

MINUTES of the MEETING of the TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL held at the THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 2 MAY 2007 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor P J Scanlan – Town Mayor
Councillor V Openshaw – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs C Angell
Councillor L J Bobby
Councillor Mrs A Harvey
Councillor J A Hayes
Councillor M D G Jackson
Councillor S W Johnston
Councillor M Munn
Councillor B E Read

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs S Wood – S & G Age Concern
Mr T Norman – 1st Galley Hill Scouts
Mr J Vaughan – Friends of the Heritage Park
Mrs B Vaughan – Friends of the Heritage Park
Mr B Nunn – Friends of the Heritage Park
Mrs M Bull – Friends of the Heritage Park
Mr K Saxby – Allotment Association
Mrs M Kemp – Allotment Association
Mr G Smith – Allotment Association
Mrs Smith – Allotment Association
Mrs D Snell – Groundwork
Mr S Snell – Swanscombe Youth Forum
Mr S Smith – Swanscombe Youth Forum
Mrs B Bobby – Friends of the Heritage Park
Ms L Cross
Ms L Hall
Reverend Barron – St Mary Greenhithe Church
Mr N Jones – Swan Valley Community School
Reverend D Scott – St Peter & St Paul Church
Graham Blew – Town Clerk
Mrs P Atherton, Assistant Town Clerk

1. TOWN MAYORS INTRODUCTION

The Town Mayor, Councillor P J Scanlan welcomed everybody to the 26th Annual Town Meeting. He explained that it was a meeting whereby reports from various committees of the Council were given. It was also an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of Councillors and give reports from their organisations.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors' C Creed (work commitments), P A Read (work commitments) and Mrs I A Read (other commitments)

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2006

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 April 2006 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. REPORT OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Councillor L J Bobby (Chair) gave a report as follows:

Heritage Park

Councillor L J Bobby advised that Phase 1 of the Heritage Park had been completed.

The Heritage Action Group were seeking funding for Phase 2 which would include changing rooms, mini football pitches and playground equipment with appropriate surfacing.

He advised that he was sure people from Groundwork and The Friends of the Heritage Park would inform the Council of all of their activities.

Football

The Town Council had obtained £1,500 towards goal posts, that met the required specification, for the pitches at Broomfield and Knockhall.

The Town Council would, in conjunction with the Youth Forum, be looking at reinstating the basket ball and mini soccer facilities as well as other projects.

Playgrounds

The playgrounds had been re-furbished and upgraded with the safety surfaces being improved.

Leisure Centre

Councillor L J Bobby advised that the Leisure Centre in Craylands Lane, had, under the Management of Gravesham Leisure, continued to be well used.

Manor Park

The Council would be looking to install play equipment in Manor Park play area.

Parks

Over the forthcoming year there were proposals to start a programme to re-furbish and re-vitalise the parks to encourage more use by the public.

Trees

In November 2006 the Town Council had made a decision to replace any tree that was removed, with two trees.

5. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Councillor B E Read gave a report as follows:

Councillor B E Read advised that Members current term of office was coming to an end and he wished to thank Councillors for their work over the years. He advised that although many would be returning to office there would be some new faces.

New Town Council Building

He advised that the Council had enjoyed a successful time with the new Town Council office being built. This contained a Community Hall which was available for hire.

Old Swanscombe Library

The Old Swanscombe Library conversion was now complete and had opened. It contained an IT training unit upstairs (SparkIT) and a new community café downstairs (Old Fire Station Café). This included a meeting room facility that could be used by the Police, Citizens Advice and other organisations.

Un-adopted Roads

The Council had been instrumental in the renovation of roads that were not adopted in the area.

Councillor B E Read advised that he was proud of the rates charged by the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council as these were now lower than they had been in 1993.

6. REPORT OF THE PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Councillor B E Read advised that he was also the Chair of the above committee and gave a report as follows:

Eastern Quarry

Councillor B E Read advised that it was a very busy time for the Council as there were large developments in the area. The largest was Eastern Quarry which, to date, had not gained full outline permission. He hoped that the community would gain benefits from the developers.

He advised that it was crucial over that over the next 4 years benefits were gained from all developers in the area to help local residents.

Ebbsfleet Station

He advised that another major development was Ebbsfleet Station which fell under the jurisdiction of the Town Council.

Everards Site – Greenhithe

The application for the Everards site, at the back of Asda at Greenhithe, which would have been an over-development with high rise blocks had been turned down by Dartford Borough Council but, the developers could appeal to the government who, in turn, could overturn Dartford Borough Council's decision.

Senior Citizens Hall – Craylands Lane

Councillor B E Read explained the group running the Senior Citizens Hall had folded and the Town Council had taken over. The hall had taken a lot of work and money to get it up to the standard it now enjoyed and it was now the busiest and most frequently used Community Hall in the area.

Developments

Councillor B E Read advised that there was a great deal of work to be undertaken over the next 12 to 24 months, talking to major developers. Developers would try to develop any vacant land and this would create more parking and traffic flow problems.

Gilbert Close Garages

Councillor B E Read was asked whether he had heard anything about the garages at Gilbert Close being developed. Councillor B E Read advised that he had heard nothing in detail.

7. REPORTS OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE AGE CONCERN:

Sue Wood advised that they had celebrated their 30th Anniversary. However the Old Peoples Welfare Committee had been re-named Swanscombe & Greenhithe Age Concern.

Improvements had been made to the building with new doors and security lights being fitted. This was due to vandalism. They were looking to install security screens on the windows.

Due to a grant from Kent County Council, Dartford Borough Council and local Councillors new flooring, carpeting and a hoist had been fitted. The staff of the Oast House and Lend Lease had worked on the decoration of the building.

The Oast House was now nearly full to capacity and they were looking for a new larger building. There was a continuing need for an age concern day centre and the demand would grow.

Due to legislation, Kent County Council could no longer service their agreement which would have to be tendered for in the future.

They had received good publicity from the Kent Messenger with a page on the Day Centre.

