

## Snodland Town Council – Amenities and Recreation

7 July 2020

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

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs D King, Mrs N Butterfield and Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf.</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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 were agreed as a correct 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 take representation, answer are advised that 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>
5.	<p><u>To consider and if agreed implement new guidance and rules relating to the use of the sports facilities at Potyns</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that in order to ensure that the sports facilities at the community centre were kept tidy and free of mud from footballers boots, new regulations needed to be implemented. It was</p> <p><b>0602 RESOLVED</b> – that a letter setting out the new regulations should be sent to Snodland Football Club for their information and feedback.</p>
6.	<p><u>To consider “Pride of Snodland” Awards</u></p> <p>The CEO asked Cllr Barden to explain the next item as it was an idea she had raised to show recognition to individuals/local companies of the community who had gone above and beyond to provide a valuable service to the community ie providing voluntary support through the corona virus crisis.</p> <p>It was suggested that the awards could be split into 5 categories and would be presented at the next Snodland Council community event. The information could be advertised on the community FB, local party newsletters, posters and the Downs Mail.</p>

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0603	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – Cllr Barden to devise the advertisement with a deadline for entries to be submitted by the end of October. The CEO asked that Cllr Barden present the finished advert at the next Full Council meeting in order that it could be discussed in more detail with the full complement of Committee members.</p>
7.	<p><u>To consider the costs associated with the revaluation for the Grant of Right of Way in Catts Alley (accompanying documentation can be viewed on file)</u></p> <p>The CEO advised the Committee that a resident of Oxford Street had made enquiries regarding the cost of the Grant of Right of Way to the rear of their property. The CEO informed the Committee that it had not been revalued since 2016 and advised that the District Valuer had confirmed that it could be increased in line with the Land Registry house price index for the indicative value or the District Valuer could carry out a valuation for a fee of £1,000.</p>
0604	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – to re-value the grant of right of way through the Land Registry house price index. It was also suggested that the residents of Oxford Street and Malling Road should be advised of the new price in order to give them the opportunity to acquire the right of way for off-road parking.</p>
8.	<p><u>To consider a request from Snodland Town Football Club seeking permission to erect green metal cladding (2.1 metre high) around the inside perimeter of Snodland Town’s current fencing (Paperwork and photos were distributed to the Committee and these can be viewed on file)</u></p> <p>Cllr P Hickmott advised the Committee that this item had been previously discussed and resolved at a meeting which was held October 5<sup>th</sup> 2016.</p> <p>Currently, the pitch is surrounded by netting fencing and the football club have requested to erect a 2.1 metre fence to prevent members of the public peering through the fence to view the game. They also suggested that it may also deter children from climbing into the ground (although some Councillors disagreed that it would). A few Councillors had concerns that the fence was too high and as it was being erected on the inside of the current, lower fencing, it would look unsightly and may obstruct the view to the Downs hills.</p> <p>The CEO advised the Committee that STFC had made the request as the FA had stipulated that the fence needed to be erected as a shield to deter members of the public watching the match without entering the ground as paying spectators.</p>
0605	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – to agree to the fence being erected but to remain at the same height as the existing fence, which is 1.8m high. However, if there was a valid reason for the increased height of the fence, the football clubs should advise the Council of the reasons and would be re-considered. The CEO will also make enquiries with regard to the height regulations for anti-climb products.</p>

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9.          <b>0606</b>	<p><u>To consider a request from Snodland Football Club and Townsend Hook Bowls Club to erect new signage at the entrance to the Car Park on Paddlesworth Road</u></p> <p>The Committee agreed that the hedgerow at the entrance of the car park could be trimmed back and the CEO advised that the blind spot mirror would be installed with the initial consent of STC and would then to be put forward to KCC for their approval.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – to agree that the signage for the Townsend Hook Bowls Club/ Snodland Football Club and the blind spot mirror be erected at the entrance of the car park.</p>
10.	<u>Correspondence</u>
10.1	<p><u>Letter from Chess Club</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that a letter had been received from the Chairman of the Chess Club thanking the Council and the Cricket Pavilion staff for the use of the facilities which were perfect for the club.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.23pm.