need to book the church hall – for Mrs Comber to do.
2.	<u>Advertising</u> We will advise on notice boards and Facebook. Will invite church, STARA and clubs. Invites will be sent to, over the age of 70 living in Snodland. Times between 1pm – 3pm.

	<p>Cllr Mrs Crook to do the catering.</p> <p>Evening from 7.30pm onwards.</p> <p>Light beacon at 9.30pm</p> <p>Will ask Scouts as too late for younger ones – any ideas of what they can do.</p> <p>Will look at protocol and schedule planned for the event.</p>
3.	<p><u>Any other Items</u></p> <p>None</p>

Carnival – Saturday 05th July 2025

1.	<p><u>Update on events for next year Carnival</u></p> <p>Still waiting for confirmation of stage. Will need to stick with date as we need to book entertainment. One act has already been booked - country and western and rock n roll, which is £300 for 2.5 hours.</p> <p>Thought about getting something different in the beginning, getting the Red Hill Corp of Drums to perform at the beginning of the carnival.</p> <p>Ideas: Go back to old school fetes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funfair • Music <p>Old fashion band playing at the start Singer/s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raffles <p>Tombola Call me, maybe – leave your phone number, and at 5pm, pick a number, ring and win Guess the weight of the cake Sweets in a jar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitions <p>Donut eating – 18+ Hang donuts on string – for kids Biscuit decorating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Games <p>Tug of war – cadets have rope and gloves – football against cricket? Coconut shy Wooden Stocks Hammer to hit the bell Hook a duck Tin throw shy Large chess Crockery smash shy Wet sponge the teacher/councillor</p>
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	<p>3 legged races Egg and spoon race Sack races Put a tail on the donkey Beat the goalie – who wears inflatable hands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cake stands <p>All stand together table by table and then have a tent at the end to sit down with tea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face painting <p>Face glitter Body fake tattoos Hair braiding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortune telling • Competition tent <p>Allotment basket Flower arranging Plate painting from nurseries – give us top 5 Something from Primary schools Something from Secondary school Something from beauty/nail/hair Jam Alcohol – wine, gin Cake making Art classes - competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food stalls <p>Burgers/hot dogs Chinese Indian Jacket potatoes Jerk chicken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic area <p>So those can bring their own</p> <p>Suggestions: Trophy for the winners</p>
2.	<p><u>Advertising</u></p> <p>Challenge group – run it independently.</p>
3.	<p><u>Any other Items</u></p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STC - Set up and mark the gazebos – to ensure that we have all the parts. <p>Cllr Miners and Cllr Morgan to do.</p>

Fireworks – Wednesday 6th November 2024

1.	<p><u>Actions from the event</u></p> <p>Brilliant and busy. We were concerned regarding ASB. It was good to see Police there all evening.</p>
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	<p>People were standing in dog walking field – we need to put a sign up to close it for next year.</p> <p>2 lighting towers worked well.</p> <p>Bad parking – bigger signs and cones everywhere. We can control the road closures; we can't control the cars in between.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter drop to residents – Hegarty and Constitution. • Donations goes into the Christmas lights – we need to advertise this. <p>Concerns:</p> <p>Environmental impact – terrified my dog. Can we consider silent fireworks? The cost implications, silent you still need the gun powder inside. Product was the same as last years. The community want a firework display.</p> <p>PTSD/VETS – organised events are better, as they know that it's happening, it's a structured event.</p>
2.	<p><u>Any other items</u></p> <p>None.</p>

Remembrance – Sunday 10th November 2024

1.	<p><u>Actions from the event</u></p> <p>Church speakers are not strong enough. PA – there was so much interference.</p> <p>Parents taking pictures during the service, disrespectful.</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We could have 1 photographer from Council and advise this on the website. • We now have a staging company who will have speakers. <p>Drone for pictures?</p> <p>Think the exit was too long. Cadets will go back with the band. We will circle round with the band, and the others can follow.</p> <p>The youth leaders did not disseminate the information that was given at the beginning of the parade on what was happening on the day.</p> <p>Can we stop the parents going in, blocking the area? Could we section off some the cemetery, some for parents, and then for the parade?</p> <p>Ambulance could be the last vehicle in.</p>
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	<p>Suggestion:</p> <p>Signs to say, parents cannot attend inside until the parade is through.</p>
2.	<p><u>Any other Items</u></p> <p>None</p>

Christmas – Saturday 30th November 2024

1.	<p><u>Actions from the last meeting</u></p> <p>There are 30 children from each school.</p> <p>All workshops are booked, and Sue will go into the schools when these are on.</p>
2.	<p><u>Details of Market and Santas Grotto</u></p> <p>St Katherines have the Grotto, and all presents have been delivered.</p> <p>Scouts - No risk assessment has been provided for the Grotto; Concerns regarding lack of communication. Scouts are running the stalls, but don't know what St Katherines are doing.</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Katherines need to liaise with Scouts • CEO will produce a risk assessment for the Grotto to add onto the Scout information.
3.	<p><u>Details of Lantern Parade</u></p> <p>At 4pm one of the musical events will go the High Street and do a display there before going to Potyns to start the parade. They will intermingle between the groups.</p> <p>Everyone at Potyns by 4.15pm. Leave promptly at 4.30pm. Walk down Paddlesworth Road, down Constitution Hill, to the High Street.</p> <p>We will split in the High Street, some at Budgens side and some CO-OP side. Leaving High Street clear.</p> <p>Cadets will split front and rear, as marshalls, for the parade.</p> <p>SIA security will be in attendance.</p> <p>Stewards for road closures.</p> <p>Stewards for turning on the lights.</p> <p>Scouts need a road closure for entrance prior to event.</p> <p>Lights switch on at 5pm.</p>

	<p>Santa will come through Malling Road and stop at the High street.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scouts will collect road closure sign from STC on Friday 29th November
4.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
5.	<p><u>Any other Items</u></p> <p>Sweets will be made up by Council, for the school. Those left to be returned to Council.</p> <p>A request has been put forward for MOP (Members of Public) to join in the parade with their own lanterns in the road. It was requested not for this year as it is new, and we will look at as a way of moving forward.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:21.