1st GALLEY HILL SCOUTS:

Tony Norman advised that a troop had gone to Broadstone Warren during the spring bank holiday. However the weather was very wet.

There had been a cub camp at Down during the August bank holiday. However, they were accompanied by an American run boot camp.

Membership was currently running at around 40 members.

They had had visits from Blue Cross, Birds of Prey and the Royal Lifeboat Association.

On June 10th they would be putting on a painting day at a cost of £45 per head. This would include the cost of materials, tea and coffee.

FRIENDS OF THE HERITAGE:

Margaret Bull advised that they were a voluntary group of local people who arrange various events throughout the year for the benefit and enjoyment of the local community.

Groundwork were involved with the Friends and gave them a great deal of help and support.

They had arranged a "Halloween Party", a "Back to School Party" and an "Easter Egg Hunt". The next event would be a "Teddy Bear's Picnic" which it was hoped would be held in July. There was also a "Walk and Talk" through the Heritage Park at most of these events.

In December the Adult Education Department included the Friends in their two day Christmas event.

They had visited the National History Museum which had been enjoyed by all.

GROUNDWORK:

Diane Snell gave an update on current Groundwork projects as follows:

Walkie Talkies – Groundwork was overseeing two Walkie Talkies who were being paid to spread a positive regeneration message within the existing community by handing out leaflets, visiting shops, pubs, clubs, etc.

Swan Valley School – Diane Snell advised that a "Helping the Community" group had been set up which consisted of twelve 14 year old pupils who were undertaking voluntary work with the elderly and younger children in Swanscombe. These pupils helped to run a youth club for 8-11 year olds in Sweyne School, undertaking sporting and art activities. These pupils would in the future be working with the Oast House elderly day centre serving teas and coffees and chatting to some of the elderly clients.

Wardonna Court – It was hoped to introduce a tea dance afternoon for the elderly, organised by the pupils.

Future Work - Future work could also include physical improvements around Swanscombe.

Home to Hub – 5 community notice boards had been created, 4 would replace existing boards and 1 would be newly sited. The boards offered local information

including maps highlighting significant routes to help local people navigate around the area. The pupils of Swan Valley Community School had worked with Groundwork to design a template for the Young Persons Zone that formed part of the notice boards.

Swanscombe Heritage Park – A concrete ramp to improve access to the Heritage Park had been created at the entrance. Two new ponds (as recommended in ecological reports conducted) and some play equipment would be installed later in the year.

Summer Playscheme – A series of themed activities were organised in Sweyne Junior School during the summer holiday. Themes included pirates, magic, wizards and water. Focussing of family learning and Kent libraries reading mission, art and crafts activities, games and story telling had taken place following the themes.

Gardening Gang – A weekly after school gardening club for the infants and juniors at Swanscombe and Sweyne school was a popular pastime for thirty children from ages 6 to 11. The gang were working on creating a dinner ladies patch full of herbs as part of the healthy schools initiative and a nurture garden as a relaxing area for play time.

Get Hooked on Fishing – A project set up to promote the sport of angling amongst the people across the boroughs of Dartford & Gravesham. It will eventually use angling coaching as a tool to encourage active learning amongst young people, offering a real alternative to anti-social behaviour and encourage young people to take up a healthy, absorbing and socially acceptable pastime. The pilot taster sessions had proved to be successful.

Swanscombe Youth Forum – The Youth Forum was currently running a youth centre for 8-11 year olds on Thursday evenings. They had also been organising family trips including a recent trip to Chessington World of Adventures, where they planning activities for families to undertake on the coach trip that encouraged families to read together. They also had a pantomime trip planned for Christmas. The Youth Forum had recently been awarded £2,000 from Dartford Borough Council to increase awareness and membership.

Employment Programme – Young unemployed adults in Swanscombe were provided with employment skills training such as interview techniques and creating a CV. It was the intention that the young adults would then move on to a work experience programme within Eastern Quarry and surrounding areas.

Friends of Swanscombe Heritage Park – The group organise community events throughout the year to raise awareness of Swanscombe Heritage Park and its importance. They had recently secured funding from Waterstone Park fund for some new benches in the park. They were currently trying to find funding to put

toward the project funding secured by Groundwork from Dartford Borough Council to install play equipment.

Gunn Road Housing Planting Scheme – Goundwork would be working with local residents to develop a planting scheme around the flats and identify and resolve the issues with the previous planting scheme. It was intended to organise a planting day in the spring involving the local community.

SWAN VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL:

Nigel Jones advised that they had increased their GCSE pass rate to 41%, the pass rate was only 14% 4 years previous.

They had passed the Ofsted inspection.

The school was now a specialised sports college which was a 4 year plan. It would use sport as a lever to lift standards.

They would be investing £150,000 of government money to build a fitness suite, which would be available for public use.

A £750,000 vocational centre has just been built which focused on catering and electrical engineering.

Local students had helped in the Oast House.

A student had received the Mayor of Swanscombe & Greenhithe's award.

Nigel Jones wished to thank Jon Fisher, Diane Snell, Councillor P J Scanlan, Councillor B E Read and Councillor Mrs C Angell for their help.

The students were taking an active part in a re-cycling programme.

YOUTH FORUM:

Stephen Snell advised that they were a voluntary organisation working with 13-18 year old youths. They also worked with other organisations in the community.

The youth centre had been running for a year and approximately 50 youths per night were attending.

A summer school had run during the summer school holidays.

They would like to see the basket ball court back in use.

ST MARY'S CHURCH:

Reverend Barron advised that they were the baby church in the area being only 150 years old. This has been celebrated the previous year. They had a Civic Service and an Anniversary Service which were both well attended.

A publication of 150 years of the History of Greenhithe had been produced the previous year which won an Andras award.

Social activities had taken place every month and would continue.

As a result of the expanding area they were trying to find out the needs of people.

There was a growth in the number of children in the area. As a result someone had started up a Family Ministries dealing with families and parenting courses. This group had expanded rapidly in the last six month and there were a lot more children's groups. They would like to expand into teenage work. The problem was the site that they had with what they could achieve and they had to get all the leaders.

