

Snodland Town Council – Amenities and Recreation

7 July 2021

Committee Members present:	Cllrs Mrs D Crook (C), Mrs A Barden (VC), Ms D King, A Bension, P Hickmott and Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO) and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	None

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs S Bell, W Mallard and Mrs N Misy.</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interests</u></p> <p>There was one declaration from Cllr P Hickmott with regard to item 6. Cllr Hickmott advised that one of the quotes was an acquaintance of his.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2021</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2021 were agreed as a correct record.</p>
4.	<p><u>Questions from the public</u></p> <p><i>Pursuant to Standing Order 3 e & 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 accept quotations for the play equipment inspections</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that the quotes for quarterly and annual inspections which had not been carried out for some time due to a contractor retiring and another company who ceased trading.</p> <p>The quotes were as follows:</p> <p>Quote 1 - £1725.00 (quote for quarterly inspection only)</p> <p>Quote 2 - £1200.00 (quote for 3 x quarterly inspections and 1 annual inspection. Lead time 10-12 weeks)</p> <p>Quote 3 - £1220.00 (quote for 3 x quarterly inspections and 1 annual inspection. Lead time 3-4 weeks)</p> <p>0751 RESOLVED – to accept Quote 3 to carry out the inspections and to continue with the contract if the work carried out was satisfactory. It was also agreed that the CEO should seek a further discount with the company for a 3 year rolling contract.</p>

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6.	<p><u>To consider and if agreed accept quotations for the tree inspection surveys</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that tree inspection surveys needed to be carried out on all the Council's open spaces every 3 years but these had not been carried out for some time and it was now a matter of urgency due to the inclement weather and high winds. The CEO advised that a visual tree inspection would be carried out and trees that were in poor condition would be reported back with the relevant recommendation of work to be carried out.</p> <p>The following quotes were for the survey only:</p> <p>Quote 1 - £1960.00 Quote 2 - £ 770.00 This company is familiar with the Snodland's trees Quote 3 - £1465.00 Quote 4 - £3080.00</p> <p>0752 RESOLVED – to accept quote 2 to carry out the tree inspection surveys.</p>
7.	<p><u>To consider and if agreed accept quotations for the tree felling works at Neville Park (awaiting second and third quote)</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that there were numerous dead trees in Neville Park which needed to be removed for health and safety reasons. The CEO advised that she had only received one quote to date and was still awaiting another 2 quotes to be returned. Some of the felled trees in the woodland will be left for the insect habit and the ones in the parkland will be removed.</p> <p>Cllr P Hickmott reported that some of the trees looked quite dangerous and suggested that the work be carried out as soon as possible. It was agreed to allow another week for the remaining companies to respond. The CEO suggested that she could also contact the companies that quoted to carry out the surveys to also quote to fell the trees.</p> <p>0753 RESOLVED – for the CEO to authorise and appoint the most competitive contractor to carry out the works at Neville Park within the next 2 weeks in order that the work could be carried out as soon as possible.</p>
8.	<p><u>To discuss the ownership of land relating to the houses that back onto Sloughfields allotments from Orchard Way</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that the ownership of the bank of land that runs along the side of the allotments and adjacent to the properties at Orchard Way was not known and who should maintain it. The CEO reported that the strip of land was not registered on the residents deeds and it was therefore</p> <p>0754 RESOLVED – that the Council should maintain this land in order that residents would not encroach further on to the allotment land.</p>

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9.	<p><u>To receive a request for the resurfacing of land at the end of Catts Alley</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that a piece of land behind the properties at Oxford Street was not resurfaced with tarmac like the remainder the road that was at the rear of the properties at Malling Road. She advised that the most of the residents at Oxford Street had purchased the right of way at the rear of the properties and there were available reserves to carry out the work.</p> <p>0755 RESOLVED – that the CEO obtain quotes for the resurfacing work and to put forward quotes for discussion on the matter at a future meeting.</p>
10.	<p><u>To consider the installation of a gate across the front of the cricket practice net to deter unauthorised use and protect the members of the public in the Pavilion Café</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that concerns had been raised from the Pavilion Café regarding cricket balls soaring from the cricket practice net towards customers of the café due to children gaining unauthorised access when the cricket club were not using it. The CEO requested that a gate be fitted at the opening of the practice net when it was not in use.</p> <p>0756 RESOLVED – to agree to install a gate across the opening of the cricket practice net. The CEO to obtain further information from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council in relation to 106 funding which had been allocated to the cricket meadow.</p>
11.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>There was no correspondence.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.