

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL**29 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Committee Members present:	Cllrs P Misy (Chairman), Mrs S Bell, Mrs B Brown, Mrs D Crook, Mrs L Downes, A Keeley, Mrs B Keeley, D Keeley, D Purll, M Sawkins
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO), Miss Elinor Jones
Members of the public:	Mrs S Hohler (KCC), PCSO Ross McMillan (Kent Police)

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Hickmott, S King, Miss A Moloney (VC), B Garlick, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf and Mrs D King,</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interest</u></p> <p>None</p>
3.	<p><u>Report from Neighbourhood Police Team</u></p> <p>PCSO McMillan reported that suspicious behaviour had been reported at Holborough quarry. The culprits have not been identified but Tarmac have been made aware of the situation and were working closely with the police.</p> <p>Criminal damage was also reported around the Saltings Road area whereby a CCTV camera had been damaged due to stones being catapulted at them. It was hoped that this is an isolated incident.</p> <p>Suspicious activities were also reported around the industrial units in Saltmill Road which would be closely monitored.</p>
4.	<p><u>County Councillors Report</u></p> <p>Mrs Hohler asked if any problems were being experienced from Ham Hill Wastewater Treatment Works as a planning application has been submitted to increase the volume of liquid to be treated and associated vehicle numbers. The CEO said that this would be brought up at the next planning meeting.</p> <p>Snodland Library is to undergo a refurbishment from 19 October 2016 and will be closed for 9 weeks. Mrs Hohler reported that due to the inconvenience of this, the public would be allowed to take out up to 30 books and they could be returned in January without incurring any fines. She said that the library would be greatly improved, having better ICT and children's equipment. A new meeting room would be housed at the back of the Library and the public have also been asked to get involved with some décor ideas.</p> <p>She reported that HGVs are still causing problems by driving up Hollow Lane and Birling Road.</p>

Mrs Hohler discussed that improvements to Junction 4 of the M20 and the bridge widening are continuing. She reported that the junction would be shut on the evening of the 8th October through to early hours of the 9th October 2016 for the installation of the additional section of the bridge.

Mrs Hohler reported that the introduction of box junctions were being considered on the roundabout to ease traffic flow and minimise congestion. Following consultation, the no right turn out of Castle Way may become permanent.

Mrs Hohler went on to report that she attended the Joint Transportation committee meeting on Monday 26th September 2016 in which she raised all the points from Cllr Moloney's draft report to the Kent Transport Strategy Group (KCC local transport plan) regarding the concerns of the A228. She explained that this was a consultation and representation from STC would be welcomed about the problems and it would all be considered in the plan and all schemes would be prioritised into a 20 year plan. Mrs Hohler also suggested that duelling the A228 may create a short-cut for motorists to the proposed Lower Thames Crossing which would then become an outer M25.

Ms Hohler confirmed that Snodland are now on the waiting list to get a Community Warden. A pilot scheme is currently being carried out for volunteer community wardens. These wardens would be expected to walk around the area and to monitor behaviour, help residents with queries or shopping etc.

Mrs Hohler reported that she attended the Holborough exhibition of the next Phases of development. She reported that Section 106 has been triggered for new 55 bus route.

Mrs Hohler said that the pedestrian crossings in Snodland were to be re-painted shortly.

Mrs Hohler reported that the park run at Leybourne Lakes would be celebrating its anniversary and she would be going along to celebrate.

She reported that there are now quite a few sessions in Snodland for different age groups of young people in the evenings. She would be attending a meeting about this next week.

Mrs Hohler reported that school results were extremely good. The figure for good or outstanding primary and secondary schools had increased from 60% to 89%. This was the figure for Kent. For Early Years and younger children the figure is 95%. She also reported that Holborough Nursery is doing very well.

Following a visit to the House of Commons, Mrs Hohler reported that when the school curriculums change; music, sport, arts and culture will remain on the schools curriculum to ensure students have a wider variety of skills.

Mrs Hohler praised the Kent School games which took place in the Summer whereby children from all Kent schools could audition for a stage performance, whether it was dance, singing or acting. She said that lots of young people took part and it was a thoroughly enjoyable day.