They were endeavouring to find out the needs of people

Lots more children on the group and they would like to start a teenage group.

ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION:

Mr Saxby advised that he felt that the Town Council and Dartford Borough Council were not cohesive. A new fence had been erected at Keary Road allotments and Dartford Borough Council subsequently advised that they had received the money to put a new fence up.

Councillor B E Read advised that the funds from Dartford Borough Council were exhausted and he had not received any other information on other funding.

Mr Saxby advised that Craylands Lane Allotments had been vandalised.

He advised that some of the allotment holders were renting allotments but were not working them. He asked that the Council monitor the situation.

RESOLVED:

That Jon Fisher investigates the additional funding from Dartford Borough Council regarding Keary Road allotments.

ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCH:

Reverend Scott advised that they held two styles of service one formal and one not so formal. The Sunday club had grown over the years.

He wished to thank the community with the efforts they have made at the fund raising events towards their heating fund.

He advised that the Collier Ferguson Trust had visited but advised that they could not assist with heating but could assist in other areas.

Reverend Scott advised that he had contacted the Diocese and there was £13,000 that could be available to fund heating. Added to the £7,000 raised by the community brought the total to £20,000. He advised that they need special heating which had to be water powered for A1 listed buildings. It would therefore require a budget of approximately £35,000.

Councillor B E Read thanked everyone for attending the meeting and highlighted that he had found this years meeting to be far more positive and upbeat than in previous years. He felt that this indicated that Swanscombe and Greenhithe was coming alive and the residents were becoming more aware of what was, and is, happening around them.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed



(Chairman)

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PRESENT:

- Councillor P Scanlan - Mayor
- Councillor K Basson
- Councillor L J Bobby
- Councillor Ms L Cross
- Councillor Ms L Hall
- Councillor P M Harman
- Councillor P Harris
- Councillor Mrs A R Harvey
- Councillor J A Hayes
- Councillor Ms L Howes
- Councillor M D G Jackson
- Councillor Ms D Johnston
- Councillor S W Johnston
- Councillor R Lees
- Councillor Mrs C Openshaw
- Councillor V Openshaw
- Councillor B E Read
- Councillor Mrs I A Read
- Councillor P J Scanlan
- Councillor Mrs G B Tripp

ALSO PRESENT:

- Mr G Blew – Town Clerk
- Ms P Atherton – Assistant Town Clerk

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor requested nominations for the position of Town Mayor for the forthcoming year.

MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor L J Bobby.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor V Openshaw be elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

2. TOWN MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor V Openshaw accepted the office and signed the Acceptance of Office form.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor requested nominations for the position of Deputy Town Mayor.

MOVED BY Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor L J Bobby.

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RESOLVED:

That Councillor S W Johnston be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

4. DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor S W Johnston accepted the office and signed the Acceptance of Office form.

5. VOTE OF THANKS

Councillor V Openshaw gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor P J Scanlan

6. PAST MAYOR'S BADGE

Councillor V Openshaw presented the past Town Mayor, Councillor P J Scanlan with the Past Mayor's Badge.

7. RESPONSE BY COUNCILLOR P J SCANLAN

Councillor P J Scanlan advised that he had thoroughly enjoyed his year in office and wished the new Town Mayor all the best for the forthcoming year.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor's I T N Jones DL (abroad) and P A Read (work commitments).

An apology for lateness was submitted by Councillor Mrs G B Tripp.

10. TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES, THEIR CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

- a) Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee
- b) Finance & General Purposes Committee
- c) Planning, Major Developments, Transportation and Environment Committee
- d) Personnel Committee
- e) Executive & Emergency Committee
- f) Heritage Park / Skull Site Sub-Committee
- g) Allotments & Cemeteries Sub-Committee
- h) Leases & Legal Sub-Committee
- i) Anti-social Behaviour & Crime Sub-Committee
- j) Regeneration / Quality Council Sub-Committee

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MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor M D G Jackson.

RESOLVED:

That the Appointment and Constitution of the Standing and Other Committees be adopted as per the annexed list.

11. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Members were provided with the Terms of Reference of the Committees and Sub-Committees to be approved.

MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor M D G Jackson.

RESOLVED:

That the Terms of Reference of the Committees and Sub-Committees be approved as per the annexed list.

12. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

- a) The Council
- b) Standing Committees

MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor M D G Jackson that all evening meetings should commence at 7.00pm.

RESOLVED:

That the dates and times of the above Meetings be approved as per the annexed list.

13. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- a) Three representatives to serve upon the Swanscombe & Greenhithe Association of Sports and Social Clubs.
- b) Two Representatives to serve upon the County Area Committee of the Kent Association of Parish Councils.
- c) Two Representatives to serve upon the Dartford Area Committee of the Kent Association of Parish Councils.
- d) Two Representatives on the Dartford Association of Town and Parish Councils, one to be the Town Mayor plus the Town Clerk.
- e) One Representative to serve upon the Gravesend and District Society for the Mentally Handicapped
- f) Two Representatives to serve upon the Greenhithe Community Association
- g) One Representative to serve on the Police Community Liaison Group.
- h) One Person to serve as Village Transport Representative.
- i) One Representative to serve on the Committee of the Dartford Volunteer Bureau.

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- j) One Representative to be appointed to serve on the Committee of the North Kent Independent Mediation Service.
- k) One representative to be appointed to attend meetings of the Development Users Forum (Dartford Borough Council).
- l) One Representative on the Elderly Forum (Dartford Borough Council)
- m) Two nominees to join Board of Directors of Ingress Park Management Group Limited.
- n) One Representative on the Kent County Council Dartford Local Board.
- o) One Representative to serve on the Eastern Quarry Community Liaison Group.

MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor L J Bobby.

RESOLVED:

That the appointment of representatives to outside bodies be approved.

14. BANK SIGNATORIES

MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor Mrs A R Harvey.

