

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL**14 MARCH 2019**

Committee Members present:	Mrs S Bell (VC), Mrs B Brown, Mrs D Crook, Mrs L Downes, B Garlick, P Hickmott, A Keeley, D Keeley, J Minter, Mrs N Misy and Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO) and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	Mrs S Hohler (KCC) and 2 other members of the public present

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs D King (C), M Sawkins (Dep VC) and Mrs B Keeley. In the absence of Cllr Mrs D King, Cllr Mrs S Bell (VC) chaired the meeting.</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
3.	<p><u>Report from Neighbourhood Police Team</u></p> <p>There were no representatives present from the Neighbourhood Police Team but the Committee had been given a copy of the usual e-watch report from the last meeting and also a parish council monthly update from Kent Police.</p> <p>The CEO also read out an e-mail she had received from the Community Safety Unit giving an update on the recent PCSO recruitment. It advised that there would be 2 new PCSO's allocated to carry out duties in Snodland (but these would be split with other local parishes). It was directed that residents should continue to report all criminal activity via 101 or via e-mail to the Community Safety Unit.</p> <p>Several questions were asked regarding this which the CEO was able to answer.</p>
4.	<p><u>County Councillor's Report</u></p> <p>Mrs S Hohler (CC) reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CC reported that the speed restriction along the A228 was now in force and that the railings surrounding the nursery on the A228 have been installed; • She attended a meeting with the governing body at Holmesdale and was very impressed with how tidy and clean the school was and how welcoming the staff were; • Mrs Hohler provided the Committee with a new timetable for the local buses following the bus 'conversation'; • Following the numerous responses received for the consultation on the future of Kent Libraries, she confirmed that the 99 libraries in Kent will remain open but she advised that in order to make savings the opening and closing times could vary depending on the footfall for that specific area;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Council's Budget – the CC reported that with rising demands of the changing demography there are more houses being built. Government will be introducing a new fairer funding scheme and it is hoped that counties will received more funding to alleviate pressures that Councils are under; Within the capital budget, money is being spent on schools, roads, bridges and railway stations. The CC advised £95.7 million was being spent on roads for 2018/19, which is the largest amount to date; Within the Revenue budget, £6.2 million per year is being spent towards bus routes subsidies. <p>Several questions were asked which the County Councillor was able to answer.</p>
	Pursuant to Standing Order 68 the Chairman of the committee will invite Members of the public to express an interest should they wish to make representations, ask questions, or give evidence in respect of any item of business included on the agenda.
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 questions from the member of the public.</p>
6.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>There were no Chairman's announcements to make.</p>
7.	<p><u>To resolve that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 February 2019 are a correct record (pp 98 – 101)</u></p> <p>0477 RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th February 2019 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Signed</p>
8.	<u>To receive reports and consider recommendations of Council Committees</u>
8.1	<p>Policy and Resources 21 February 2019 (pp 102 – 104)</p>
	<p>The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee gave a report on the meeting held on 21 February 2019 and reported one recommendation:</p> <p>Item 7 – The CEO reported she had met with the Environmental Officer at TMBC and subject to a new acoustic report and the change of location of the ACU next to the lift, he agreed that the installation could go ahead. The CEO advised the Committee that the acoustic report would need to be carried out during the evening. Once this was received she would report back to the Planning Committee.</p>
8.2	<p>Amenities and Recreation 28 February 2019 (pp 105 - 107)</p>
	<p>The Chairman of the Amenities and Recreation Committee gave a report on the meeting held on 28 February 2019 and reported that there were no recommendations.</p>

8.3	Planning and Environment	7 March 2019 (pp 108 – 110)
	The Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee gave a report on the meeting held on the 7 March 2019 and reported that there were no recommendations.	
0478	RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Council’s Policy and Resources, Planning and Environment and Amenities and Recreation, Committees held since 21 February 2019 be confirmed and accepted as part of the proceedings of the Council.	
9.	<u>Reports from Borough Councillors</u> Cllr Mrs S Bell reported that she had attended the Joint Parish Councils Traffic Consultative Group (JPCTCG) and the Snodland Partnership meeting.	
10.	<u>Town Councillors reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Council</u> The Town Councillors had nothing to report.	
11.	<u>To receive details of cheques signed since the last Council meeting</u> A list of cheque payments, direct debits and transfers into reserve account from 08.02.19 to 13.03.2019 totalling £82,194.96 was given to each Councillor. Several payment queries were asked for the CEO to clarify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18067 – KCC – £11,673.00 - UKPN – part charge for streetlight upgrade; • Nat West Bank – £294.00 - Defib pads/Type 1 sub-base – this was a credit card payment for the replacement of defibrillator pads for the defibrillator based at the Council offices and the materials used to fill in the hole at Catts Alley; • 18076 – KCC – £35,454.63 – this was for the cost of the work carried out on the streetlights by KCC; • 18080 – Binder Loams Ltd - £105.00 – this was special seed for the cricket wicket; • 18084 – KCC – Swordfish Shredder – this was for a replacement new office shredder as the previous one broke. 	
12.	<u>Report from the Chief Executive Officer</u> The CEO explained to the Committee the meaning of the information which they had received regarding PURDAH. It states that Councillors cannot carry out any business on behalf of the Council which has political connotations from 15 March 2019. She advised that Historic England had advised that following their inspection of the War memorial in the Cemetery, she was pleased to announce that it was now a Listed Grade II monument. The CEO advised that the next planning meeting would take place on Wednesday 11 April 2019 due to an election meeting being held on the same day. She also advised the Committee of the new planning application for Vantage Point North. She requested that Councillors look at the plans at the office (or online) prior to the meeting due to the large amount of paperwork.	

	<p>The CEO advised that there had been drainage problems at the Medical practice at Catts Alley. She informed the Committee that she and Cllr P Hickmott had met with a drainage specialist who advised that all the surface water was collecting in an insufficient sized soakaway near the Medical practice. She advised that a meeting had been arranged with an Engineer from KCC and representatives from the surgery to find a solution to the problem.</p>
13.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>There was no correspondence.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.01pm.