5.	<p><u>Questions from the public (<i>Members of the public are advised that they may speak for up to three minutes</i>)</u></p> <p>There were no members of the public present.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Chairman's announcements</u></p> <p>5 October 2016 – Smurfit Kappa visit – Times to be arranged 14 October 2016 – Opening of Snodland Station at 11.00am 25 October 2016 – TMBC Local Plan Meeting – At Aylesford Community Centre 2 November 2016 – Firework night 13 November 2016 – Remembrance Day 26 November 2016 – Christmas in Snodland .</p>	
7. 0182	<p><u>To resolve that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 July 2016 are a correct record</u></p> <p>RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21 July 2016 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Signed</p>	
8.	<p><u>To receive reports and consider recommendations of Council Committees</u></p>	
8.1	Planning and Environment	21 July 2016 (pp 29-30), 11 August 2016 (pp33-35) 23 August (pp 36-38) 22 September 2016 (pp39-40)
8.2	Amenities and Recreation	1 August 2016 (pp31-32)
8.3	Policy and Resources	Cancelled
9.	<p><u>Reports from Borough Councillors</u></p>	
9.1	<p>Cllr Mrs S Bell reported that she has attended the Snodland Community Alcohol Partnership meetings. She attended the opening of the new St Peters bridge and also attended the walk before the opening. She attended the Effective Councillor course which she said was very interesting and she also attended the Berkeley Homes exhibition of phases 8, 9 and 10 of the development.</p>	
9.2	<p>Cllr D Keeley reported that he took part in the walk over the Bridge.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Town Councillors reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Council</u></p>	
10.1	<p>Cllr D Purll reported that he attended the Berkeley Homes exhibition.</p>	
10.2	<p>Cllr S Bell attended the doctor's surgery to speak to residents about the service they receive.</p>	
10.3	<p>Cllr Mrs D Crook attended the Bridge walk.</p>	
10.4	<p>Cllr M Sawkins reported that he attended the bridge walk and also attended the Berkeley Homes exhibition at Holborough Lakes.</p>	
10.6	<p>Cllr P Misy reported that he attended the Bridge walk and he also attended the official opening of the Bridge. He reported that he attended the Berkeley Homes exhibition and the switching on of the Snodland Town Football Club's floodlights where he said approximately 400 people attended.</p>	

11.	<p><u>To receive details of cheques signed since the last Council meeting</u></p> <p>List of cheque payments, direct debits and transfers into reserve account from 22 July 2016 and 28 September 2016 totalling £526,577.15. Various questions were asked which the CEO answered.</p>
12.	<p><u>To report on the Annual Year End Audit report from PFK Littlejohn LLP</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that the Annual Audit report had been returned and was all correct.</p>
13.	<p><u>To consider and approve a response to be sent to KCC regarding the Local Transport Plan 4 : Delivering Growth without Gridlock 2016-2031 Consultation – Appendix 1</u></p> <p>In Cllr Miss Moloney’s absence the CEO reported that the letter that had been drafted on behalf of the Council should be put forward as part of the consultation. It had also been put forward at the Joint Transportation Board on Miss Moloney’s behalf.</p> <p>0183 RESOLVED to put forward proposals as part of the KCC Consultation</p>
14.	<p><u>Report from the Chief Executive Officer</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that she was unable to attend the Bridge walk as she was on holiday. The CEO attended the switch-on of the Snodland Town Football Club’s floodlights. The CEO gave an update on the installation of the new phone system – she reported that she was still waiting for a date for this. A new Council meeting list was distributed as some dates had been changed. The CEO reported that the Co-op have nominated three Snodland Charities in their new funding arrangements. These funding groups are the Scouts, Snodland Clocktower and Snodland Partnership with friends of Nevill Park. The CEO reported that 1% of spend would go to any one of these charities of choice but interest needed to be registered online. The CEO reported that she attended the Berkeley Homes exhibition at Holborough Lakes.</p> <p>The CEO reported that due to the library undergoing a refurbishment, the CAB were looking for temporary premises to carry out their services (as they operated from the Library on a Tuesday). The Council Chamber has been offered to them free of charge until Christmas. Alternative arrangements will be made for disabled customers. The CEO finally reported that the Post office would be fully modernised and selected post office services will be available from the retail counters outside of post office hours.</p>
15.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>It was reported that an introduction to a powercut hotline would be introduced whereby a 3 digit number is dialled – 105.</p> <p>A letter had been received from Woudham Parish Council with regard to numerous complaints regarding the new bridge. CEO to reply noting their comments.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.