RESOLVED:

That the following Members be appointed as signatories to authorise the payment of cheques;

| <u>Current Account</u> | <u>Town Mayor's Account</u> | <u>Town Mayor's Charity Account</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Les Bobby | 1 Town Mayor | 1 Town Clerk |
| 2. Peter Harman | 2 Deputy Town Mayor | 2. RFO |
| 3. Annette Harvey | 3 Town Clerk | |
| 4. Bryan Read | 4. RFO | |
| 5 Ivy Read | | |
| 6 Pat Scanlan | | |

15. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 2007

MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor J A Hayes.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2007 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

16. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS.

Members were provided with a copy of the revised code which came into force on the 3 May 2007. Members were requested to adopt the revised Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils and the ten General Principals as a non-enforceable preamble to the Code.

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MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor M D G Jackson.

RESOLVED:

including the non-mandatory element para 12 (2) amended 15/10/07

That the Council adopt the revised Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils and the ten General Principals as a non-enforceable preamble to the Code.

17. GRANT OF DISPENSATION

Members were advised that in June 2002 dispensation was granted to eleven Members of the Town Council with regard to the Swanscombe & Greenhithe Association of Sports and Social Clubs. The dispensation was granted four years ago but had now expired.

MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor K Basson.

RESOLVED

That Members apply for a Grant of Dispensation with regards to the Swanscombe & Greenhithe Association of Sports and Social Clubs except those delegated to serve on that Committee.

18. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Members were advised that there was no clear defined complaints procedure for dealing with issues raised by the public. Members were provided with a copy of a model code of practice in handling complaints as advised by society of Local Council Clerks.

MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor Ms L Hall.

RESOLVED:

That the Complaints Procedure be adopted.

19. SMOKE FREE POLICY

Members were advised that the Smoke Free Policy came into force on 1 July 2007. The policy prohibits smoking in all public and workplaces. Members were provided with a copy of the Smoke Free Policy.

MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor P J Scanlan.

RESOLVED:

That the Smoke Free Policy be adopted.

20. AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

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Members were advised that two alterations were suggested: insertion of Standing Order to cover signing of Declarations of Office (Standing Order 2) and update of Sealing Documents (Standing Order 23).

MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor L J Bobby.

RESOLVED

That the amendments to Standing Orders be adopted.

21. TOWN MAYOR'S CIVIC RECEPTION INVITATION LIST

Members were asked to review the Town Mayor's Civic Reception invitation list.

MOVED by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor M D G Jackson.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Mayor's Civic Reception invitation list be reviewed by The Town Mayor and Councillor B E Read with all Councillors submitting to the Town Council any ideas for consideration.

22. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

There being no further business to transact the Meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Members were invited to join the Mayor Elect for refreshments after the Meeting.

Signed:
CHAIRMAN



Dated: 19-7-07

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, TRANSPORTATION
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE
GROVE, SWANSCOMBE ON WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2007 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor B E Read (Chair)
Councillor P J Scanlan (Vice-Chair)
Councillor L J Bobby
Councillor P Harris
Councillor Mrs A R Harvey
Councillor M D G Jackson
Councillor Ms D Johnston
Councillor S W Johnston
Councillor V Openshaw
Councillor P A Read
Councillor Mrs G B Tripp

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Blew, Town Clerk

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor P Harman (work commitments).

24. SUBSTITUTES

There were none.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors P Harris, Ms D Johnston and P A Read declared personal interests in applications relating to Ingress Park as they reside there.

Councillor V Openshaw declared a personal prejudicial interest in application DA/07/00497/FUL as it is his place of employment.

26. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

27. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2007

The Minutes were confirmed and signed.

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28. MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members received the list of ongoing major developments within the borough from Dartford Borough Council.

RECOMMENDED:

That the list of ongoing major developments within the borough be noted.

29. HIGHWAYS SPREADSHEET

Members were provided with a copy of the latest Highways Spreadsheet from Kent Highways Services.

Councillor S W Johnston informed Members that the grass verges in Stanhope Road had, after a considerable time, now been cut and requested that his thanks to the Town Clerk for his efforts in resolving this matter be recorded.

RECOMMENDED

1. That the spreadsheet be noted and that the following items be added.
 - London Road end of Craylands Lane – Manhole cover has pot hole next to it.
 - Knockhall Chase – junction with London Road is subject to heavy flooding (a residents letter was submitted highlighting this issue).
 - Stanhope Road (South end just before Swanscombe Street) – subject to heavy flooding.
 - Craylands Lane – verge by Springfield Lodge Day Nursery is heavily overgrown
 - Southfleet Road (next to Swan Valley School) – the little car park has some fence panels missing
 - Abbey Road – requires inspection as large amount of footpath damage requires repair.

30. MOUNTS ROAD – ST CLEMENTS WAY

Members were informed that Councillor Mrs G B Tripp had, for some time and on behalf of local residents, been attempting to obtain a positive response from Kent Highways regarding safety concerns over the Mounts Road – St Clements Way junction. Unfortunately Kent Highways Services last communications would appear to indicate that they are unable to pursue Councillor Mrs G B Tripp's request to consider alterations to the Mounts Road – St Clements Way junction.

Councillor Mrs G B Tripp had requested that Members consider this issue and formulate an appropriate response to Kent Highways Services.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Town Clerk writes, on behalf of the Council, backing Councillor Mrs G B Tripp's requests for traffic lights for vehicular access getting out of St Clements Way and for better pedestrian access across the road to Bluewater and back.

That the correspondence highlights that any proposed traffic works, such as the plans to improve the junction between A226 London Road and B255 St Clements Way, add even more gravitas to these requests and makes them even more imperative.

31. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL BOARD – 26 APRIL 2007

Members were presented with correspondence, from Dartford Borough Council, regarding "Section 106 Agreement Relating to Bluewater Events Centre".

RECOMMENDED:

That the Town Clerk writes to the Development Control Manager, Dartford Borough Council, informing that, as the effects of traffic from Bluewater have a large and immediate effect on the Swanscombe and Greenhithe area, this Council feels it should be included in talks regarding all Section 106 agreements linked to Bluewater.

32. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JUNCTION BETWEEN A226 LONDON ROAD AND B255 ST CLEMENTS WAY

Members considered the correspondence from Alex Haniewicz, Kent Highways.

RECOMMENDED:

That correspondence be noted.

33. VISIT TO EBBSFLEET STATION

Members were informed that the Town Clerk had contacted the Manager-Visitor Centres LCR who had agreed to extend an invitation to Members to visit Ebbsfleet Station (Minute 777, 2007).

RECOMMENDED:

That this item be considered by Council to enable all Members the opportunity to attend.

34. A CONVERSATION WITH KEITH FERRIN

Members were informed that an invitation to attend the 6 July 2007 session of monthly discussions at County Hall, Maidstone had been received.

RECOMMENDED:

That Members notify the Town Clerk if they wish to attend.

35. MAINS REFURBISHMENT THROUGHOUT DARTFORD

Kent Highways had notified the Council that Thames Water Authority were about to embark on a mains refurbishment.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Town Clerk enquire if there were any works planned for the Swanscombe and Greenhithe area.

36. GRAVESHAM & DARTFORD PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL SEMINAR

Members received an invitation to nominate 2 Members to attend the Gravesham & Dartford Parish & Town Council Seminar on 19 June 2007.

RECOMMENDED:

That Members notify the Town Clerk if they wished to attend.

37. TOWN PLANNING

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS' OBSERVATIONS

DA/07/0369/FUL

Demolition of all existing buildings and erection of frontage block comprising 1 No. 1 bedroom flat, 2 No. 2 bedroom flats and 3 No. 3 bedroom terrace houses with provision of access through to the rear erection of a rear terrace of 4 No. 3 bedroom units (site total 10) and associated parking.

69-73 High Street, Greenhithe, Kent, DA9 9NL.

OBSERVATIONS:

- All neighbours within a wide radius should be notified/consulted.
- Further allowance should be considered for visitor parking.

BER

- Traffic control should be linked into the survey that is currently being undertaken on Greenhithe High Street.

DA/07/0367/FUL

Erection of a single storey rear extension.

4 Ames Road, Swanscombe, Kent, DA10 0HU.

OBSERVATIONS:

All neighbours and any dwellings that will be overlooked should be consulted prior to this application being considered.

DA/07/0384/FUL

Erection of a single storey abstraction borehole kiosk and ancillary works

Land East Of Sandy Lane, Bean.

OBSERVATIONS:

This application appears to relate to Bean , was this sent to Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council in error?

DA/07/0400/FUL

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a part single/part two storey side/rear extension.

49 Eynsford Road, Greenhithe, Kent, DA9 9HB.

OBSERVATIONS:

No objections but all neighbours should be consulted prior to this application being considered.

DA/07/0407/FUL

Alterations to front elevation as a result of changes to the internal layout in connection with Planning Permission DA/00/00586.

Village Hall, Rear of 8 High Street, Greenhithe, Kent.

OBSERVATIONS:

This Council has concerns over this application and believes the building should not be changed out of character. Can clarification be given that the building is not listed.

All neighbours should be consulted prior to this application being considered.

DA/07/0413/FUL

Provision of a dormer window in rear elevation to provide additional room in the roof space.

14 Herbert Road, Swanscombe, Kent, DA10 0AX.

OBSERVATIONS: All neighbours and dwellings this development overlooks should be consulted prior to this application being considered.

DA/07/0423/FUL Erection of a conservatory to rear.

14 Lightermans Way, Greenhithe, DA9 9FN.

OBSERVATIONS: All neighbours should be consulted prior to this application being considered.

DA/07/0435/CDNA Detail of landscaping pursuant to condition 5 of planning permission DA/03/0842/FUL.

Haslington Nursing Home, 27 Bean Road, Greenhithe, Kent.

OBSERVATIONS: No observations.

DA/07/0479/FUL Installation of a satellite dish.

Communal Car Park on Garage Wall of 37 Reed Court, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No observations.

DA/07/0487/FUL Conversion of integral garage into habitable room together with associated alterations to front elevation including first and ground floor windows and provision of replacement parking.

22 Eagles Road, Greenhithe, Kent, DA9 9QZ.

OBSERVATIONS: This Council objects to the application if it results in more vehicles being parked on the roads within the area.

Having already declared a personal prejudicial interest Councillor V Openshaw left the Chamber and took no part in the debate or decision of the following item.

DA/07/00497/FUL Installation of an external flue and chimney on spraybooth (restrospective application).

BER

Rear of 149a Church Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0HL.

OBSERVATIONS:

Should this application be allowed to proceed this Council would want the Development Control Board to ensure:

- The correct filters are used;
- The chimney stack should blend in with the surrounding environment;
- The extraction equipment should not be unreasonably audible in the surrounding areas;
- The hours of operation are strictly monitored and enforced;
- The entire operation meets the standards of the Health and Safety Executive.

DA/07/00465/FUL

Siting of a Royal Mail double Pouch Box.

Royal Mail Pouch Box opposite 79 High Street, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS:

No observations.

38. GRANTED DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED FROM DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The following decision notices were noted.

DA/07/0164/COU

Erection of a part single/part two storey side extension in connection with change of use of ground floor from class A1 (retail) to 2 bedroom flat and creation of an additional 2 bedroom flat at first floor level (2 flats & 1 maisonette in total).

1 Manor Road, Swanscombe, Kent, DA10 0ES.

DA/07/0180/FUL

Erection of a front porch and a rear conservatory.

14 Maritime Close, Greenhithe, Kent, DA9 9QW.

DA/07/0181/FUL

Erection of a satellite dish on front elevation

11 Park Cliff Road, Greenhithe, Kent, DA9 9FY.

- DA/07/0182/FUL Erection of a satellite dish.

