

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL**AMENITIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE****4 APRIL 2019**

Committee Members present:	Cllrs D Keeley (C), Mrs D Crook (VC), Mrs B Brown, Mrs D King, Mrs L Downes, P Hickmott, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf and Mrs N Misy
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO), and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	One member of the public present

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs S Bell, Mrs B Keeley and A Keeley.</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 28 February 2019</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 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 members of the public.</p>
5.	<p><u>Update on STFC's new clubhouse facilities including a request to extend Paddlesworth Road car park</u></p> <p>The CEO reported that the work would soon begin on the groundwork for the extension of the STFC clubhouse, of which planning permission had been received. She advised that Haras fencing would be erected between new Potyns and old Potyns to prevent dogs from gaining access to the pitches. She advised that STFC were planning to create a 'dug out' at Pitch 2 (new Potyns) from the earth that was being excavated and it would be situated along the edge of the pitch on the side of the bowls club. She also explained that they had requested that they develop the unusable piece of land which lies adjacent to the bowls car park and suggested that this could be better utilised as an extra car park for football match visitors due to the current parking facilities at the community centre not always being sufficient. If this was agreed in principle and planning permission and relevant authority was granted, STFC requested the Council's agreement to create a bund with the excavated earth to mark where the car park would finish.</p> <p>A Councillor queried whether the bowls club car park was owned by STC and the CEO confirmed that it was.</p>

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6.	<p><u>To receive an update regarding the Pavilion Café</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that since the previous week's committee meeting, the current tenant had advised that she could continue her business at the café until 20th April 2019 due to the expiry of her insurances. The CEO informed the Committee that she had received the paperwork from the local estate agent and advised that she needed to sign the paperwork for them to proceed with the advertising of the premises. She also advised that 4 applications had been received and the CEO advised that she would make arrangements for Councillors to interview the candidates.</p>
7.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The CEO advised that she had received a letter from Seafarers UK requesting that the Council 'fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day' on 3 September 2019 whereby the Council would fly the British Navy's Official flag at the Civic Offices.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED - that the CEO obtain a price for the naval flag and report back.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.