

## AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

23 JUNE 2016

Committee Members present: Cllrs D Keeley, (Chairman), Mrs D King, Mrs B Brown,  
Mrs D Crook, Mrs L Downes, P Hickmott, P Misy,  
Mrs S Bell, A Keeley.

Council Members present: Cllr Anne Moloney

Mrs K Sowten (Chief Executive), Mrs V Tipp, Miss E Jones

1. Apologies for absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Barbara Keeley as she was unable to attend this meeting as it was held on the upper floor with no disabled access.
  2. Declaration of Interests  
Cllr Mrs D King declared an interest in St Katherine's School.
  3. Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2016  
The minutes of the Amenities and Recreation Committee held on 12 May 2016 were agreed a correct record of the meeting.
  4. Questions from the public  
There were no questions from the public.
  5. To consider and if agreed accept a request from Snodland Town Football Club to carry out ground work on their pitch and surrounding area  
Snodland Town Football Club have been promoted to the Southern Counties East League and have received funding for work to be carried out.
    - The Club would like to move the double gates at the front of the football pitch and relocate them at the side facing the Bowls Club car park to make easier access and refrain from transport and machinery having to cross Potyns field. The Committee were happy with the Football Association carrying out this work.
    - Snodland FC have requested to erect a form of screening on match days to prevent people from watching a game from outside the ground area. It was agreed that temporary net screening could be erected on match days, however, further discussions needed to take place with the Chairman of Snodland Football Club regarding permanent screening.
    - Snodland Town Football Club have also requested that advertising boarding be erected around the entire perimeter of the pitch and attached to the spectator rail to increase revenue. It was agreed that this matter also needed further discussions with the Snodland Football Club.
    - Snodland Football Club have requested permission that an underground cable be installed which would run from the ground to the Community Centre car park. Each light would be erected at each end of the ball park. .
- 0161 RESOLVED** – that Snodland Football Association be allowed to install an underground cable from their pitch to the car park to enable lights to be placed at each end of the ball park.

6. To consider and agree the date for football matches to commence at Potyns pitches  
Snodland Town Football Club and Ham Hill Football Club had sent letters to thank Snodland Council for the use of the pitches. It was agreed that the first games of the new season would start on the weekend of the 3 and 4 September 2016 with a finishing date of 7 May 2017. For any interim matches Snodland Town Football Club's own pitches would need to be used. For Ham Hill they would need to make alternative arrangements.
7. To receive a report on maintenance at Snodland Churchyards  
A meeting was held at All Saints Church regarding maintenance of the closed churchyard.
- The work will commence on the damaged church wall at the end of July.
  - The area facing east along the river boundary of the churchyard was cut back 2 years ago and exposed the riverbank. The area has now grown back and should remain at its current level to prevent access.
  - The fence along the footpath that leads from Church Field to Watts Close has an area that is now sagging due to an overhanging tree covered by ivy that is pushing the tree down. Snodland Council will remove the tree and ensure that the fence is secure along the footpath.
  - Ivy and weeds are growing around the area of headstones. It was reported that the Probation Service may be able to help clear this area.
  - The northern boundary has recently been cleared of all weeds. Snodland Council will ensure that the tree saplings sprouting at the base of the trees are removed.
  - The area in the middle at the rear of the churchyard looks very unsightly. It cannot be cleared completely as there is a large hole underneath. Snodland Council will trim and keep the area tidy.
  - All Saints would like to clear the nettles from the river bank and erect a fence to enable clear views over the river bank. Cllr Hickmott stated that this land may belong to Snodland Council and that this should be checked. The CEO will look into this further.
8. Correspondence
- 8.1 A letter had been received from St Katherine's Primary School thanking Snodland Town Council for the children's medals commemorating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

### **THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED**

That in view of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

9. To receive a report on play equipment damage at Potyns  
Discussions took place regarding damage at Potyns.

**0162 RESOLVED** – to reimburse without prejudice.

10. To receive an update on the renewal of the market lease

No update could be given regarding this as TMBC had not reported back with new costings.

11. To consider matters relating to outside maintenance

Discussions took place regarding outside maintenance personnel.

**0163 RESOLVED** – To seek part-time staff to carry out litter duties.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.