4 Capability Way, Greenhithe, Kent, DA9 9GX.
- DA/07/0200/CDNA Submission of further details (part details already approved under ref DA/05/01229/REM) relating to drainage works pursuant to Condition 8 of Planning Permission DA/03/01001/FUL in connection with redevelopment of site for 14 flats (allowed on appeal).

33 Bean Road, Greenhithe, Kent.
- DA/07/0243/CDNA Submission of details relating to landscaping pursuant to Condition 4 of Planning Permission DA/04/01253/FUL for the erection of a day nursery.

Springfield Lodge Day Nursery, Craylands Lane, Swanscombe.
- DA/07/0452/CDNL Submission of details relating to the colour of the fencing pursuant to Condition 2 of Planning Permission DA/07/00038/FUL for the erection of a 1.8m high boundary fence.

The Weighbridge Office, Manor Way, Swanscombe.
- DA/07/00282/FUL Erection of a satellite dish on rear elevation.

14 Reed Court, Greenhithe, DA9 9FJ.
- DA/07/00276/FUL Provision of 3 velux windows in rear elevation in connection with providing additional rooms in roof space.

2 College Place, Greenhithe, DA9 9GF.
- DA/07/00271/LDC Lawful Development : Conservatory.

Land situated at 85 Caspian Way, Swanscombe, DA10 0LD
- DA/07/00297/VCON Application for the Variation of Condition 10 of

BSR

Planning Permission DA/04/01170/FUL in respect of allowing construction and re-contouring working between 07.00 – 19.00 hours Monday to Friday and 08.00 – 13.00 hours on Saturdays and no working on Sundays or Bank Holidays anywhere on the site exception to this being within 500m of existing residential dwellings where the working hours will be confined to 08.00 – 18.00 Monday to Friday and 08.00 – 13.00 on Saturdays and no working on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Eastern Quarry Land Formation, Southfleet Road, Swanscombe.

DA/07/00244/CDNA

Submission of details relating to Ground Investigation Report pursuant to part (1) of Condition 2 of Planning Permission DA/06/00524/FUL for erection of a detached industrial building with associated car parking and 2 new accesses of Lower Road.

Land adjacent Unit F6, Lower Road, Northfleet.

39. REFUSED DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED FROM THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

The following refused decision notices were noted.

DA/06/0892/CDNA

Submission of details relating to foul and surface water drainage pursuant to Condition 5 of Planning Permission DA/06/0216/FUL for erection of a single storey side extension.

Haslington Nursing Home, 27 Bean Road, Greenhithe, Kent.

40. REVISION NOTICE RECEIVED FROM DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

DA/07/00384/FUL

Erection of a single storey abstraction borehole kiosk and ancillary works. The revision being increase in height of building.

Land East of Sandy Lane, Bean.

B2R

PLANNING, MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, TRANSPORTATION & THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
24 MAY 2007

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed: B. J. Rand Date: 27.6.2007
(Chair)

MINUTES of the MEETING OF THE HERITAGE / SKULL SITE SUB-COMMITTEE
held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY,
30 MAY 2007 at 1.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillor B E Read (Chair)
Councillor L J Bobby (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Mrs C Openshaw
Councillor P J Scanlan
Sara Stapleton, Responsible Financial Officer
Suzanne Kemmenoe, Land Securities
Fiona White, Groundwork
Sue Young, Kent Wildlife Trust
Margaret Bull, Friends of the Heritage Park
Diane Snell, Groundwork
James Calow, Middlemarch Environmental
Councillor Mr. L. Howes

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Lees.

42. SUBSTITUTES:

There were none.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Bobby declared a personal interest in the Friends of the Heritage Park report as his wife was Member of the Group.

44. TO RECEIVE ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

45. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2007

The Minutes were confirmed and signed as true record. Proposed by Councillor PJ Scanlan and seconded by Councillor L J Bobby. All Agreed.

46. UPDATE FROM MIDDLEMARCH CONSULTANTS ON BID TO BIFFA AWARD

James Calow introduced himself to the Group and advised that he was working on behalf of Land Securities and with Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) to help deliver biodiversity improvements as part of the Kent Thames-side Project specifically in relation to Craylands Gorge and Alkerden Pit. From the site plan submitted, it

appeared that this was actually the entire Heritage and Skull Site area. He would be submitting a grant for £50,000 to the Biffa Award which was landfill tax grant scheme. The grant would be a mechanism to fund some of the measures that had already been developed through Groundwork and to undertake practical works on the ground to make improvements. He confirmed that the works proposed were over and above those that Land Securities were required to do under the planning conditions for Eastern Quarry. The bid would also help to implement the management plan that had been undertaken by Groundwork. Members of the Group were concerned about the physical works in the Gorge as it was known that the conveyor belt would be installed in the Gorge to take materials from Eastern Quarry for the Swanscombe Peninsula West development. Suzanne Kemmonoe was asked to check with Land Securities the situation with the conveyor belt because the Swanscombe Peninsula West development had been put on hold.

Sue Young confirmed that there were conditions in the planning application to retain the biodiversity of the site when the conveyor belt goes in and that Land Securities had to put it back properly when the conveyor belt was removed. This current application would be making improvements outside of that.

James Calow advised that the way the grant was set up a steering committee would be formed that would bring all the relevant stakeholders together and that group would be used to prioritise management recommendations and act as a sounding board for recommendations.

RECOMMENDED:

- Members were in agreement for the biodiversity works to take place.
- That the Bid was headed up by Kent Wildlife Trust as the appropriate environmental body and the delivery agents for the project.
- That the Swanscombe Action Group be used as the steering committee for the application.
- That James Calow provide the Group with more detail of the actual proposals for the project.
- That the Council provide a letter of support for the bid and list all the bodies that are involved in the action group.

47. SNAGGING MATTERS FIRST PHASE

Lighting;

Fiona White advised that Groundwork would be engaging an engineer to sort to the lighting out.

Fencing;

Sara Stapleton asked about the funding application that had been submitted by the Friends of the Heritage Park for the shortfall in security fencing at the back of Milton Street. Diane Snell advised that she had never heard anything from the Kent Community Foundation, who administered the Link Fund on behalf of Land Securities. Suzanne Kemmonoe was asked to look into this and report back.

