

SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL

11 SEPTEMBER 2017

Committee Members present:	Cllrs P Misy (C), Mrs D King (VC), Mrs D Crook, Mrs L Downes, B Garlick, P Hickmott, D Keeley, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf, D Purril, J Minter and D Lettington (TMBC)
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO) and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	Mrs R Chapman and Cllr Mrs S Hohler (KCC)

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs S Bell, Mrs B Brown, Mrs B Keeley and M Sawkins.</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>The Neighbourhood Police Team were not present at the meeting but crime information obtained from the Kent Police website for July/August was distributed to each Councillor.</p>
4.	<p><u>County Councillor's Report</u></p> <p>Mrs Sarah Hohler reported the key points which arose from the Report by the Leader of Kent County Council on 7 September 2017 (full report on file):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ofsted inspection of Children's Services – KCC in the top 25% of all local authorities in the country; • Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) - update on the progress of the STP; • KCC's budget • Grenfell Tower – action taken initiating a full and thorough search of all KCC property; • Lorry watch - tackling issues of lorries using inappropriate rural routes in Kent carried out by volunteers; • Apprentice Kent – a KCC apprenticeship programme; • Kent fostering – to provide urgent loving homes for children and young people in Kent; • KCC Highways – how to report a problem on the road or pavement – fault reporting tool so that residents can report problems on the roads and footways or streetlights that are not working; • KCC Combined Member Grant Scheme 2017/18 – Cllr Hohler asked the Committee about progress with the Council offices lift; • Consultations – Rights of way improvement plan – KCC's Public Rights of Way and Access Service is reviewing its Rights of Way Improvement Plan which will be consulted on in late 2017/early 2018;

	<p>- Kent Country Parks Strategy A four year strategy which sets out how it intends to protect and manage Kent's natural environments at the same time as providing high quality opportunities for individuals, families and communities to play, learn and relax.</p> <p>Cllr Hohler ended her report with information on the M20 Smart Motorway programme and the M20 J4 Overbridge Resurfacing. A question was put to Cllr Hohler as to why the maintenance of the overbridge had not been completed on time? Cllr Hohler replied that the work was undertaken by Highways England and she reported that problems had been encountered with the geology content at the eastern side and drainage problems at the western side.</p> <p>The matter of the A228 crossing at Holborough Lakes was raised and it was reported that Halling now had a footbridge erected and the question was raised if Snodland could have the same? Cllr Hohler is continuing to liaise with Matthew Balfour at KCC and has mentioned that she would be prepared to allocate 90% of her grant to some form of crossing if necessary. She explained that after discussions with the Highways Manager, a crossing situated near the Holborough roundabout was deemed dangerous due to the stopping distances for vehicles travelling down the carriageway and could cause accidents. Cllr Hohler said that she was pursuing the matter with Matthew Balfour and would keep the Council updated with progress.</p>
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>A member of the public raised the matter of the condition of the road in parts of Dryland Road. It was reported that parts of the road had been resurfaced several times but other parts had not and it was recommended that the whole estate should be resurfaced. The resident will continue with the local petition to KCC to carry out maintenance work on the roads around Snodland. She was commended for her tireless efforts and to continue with her campaign.</p>
6.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman announced that the Christmas and Carnival meetings will be held on Thursday 28 September 2017 at 7.00pm and 8.00pm respectively.</p>
7. 0309	<p><u>To resolve that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 July 2017 are a correct record</u></p> <p>RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 20 July 2017 be approved a correct record and be signed by the Chairman. Signed</p>

