

**SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL****AMENITIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE****29 AUGUST 2019**

Committee Members present:	Cllrs Mrs D Crook (C), Mrs J Ayers, Mrs S Bell, A Bennison, P Hickmott and Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO) and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	One member of the public

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs A Barden and Mrs N Misy.</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interests</u></p> <p>A declaration was made from Cllr Mrs D Crook with regard to item 11 – a letter received from the Snodland Community Association.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were agreed as a correct record.</p>
4.	<p><u>Questions from the public</u> (<i>Members of the public are advised that they may speak for up to three minutes</i>)</p> <p>There were no questions from the member of the public.</p>
5.	<p><u>Snodland Goes Cleaner</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that during the summer period there had been a large amount of litter, especially in the surrounding green spaces. Also, anti-social behaviour had been reported by the police at Brooklands Lake (and other local vicinities) and the CEO advised that the situation is being closely monitored. She informed the Committee that the CCTV cameras situated in the car park were not currently working and she was liaising with the CCTV engineer to repair them and to look into the possibility of upgrading them so that footage could be viewed remotely.</p> <p>She advised that 3 new bins had been purchased for the cricket meadow and one to be placed in the Recreation ground. She advised that these would be installed after the summer holidays to damage to them.</p> <p>A question was raised if it would be feasible to employ a street cleaner and the CEO advised that TMBC already deploy a street cleaner to the town on a weekly basis. The CEO advised that during the last Policy and Resources meeting it was agreed that a Committee be set up to discuss the Council's future facilities, services and the management and maintenance of open spaces etc.</p>

	<p>The Committee members would comprise of the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of each committee.</p> <p>A Borough Councillor informed the Committee that whilst visiting TMBC she had made contact with a new member of the waste department and suggested that he attend a committee meeting to put forward ideas and suggestions to tackle litter issues in Snodland.</p> <p>The CEO thanked the Downs Mail reporter for the article covering residents complaints about the amount of litter in Snodland.</p> <p>The matter of dog litter was also raised but it was pointed out that TMBC employ one person to cover the entire Borough of Tonbridge and Malling which is a vast area for one person.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs S Bell advised that residents should report all waste issues directly to the waste department at TMBC in order for the Borough to act quickly and for the town to remain as clean and tidy as possible.</p> <p>A suggestion was made whether to offer incentives to children to litter pick but this was overruled due to the ethical implications.</p> <p><b>0527 RESOLVED</b> – Cllr Mrs S Bell to invite the new Waste officer at TMBC be invited to attend a meeting to offer advice and suggestions to the Committee on tackling the litter problem. Also, that Cllr Mrs D King continue to arrange monthly litter picks.</p>
<p>6.</p> <p><b>0528</b></p>	<p><u>To consider the Council's involvement in the Kent and Ve Day 75 celebrations on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (see Appendix 1)</u></p> <p>Each Committee member received a copy of the SSAFA VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and the CEO asked if the Committee had any ideas to mark this event. The following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art and poetry competition involving local schools with prizes for different ages;</li> <li>• Lighting of the beacon;</li> <li>• Afternoon tea for the older residents with a 40's singer;</li> <li>• Pipers;</li> <li>• Church bells;</li> <li>• Historical information from Dr Ashby.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> - to invite the elderly residents/veterans/moths of Snodland to an afternoon tea (4.00pm) in the Moyeuve-Grande displaying artwork and poems from local schools. Refreshments would be followed by a 40's singer (5.00pm – 7.00pm). Also, arrangements could be made for the Church bells to be rang out at the end of the event. As the lighting of the beacon was not being used in the national programme, it was decided that this would not be part of the proceedings. In order for arrangements to be made for the event, it was decided that meetings would be held following the Christmas and Carnival meetings.</p>



	dispersed from the ditch into the Highways drainage system. Once the ditch has been completed it will have to be maintained by STC in order for it to be kept clear of weeds and brambles for it to drain the excess water away effectively.
11.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that she had received an e-mail from Snodland Community Association (SCA) with regards to the use of the outside toilets at the Community Centre, which were to be used by the customers of the 3G pitch (they are located near the car park). As this presented an insurance dilemma the CEO suggested that the referees changing room (which has a toilet) and is near to the 3G pitch, be opened for the customers of the 3G pitch. It was suggested that a keypad lock be added to the door with the combination code given to customers for their sole use.</p>
<b>0531</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – to make arrangements for parents and users of the 3G to use the referees changing room WC which are situated next to the 3G pitch. A keypad lock will be installed on the outer door for security and the changing rooms will remain locked.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm. .