48. SITE MAINTENANCE – NATURAL ENGLAND

Dave Rogers of Natural England had hoped to be in attendance at the Meeting to discuss the site maintenance agreement between Natural England and the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED:

That Sara Stapleton contact Natural England and ask if Dave Rogers could submit a plan that could be discussed with the Group.

49. DBC FUNDING FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

Fiona White provided an update on the projects. The pond and wetland was now in place. The Council's Parks Foreman had raised concerns about the depth of the pond. The pond was no more than a meter deep and it was not thought to be any deeper than the original pond. She advised that Groundwork could do a certain amount of maintenance to the pond with a team of volunteers but the pond had been designed to be more or less maintenance free. Sara Stapleton advised that this is something that would be included in the maintenance agreement with Natural England.

The play equipment was due to be installed in the next few weeks and Ground work would confirm with the Town Clerk when these works were taking place.

50. PARKS FOR PEOPLE BID

Fiona White explained that although she had received guidance to say that the project was suitable for the Parks for People programme, she had been contacted by the Heritage Lottery Fund and advised that it did not fit that programme but did fit another programme and would be transferred internally. Fiona went on to explain that this application was for the planning aid grant only and that in the larger project, which involved the creation of changing rooms for the sports field, the HLF advised that they would not fund this as part of their programme and said that it would not good to have a bid that included sports facilities as part of the project. Sara Stapleton advised that the HLF had stated that they could possibly look at match funding for this part of the bid, as the HLF would only fund up to 75%. However, HLF were not keen on this.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Sports Development Officer at Dartford Borough Council be contacted to discuss funding for the pitches and changing rooms.

51. COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Members were provided with a copy of the Communications Plan which was noted.

52. ACTION PLAN

Members were provided with a copy of the Action Plan which was noted.

53. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING OF THE PARK

Lis Dyson was not in attendance at the meeting and could therefore not provide an update on this item. Members were very keen to know more about it and how it was progressing.

54. FRIENDS OF THE HERITAGE PARK REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

The Group held an open Meeting on 29 May to try and engage new Members. They got 8 new members to the Group. The Group organised a trip to the Natural History Museum which was attended by 102 people. The Easter Egg Hunt went very well and was attended by 240 people. The Group was organising a Teddy Bear's Picnic in August.

55. ANY OTHER ITEMS RELATING TO THE HERITAGE PARK / SKULL SITE

Margaret Bull advised that the graffiti had been cleaned off the stones only to return the next day. The Group was advised to advise the Town Council of any graffiti who would arrange to get it removed.

Sue Young was organising a conference that aimed to get people active and do things to look after the environment in their locality. Sue Young would speak to Margaret Bull after the meeting about displaying information regarding the Heritage Park.

Diane Snell advised that a group of young offenders would be doing a litter pick in the park on 20 August to fall in line with the Teddy Bear's Picnic. Members of the Friends of the Heritage Park would be involved in the litter pick.

Councillor Read asked Margaret Bull to take back the Council's and the Action Group's thanks for all the hard work they do for the site.

56. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

BR Read

HERITAGE / SKULL SITE SUB-COMMITTEE
30 MAY 2007

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 31 July 2007 at 1.30 pm.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 2.55 pm.

Signed: *B. Read* Date: *31/7/07*
(Chair)

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & CRIME SUB-COMMITTEE held at THE SWANSCOMBE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY 2007 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor B E Read - Chair
Councillor L J Bobby
Councillor P Harman
Councillor P Harris
Councillor S W Johnston
Councillor C Openshaw
Councillor V Openshaw
Councillor P J Scanlan

IN ATTENDANCE: PS Rebekah Marsh, Kent Police
PC Steve Hammond, Beat Officer for Swanscombe & Greenhithe
PCSO Sharone Reece
Sophie Goodrich, Senior Housing/ASB Officer, Dartford Borough Council

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from PCSO Lee Edwards-Gee.

58. SUBSTITUTES

There were none.

59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor B E Read advised Members to raise any declaration of interest at the appropriate agenda item which could then be recorded.

60. MOBILE TELEPHONE

Councillor B E Read advised Members that as he was on his own and in the interest of health and safety he would be leaving his mobile phone on for the duration of the Meeting. However, he requested all other Councillors to turn their mobile phones off.

61. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2007

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2007 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

62. ATTENDEES AT THE MEETING

Councillor B E Read advised that the Town Council was in a new session since the elections and had several new Members of the Council. Councillor B E Read introduced all Members of the Council attending the Meeting. Kent Police introduced themselves and the new Housing Officer of Dartford Borough Council introduced herself.

63. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

Councillor B E Read advised Members that one of the Councillors had provided a list of items for discussion which was on the tables, mainly concerning the Greenhithe area. However, he advised that as these had only just been presented that this item was deferred to the next meeting which left time for anybody to carry out any research into them.

64. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were none.

65. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR VIA DARTFORD HOUSING SERVICES

The Senior Housing Officer advised Members she had only just been appointed but she had got a general feel for the types of anti-social behaviour that was happening. This was mainly low level at the present time from a housing point of view using civil methods to tackle anti-social behaviour. She had only dealt with a couple of cases to date and had used low level tools to tackle the anti-social behaviour.

66. TOWN COUNCIL'S PROBLEMS LOG

Members were provided with a copy of the Town Council's problems log for March, April and May 2007. Councillor B E Read advised although there were not as many items on the log, he felt that people were not reporting problems, as they did not receive any feed back on problems. However the problems were still there but just not being reported.

PCSO Reece informed the sub-committee that when she was going around the area she advised people to report everything, no matter how small, as the police needed the figures to determine the level of crime in the area.

PS Marsh advised that she was aware that Councillors advised people to report problems on behalf of the police. There were now more officers available in Swanscombe & Greenhithe who could respond to any problem heard on their radio, if they were on duty, or would be updated when they were next on duty.

