

Snodland Town Council – Amenities and Recreation

31 March 2022

Committee Members present:	Mrs D Crook (C), Mrs A Barden (VC), Mrs S Bell, A Bennison, P Hickmott and Mrs N Misy
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO)
Members of the public:	None

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Mrs D King</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interests</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2022</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2022 were agreed as a correct record.</p>
	<p><u>Questions from the public</u></p> <p><i>Pursuant to Standing Order 3 e & g Members of the public may make representations, 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> <p>There were no members of the public present.</p>
4.	<p><u>Snodland goes cleaner</u></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Crook to lead on the litter pick scheduled for Saturday 2 April 2022 at Nevill Park (Saltings Road Entrance) at 2pm.</p> <p>A volunteer is needed for the next litter pick on Sunday 1 May 2022 at 2pm at the Recreation Ground. CEO to ask again at Full Council.</p> <p>The CEO presented a report on a high litter issue at the entrance to Holborough Marshes and Big Motoring World. The rubbish in the yard of a Company that was unsecured and was collecting at the side of the railway bank all the way along the Vantage Point Industrial Estate.</p> <p>Cllr King and two volunteer litter pickers attended the site and cleared 7 bags of rubbish, however this only touched the surface, and a regular litter picker went back and cleared a further 18 bags.</p>

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	<p>Cllrs Misy and Butterfield contact Tesco, who we understand contract the collection of their recycling to the company at Vantage Point and Cllr Bell contacted TMBC. Both Tesco and TMBC have contact the Site Manager to discuss the issue. Councillors, the Town Council and TMBC will be monitoring the situation closely.</p>
5.	<p><u>To receive a report on Snodland Events and receive nominations for the 2022 Charities.</u></p> <p>Full details are available in the minutes from the meeting. (copy attached).</p>
	<p>6.1 Queens Platinum Jubilee – The chairman of the Jubilee committee went through the proposal for the event, which will be an Adele Tribute singer from 7pm to 9pm, followed by the lighting of the beacon (timings to be confirmed). A lorry has been provided to use as a stage. Festoon lighting will need to be attached around the edge of the lorry. Both the Community Centre and Football Club bar will be open for the event. The Scouts will be putting on other events during the day. Concerns were raised about the numbers attending this free event, however the committee felt that this was no different from our carnival. The CEO will also speak to Mr Kinslow to see if any other security are available for the evening. Background music may be required during the singers break.</p> <p>6.2 Carnival – The theme for the carnival is British Royals Past and Present. Very few forms have been returned. The Glenduart pipe band have been booked. There is wrestling in the centre that evening and Cllr Mrs Crook will ask the organiser to contact the council to see if any further events can be put on during the day.</p> <p>The layout will need to be looked at due to the installation of the pump track. This includes the relocation of the fairground.</p> <p>Nominations for the chosen charity for the event were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAVSS – Domestic abuse volunteer support services – this charity along with Strokes was supported in 2020, which has yet to be distributed. There is also some lights for life money not yet distributed for 2021. • Snodland Food Assist - Grant money is being donated by Snodland Council. • Supporting Paws – a charity that trains therapy dogs • Coffee and Chat – This is supported by the Snodland Partnership
0858	<p>RESOLVED to donate the total of 2020 and 2021 Charity collections between DAVSS and Strokes.</p>
0859	<p>RESOLVED to donate 2022 Carnival Charity collection to Supporting Paws.</p>
	<p>6.3 Fireworks – The fair to provide 2-3 small rides in the car park again this year. The Pump track will be fenced off for the evening. Additional security will be hired for the evening.</p>

