

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL**AMENITIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE****18 OCTOBER 2018**

Committee Members present:	Cllrs D Keeley (C), Mrs D Crook (VC), Mrs S Bell, Mrs B Brown, Mrs D King, Mrs L Downes, P Hickmott, A Keeley and Mrs N Misy
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (Chief Executive) and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	There were 4 members of the public present

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs B Keeley, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf, J Minter and M Sawkins.</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 6 September 2018</u></p> <p>The Chairman asked about the recommendation at item 12 and the CEO reported that it was resolved at Full Council. The CEO explained that she tried to obtain 2 further quotes for the T2 assessment but did not get replies so it was agreed that the first company would carry out the work.</p> <p>The minutes were approved as a correct record.</p>
7.	<p><u>To consider and agree the protocol for purchasing unpurchased graves following a letter from a past resident of Snodland</u></p> <p>The Chairman brought item 7 forward so that the members of the public could raise their concerns to the Committee.</p> <p>The family members raised the questions as to why Exclusive Right of Burial (EROB) costs for existing graves were increased by two and half times for families who no longer lived in Snodland. After discussion it was deemed unfair to increase the cost of the EROB cost for existing graves (as long as the family member lived in the parish at the time of death) but the burial and memorial charges should be increased two and half times for families who no longer lived in Snodland.</p> <p>0439 RESOLVED – to amend the charge for the EROB for the family and to follow this protocol in the future.</p> <p>A member of the Cemetery Advisory Committee called an urgent Cemetery Meeting to discuss the points that had been raised at the meeting.</p>
4.	<p><u>Questions from the public (Members of the public are advised that they may speak for up to three minutes)</u></p> <p>There were no other questions from the public.</p>

5.	<p><u>To sign and seal Assignment of Bowls Club lease</u></p> <p>The original lease which needed to be amended due to a leaseholder being removed had got mislaid by solicitors and a new copy needed to be signed and sealed.</p> <p>0440 RESOLVED – The lease was signed and sealed by two Councillors</p>
6.	<p><u>To consider a request from a Council electrical contractor to place a second contained in the Brookland Lake Car Park</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that the electrical contractor had asked if a second container unit could be placed in the Brooklands Lake Car Park for additional storage? She advised that the current rental charge should be reviewed and index linked and the charge amended to cover both containers.</p> <p>0441 RESOLVED – to agree to the request to place a second container at the Brooklands Lake Car Park and to review the current rental charge to reflect the RPI.</p>
8.	<p><u>To discuss a request from a local resident to plant 5 trees in remembrance of his late parents</u></p> <p>The CEO read out an e-mail which she had received from a local resident requesting to plant 5 trees in remembrance of his late parents.</p> <p>It was agreed that, due to the maintenance and care implications to the Council, it was agreed that only one tree would be permitted and the only suitable location would be Nevil Park.</p> <p>0442 RESOLVED – to advise the resident that permission is granted to plant a poplar tree in Nevil Park.</p>
14.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The CEO reported 3 pieces of correspondence:</p> <p>14.1 A Councillor had advised the CEO that a disabled resident had reported that the bus stop, which was situated at the Trim Trail at Manley Boulevard, had disappeared. The CEO reported that she had contacted Berkeley Homes, Arriva and KCC. KCC have replied and said that they will be looking into the matter and the resident has been informed of this.</p> <p>14.2 The CEO informed the Committee that grass cuttings had been placed in the Bowls car park (photograph shown to the Committee) and was advised by a member of the Bowls club that it was compost to enable them to lay the area to grass. The CEO asked the Committee for their agreement to request that the compost be removed. The Committee also re-iterated that the Car Park was the Council's property and no work should be carried out without the Council's permission.</p> <p>0443 RESOLVED – to contact the Bowls Club and request the removal of the grass cuttings from the STC car park and to seek permission before any works were carried out in the future.</p> <p>14.3 The CEO advised the Committee that the STFC had requested that their current lease be extended a further 10 years as the FA specified that they must have a minimum of 25 years before funding can be allocated.</p> <p>0444 RESOLVED – to agree to extend the STFC lease for a further 10 years.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.