

## Snodland Town Council – Amenities and Recreation

15 October 2020

Committee Members present:	Cllrs Mrs D Crook (C), Mrs S Bell, P Hickmott, Mrs D King, Mrs A Barden, W Mallard, Mrs N Misy and Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
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 Cllr A Bennison.</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<sup>rd</sup> September 2020</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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 look at the feasibility to install a planter seat on the footpath at the crossroads</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that she had been looking into the feasibility of a planter on the pavement at the crossroads. It is very difficult from the Land Registry documents to ascertain ownership of that piece of land. Historically when the Town Centre paving was upgraded, bicycle racks were also installed in the same location. Logically it is the property of KCC. In the current situation it was felt that the removal of the bicycle racks would be going against the ethos of promoting healthy living. Councillors are in favour of looking into this for the future and it would be added to our action plan as a long term aim.</p> <p><b>0646 RESOLVED</b> - to add this item to our action plan and the CEO to continue when time permits to look into the ownership of the area of the land.</p>
6.	<p><u>To discuss concerns received relating to the temporary closure of Snodland Library and the feasibility of holding a book club in the Moyeuve-Grande</u></p> <p>The Committee had received an email prior to the meeting regarding concerns raised relating to the current closure of Snodland Library. The Committee felt that there was no valid reasoning behind the current closure and it was</p> <p><b>0647 RESOLVED</b> to write to KCC cabinet Members and the relevant Officers to</p>

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	lobby for the Library to be reopened. The issue will also be re-addressed at Full Council to review the progress and any responses received.
7.	<p><u>To consider price increases for Cemetery and other Amenities for 2021</u></p> <p>The Committee had been presented with revised increases for the Cemetery and other Amenities from April 2021. It was noted that charges for the Cemetery had not been increased in 2020 and felt that the small increase in line with RPI was acceptable. It was also noted that income from facilities had been severely effected this year due to the closure of most of the facilities and again the small increase in line with RPI was acceptable.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED</b> to increase the Cemetery charges in line with RPI with effect from April 2021.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED</b> to increase the Amenity charges in line with RPI with effect from April 2021.</p>
8.	<p><u>To discuss final details for Remembrance Day</u></p> <p>The CEO gave a report on the final details for Remembrance Day, which would involve a service of Remembrance conducted by the church at the Cemetery. A risk assessment has been completed and all the necessary guidelines have been followed. The CEO will take photographs and will attempt to do a live stream via social media.</p>
9.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The CEO met with the local PCSO today, who advised that they had increased the number of patrols in Snodland due to an increased level activity.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:10pm.