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<p>0860</p> <p>0861</p>	<p>6.4 Christmas in Snodland – Nothing has yet been booked for this event.</p> <p>Nominations for the chosen charity for the event were -</p> <p>DAVSS – Domestic abuse volunteer support services Snodland Food Assist Supporting Paws – a charity that trains therapy dogs Snodland Scouts – raising money for their scout hut Leybourne RSPCA</p> <p>RESOLVED – To Donate 2022 Christmas in Snodland Bucket Collection to Snodland Scouts</p> <p>RESOLVED – To Donate 2022 Christmas in Snodland Lights for Life collection to Leybourne RSPCA</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>To receive an update on the pump track</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that following the approval of the drawing sent via email to councillors, the planning permission had been applied for with TMBC. The CEO also advised that Tarmac had declined to supply the raw materials at cost price and therefore an alternative supplier will be used by the contractor.</p> <p>There is an issue with the cost of the project due to the revised drawing to include the learn to ride area which was not part of the original remit and the increasing costs of raw materials and labour due to the current climate.</p> <p>The CEO is currently liaising with the contractor who had advised a revised figure of £145000. This is well beyond the original figure of £90k and even with the additional funding of £23500 received from the landfill trust, this would show a considerable shortfall. The CEO has gone back to the contractor and reduced the size of the learn to ride area and removed the wheelie strip as this could be incorporated along the learn to ride area and the revised cost has come back at £132500 leaving a shortfall of £19000. The CEO is currently awaiting confirmation of an onsite meeting to see if any further savings can be made.</p> <p>The Committee felt that they did not want to reduced the track size to much as they don't want to disappoint the users with a not fit for purpose track.</p> <p>The CEO advised that there is a Earmarked Reserve fund set aside for the Community Centre which could be put towards the additional costs.</p> <p>RECOMMEND to put £15,000 towards the additional costs for the pump track.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>To consider proposals for Christmas Lights</u></p> <p>The Committee had received a report on the proposals for the Christmas Lights prior to the meeting.</p>

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	<p>The proposal for the Christmas lights was discussed. The existing contractor has been approached and the existing lamppost decorations can be refurbished, within the renewal of the existing contract which would be the most cost effective way forward. To enter into a new 3 year contract would be considerably more than is within the current budget. The Committee felt that they were happy with the existing, design although they did require refurbishment to ensure they are all working.</p> <p>There was a suggestion to change the colour, however the committee voted to keep the existing blue and white theme.</p> <p>It was also suggested to change the icicles across the road to a Boule Motif.</p> <p>There has been a request for additional icicles along the shops between the High Street crossroads and Queens Avenue.</p> <p>RECOMMEND to remain with the existing contractor and refurbish the existing Column motifs and not to carry out a procurement exercise for new fittings. RECOMMEND to keep the icicles along the shops and obtain costing for additional icicles for the shops between the High Street and Quenns Avenue. RECOMMEND to obtain costings for Boule Motifs across the High Street.</p>
8.	<p><u>To receive a report regarding Snodland Town Football Club</u></p> <p>The Committee received a report from Snodland Town Football Club setting out the future aspirations for the club. In order for them to receive funding from the FA they have to ensure that they have a minimum term left on their lease of 25 years. The original lease was put in place in 2013 and the club will be seeking to extend their lease to ensure that they meet the FA criteria. Due to the costs involved in obtaining the extended lease(the Football club would need to pay our costs) they would like to consider quite a considerable lease extension.</p> <p>The Committee noted the requirements required and agreed that the requirements were within the criteria already agreed by the Council. The Committee asked if there was any impact or risk in extending the lease to a 50 year period. The CEO advised that she was unaware of any risks, however legal advise would need to be sought.</p>
9.	<p><u>To receive a report regarding Snodland Community Cricket Club</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that she had a meeting with the new Chairman of the Cricket club to discuss issues and future aspirations for the club.</p> <p>They would like to develop the club and add an extension to the side of the pavilion.</p> <p>Both the cricket club and the café have raised concerns regarding the shared use of the café, which need to be addressed. Both parties need to keep the CEO informed of any issues throughout the season.</p>

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<p>0862</p> <p>0863</p>	<p>There are now concerns regarding sight lines since the building of the new flats and the cricket club have requested sight screens. There is a possibility that these can be funded from the 106 agreement from the development of the flats. The CEO will look into this and report back.</p> <p>RESOLVED to update the cricket club agreement to reiterate the need to ensure the pavilion was left in a clean condition. The CEO to update the agreement and issue to the cricket club.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the café stop cooking at 12 noon on a Saturday to assist with the 12.30pm finish time.</p>
10	<p><u>To receive an update regarding Paddlesworth Road Car Park</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that she had met with the contractor regarding the car park and to discuss the issues around drainage problems. As the existing surface is only Type 1 the water drains through the surface, however a Tarmac surface would not allow this. Water from the car park cannot be allowed to run off into the Paddlesworth Road, as we would become liable for any accidents caused.</p> <p>The CEO needs to investigate further the existing drainage situation in the surrounding area, including the Bowls Club, Football Club, Community Centre and Paddlesworth Road.</p>
11	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>11.1 <u>Email request to create a further footpath across the Recreation Ground</u></p> <p>A request has been put forward from a resident to extend the footpath around the recreation ground and from Birling Road entrance.</p> <p>This may be something that can be considered if we receive any developer 106 contributions for the Recreation Ground.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.10