

AMENITIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE

16 NOVEMBER 2016

Committee Members present:	Cllrs D Keeley (C), P Misy, P Hickmott, Mrs D King, Mrs D Crook, Mrs L Downes, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (Chief Executive) and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	None present

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Cllr Mrs B Keeley, Mrs S Bell, A Keeley</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interests</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.	<p><u>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2016</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Amenities & Recreation Committee held on 5 October 2016 were agreed a correct record of the meeting.</p>
4.	<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>No members of the public were present.</p>
5.	<p><u>To consider and if agreed purchase a new gazebo for use at Council events</u></p> <p>A gazebo has been donated from the late Cllr A Moloney. It is not an 'easy up' but it was agreed that it could be tested to see if it would suffice.</p>
6.	<p><u>To receive a report on progress to maintenance at All Saints Church Yard</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that a 'dead hedge' was being constructed along the river boundary to form a natural fence line. An information sheet was given to each of the Councillors explaining how a 'dead hedge' was constructed in which branches are weaved between poles that are driven into the ground.</p>
7.	<p><u>To discuss the condition and future prospects for the wooden play equipment at Nevill Park</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that the wooden play equipment near Brook Lane was starting to deteriorate and become unsafe. It was agreed that wooden equipment can easily be vandalised and that perhaps metal equipment could be sourced as an alternative.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED – that the CEO price up alternative equipment to be replaced in the existing location. Tesco carrier bag grants may be able to assist with the funding for this.</p>

8. 0195	<p><u>To consider and if agreed allow for quarterly inspections of play equipment</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that visual checks on play equipment were carried out twice a week by our site staff. The play equipment also underwent a yearly inspection by an independent inspector. It was recommended that quarterly inspections at a cost of £195 per inspection should now be carried out in order to capture early wear and tear of the equipment. It was agreed that these inspections be co-ordinated with the seasonal weather and when the equipment is used.</p> <p>RESOLVED – to carry out inspections at a cost of £195.00 per inspection.</p>
9.	<p><u>To consider taking part in The Nation's Tribute to commemorate 100 years of Remembrance in 2018 with the lighting of the Beacon</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that she had received an e-mail from the pageant master for the commemoration of the 100 years of Remembrance in 2018 to request that we participate in the lighting of the beacon on 11th November 2018 at 7pm. It was suggested that the Beacon could be situated in Potyns ground. It was agreed that 7pm would be too late and that it could be lit after the Remembrance parade. This would be discussed at a later date. The CEO also reported that she had contacted the RAF to enquire whether a fly-past would be a possibility? She is waiting for a response from them.</p>
10.	<p><u>To consider and if agreed accept the new fees for use of Snodland Amenities 2017/18</u></p> <p>The CEO distributed a table listing the club/facilities fees for 2015, 2016 and 2017. The fee increases for 2017 were based on the CPI index and were raised by approximately 1%. It was agreed that these figures should be rounded up to the nearest 50p.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED – to accept the 1% increase and figures to be rounded to the nearest 50p.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED – that the CEO seek comparisons with other pre-school clubs in order to remain competitive.</p>
11.	<p><u>To consider and if agreed accept the new fees for Snodland Cemetery for 2017/2018</u></p> <p>The CEO distributed a comparison table listing the cemetery charges for other local parishes. It was agreed that Snodland were one of the cheapest compared to the other parishes. It was also agreed that the figures should be rounded to the nearest 50p and that the fee should be increased by 2.5 for non-residents wishing to be buried in Snodland Cemetery. The fee increases for 2017 were based on the CPI index. It was also agreed that nursing home residents could be classed as a Snodland resident up to 5 years of residing at a nursing/care home although there would be individual cases where discretion may need to be used.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED – to accept the 1% increase and figures rounded to the nearest 50p.</p>
12.	<p><u>To receive a report on Firework Night and Remembrance Parade</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that the Firework display went very well. The turn-out was very good and the total donations amounted to £1,200. The CEO said that she will close off Cemetery Road next year to ease the flow of vehicles leaving the event. It was also suggested that a meeting with the fairground staff could be held to discuss the possibility of introducing a few small rides for the younger</p>

	<p>children prior to the display? The CEO will also check that TMBC inform Arriva of the event so that the buses are aware of the road closures.</p> <p>The CEO reported that the Remembrance Parade was also a successful event. The change of venue at the Community Centre went well although it was agreed that next year the refreshments would be covered and situated around the side of the bar area to be kept for the band and officials only. The children's refreshments will be located near the door.</p> <p>The CEO said that she would also section off an area in the car park for the parade and the coach to alleviate confusion. Also, the CEO will ensure that all the entrance doors are opened and that signs are erected.</p>
13.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The CEO had received a letter from a Snodland resident regarding the bus stop near the Bull pub. The resident requested that a bus shelter be erected to enable elderly residents to sit and shelter from the rain while waiting for their bus. CEO to respond and advise that this request falls outside of the Councils jurisdiction and the resident should contact Arriva.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.33pm.