8.	<u>To receive reports and consider recommendations of Council Committees</u>	
8.1	Amenities and Recreation	29 August 2017 (pp 35 – 36)
0310	Cllr D Keely reported one Resolved item. RESOLVED – Item 7 – that the CEO obtain a further quote for the removal of the 3 trees and to use the quote that offered the best value – The CEO reported that she received notification from KCC that 2 of the trees belonged to them and STC would remove the remaining tree located in the Churchyard. Revised quotes had been requested from local tree surgeons.	
8.2	Policy and Resources	31 August 2017 (pp 37 – 38)
	There were no items to be resolved.	
8.3	Planning and Environment	10 August 2017 (pp 33 – 34) 7 September (pp 39 – 40)
	There were no items to be resolved.	
9.	<u>Reports from Borough Councillors</u> Cllr D Lettington reported that he had received several complaints from residents regarding the parking around the locality of the train station and advised that these regulations were not in the programme of work to be reviewed this year.	
10.	<u>Town Councillors reports on meetings attended on behalf of the Council</u> Due to the Summer Recess, no meetings had been attended by the Town Councillors.	
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 20 July 2017 to 7 September 2017 totalling £59,678.56 was given to each Councillor. Various questions were asked which the CEO was able to answer.	
12.	<u>Report from the Chief Executive Officer</u>	
12.1	The CEO reported to the Committee that an omission of an Agenda item had not been recorded in the minutes of the 15 June 2017. Due to this oversight, the item had been added as an Agenda item for the current meeting (item 13). She reported that as a result of the omission checks had now been put in place to ensure that items were not missed in the future. She also suggested that the Councillors should scrutinise the minutes for accuracy of content. Minutes would also be sent to the Chairman of the relevant Committee for approval.	
12.2	The CEO informed the Committee that the KCC Household Waste Recycling	

<p>12.3</p> <p>12.4</p>	<p>Centre (HWRC) and a Waste Transfer Station (WTF) at Tunbridge Wells needed to close the facility for 10 weeks from 18 September 2017 to carry out repairs. Residents should not be affected as long as their refuse was ready for collection at 7am.</p> <p>Details of alternative HWRCs for residents to use during the closure can be found on KCC's website: www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/rubbish-and-recycling/find-your-nearest-tip</p> <p>The CEO requested that apologies for absence from Councillors should be received prior to the Committee meetings for them to be recorded at the meeting.</p> <p>The CEO reported that the electrical power at the Pavilion Café keeps tripping. She asked the Committee if they were prepared to pay for the electrics to be upgraded to install 2 separate consumer units?</p> <p>RECOMMEND – that Councillors inspect the electrics at the Pavilion Café to investigate why the electrical power was tripping.</p>
<p>13.</p> <p>0311</p>	<p><u>To consider the renewal of dispensations to Members pursuant to section 33(2) of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraph 8 of the adopted Code of Conduct</u></p> <p>The Councillors accepted the renewal of dispensations to Members pursuant to section 33(2) of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraph 8 of the adopted Code of Conduct.</p> <p>RESOLVED – to accept the renewal of dispensations. The granting of dispensations to Members pursuant to section 33(2) of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraph 8 of the adopted code of conduct to speak and vote where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) So many members of the decision-making body have disclosable pecuniary interests in a matter that it would impede the transaction of the business; or (b) Without a dispensation, no member of the Council would be able to participate on a particular item of business. (c) Where any Planning Application is put forward by or on behalf of Snodland Town Council. (d) In Matters relating to Snodland Town Council Property or Land Holding or to matters relating to a S106 agreement or grant monies. (e) the granting of the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area; or (f) it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation (g) Where a Councillor declares an interest because he is a member of a group, club or organisation within Snodland. (h) Where a Councillor's declared interest is as a Town Council Allotment Holder. <p>These dispensations to run from 11 September 2017 to Annual Council Meeting of May 2019.</p>

14.	<p><u>To discuss future plans for the 2018 Carnival</u></p> <p>The CEO presented to the Committee a colourful carnival poster for 2018 inviting residents/business owners to attend the first initial meeting for the Carnival on 28th September 2017. She asked the Committee for their thoughts on this? It was agreed that the wording on the poster should be amended to only invite groups (rather than individuals) to the meeting and it was agreed that the meeting would be strictly chaired. It was agreed that the poster should be posted on facebook and be displayed on the Council notice boards during w/c 18th September 2017. The usual Committee members would be e-mailed separately.</p>
15.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>There was no correspondence.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.16pm.