Councillor S W Johnston advised that he had reported an incident regarding the Grove Car Park to the police which appeared on the March Problems Log and had observed the same person the following day causing damage with a football to cars in the car park. He advised that he had approached the youths and spoke to them

with no response but had gained a name and description which he relayed to the police.

PC Hammond advised that a crime cannot be reported by a third party but had to be reported by the actual person.

PS Marsh advised that presumably when the person returned to their car to find it damaged they would have reported it to the police which could be linked up with the incident that had been reported.

Councillor B E Read advised that on the March Problems Log there was a report of a theft of a seat by a man and woman from Swanscombe Cemetery. The police had been contacted at the time and a description provided of the offenders and a crime number had been obtained. The Control Room were advised that if they could provide a patrol car at that time then they would have been able to apprehend the culprits. However Councillor B E Read had heard nothing further concerning the incident.

PS Marsh advised that she accepted that there should have been a swifter response and an update should have been provided. She would take the specific examples back to Force Communication Centre to report that the call had not been dealt with appropriately.

Councillor B E Read advised that there was no mechanism of contacting the PCSO's or beat officer. PS Marsh advised that if they were on duty they would have heard the call over their radios.

Councillor P Harman enquired whether if a crime was reported and the police attended at a later date was it treated as a crime. Also if a person was a witness to an incident did the police give an update to the witness or only the actual person who was involved in the crime?

PS Marsh advised that there was confusion over what was reported as an incident and what was reported as a crime. The incidents that were reported were placed on a system and used as statistical tools whereby information could be gained on what was happening in the Swanscombe & Greenhithe area. When there was a criminal element then the incident would be referred on and a crime report opened.

PS Marsh advised that it would be the actual person involved in an incident that would be contacted.

PC Hammond advised Members that he would investigate the incident at the Grove Car Park.

Councillor P Harman advised that he felt there should be a report back to the Council on the more serious crimes. If the reporting process was correct then the incidents would follow on. The principal needed to be simple and people needed to be able to understand it, then the whole process would roll on which would be efficient and effective and not waste anybody's time.

67. BEAT OFFICERS REPORT

PC Hammond advised that they had reviewed the log of the area and he felt that motor vehicle theft stood out the most. It had been reported that it was youths on bikes carrying out these crimes. However insufficient reporting made it difficult to solve these crimes.

He advised that there had been incidents of criminal damage that could possibly be connected to the youth club.

PC Hammond advised that it was very frustrating that he could not always be in the right area at the right time.

Councillor B E Read advised that he felt there was insufficient policing in the area.

Councillor P Harman enquired what the preferred method of contacting the police was as sometimes 999 was not the correct procedure as you were referred to the local police.

PS Marsh advised Members of the telephone number for Central Reporting based in Maidstone Control Centre.

PS Marsh advised that their Control Centre was now based in Maidstone which meant that a lot of local knowledge was lost.

PS Marsh advised that she was at a Focus Meeting where concerns were raised regarding a public house in Swanscombe and the licensing authorities had been carrying out checks. However no offences were found.

PS Marsh advised that there had been some problems with the youth club. She would be holding a meeting to discuss this.

68. PCSO REPORT

PCSO Reece advised that she was new in the area. At the present time she was trying to familiarise herself with the youths of the area. She had visited the local schools.

PCSO Reece advised that she had gone into every off licence in the area to advise them not to sell alcohol to under aged youths.

The sites of nuisance motor bikes had been identified. This was being addressed the following week by a team who could confiscate motor bikes.

She advised that there had been problems in the Grove Car Park and had been advised by youths that they use the entrance height barrier as a goal post.

Councillor B E Read advised that the Council, along with the Youth Forum, were in the process of attempting to obtain funding for a multi purpose area for ball games.

BER

Councillor B E Read advised that the Council had a good record for improving safety in the Grove Car Park and it was used more. However people were returning to park in the High Street because of the problem with footballs.

Councillor B E Read also advised that the Grove Car Park was also being used as a meeting place for motor cycles.

Councillor B E Read expressed concern about the speeding motor cycles on Southfleet Road. The motor cycles were driven by professional adults on heavy bikes and were using Southfleet Road as a race track.

Councillor P Harman advised that there were also cars using Southfleet Road as a race track.

PS Marsh advised that it would require a multi agency approach to get a sustained response.

PS Marsh advised that there will be a re-launch of neighbourhood policing which would involve a process where residents and councillors could prioritise what their 3 main priorities were for Swanscombe & Greenhithe which could then be responded to.

69. COVERT CAMERAS

Members were provided with a copy of an email that had been received from the Enforcement and Regulatory Services Department at Dartford Borough Council, who were contacting all parishes to ascertain where they were having problems with Anti-Social Behaviour for the possible deployment of the Borough's covert cameras. Members were also provided with a copy of an email that had been received from the Clerk at Sutton-at-Hone Parish Council concerning the same subject matter and an approach that Parish had had regarding the speed watch system.

RECOMMENDED:

That a response be sent to Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley Parish Council confirming that the Town Council would be very interested in combining in with them with regard to the covert camera.

That a Meeting be arranged with the Enforcement Team at Dartford Borough Council to discuss the "Hot Spots" within Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

70. POLICING NORTH KENT NEWSLETTER

PS Marsh advised Members that this Newsletter had been discontinued.

71. COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

BER

Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 April 2007. Members were advised that a further Meeting had been held on 25 May 2007.

Councillor S W Johnston raised the fact that in the Minutes of the 25 April at item 7.5 it mentioned the speed cameras along Southfleet Road which PS Marsh had been asked to investigate.

PS Marsh advised that she had not at the moment been able to arrange this.

PS Marsh advised Members concerning the launch of Neighbourhood Policing. This would be launched at the Focus Group Meeting being held on Wednesday 13 June 2007 at Swan Valley School. She advised that the invitations were being sent out in the near future. Councillors were invited to make nominations.

72. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting was due to be held on 18 July 2007 at 7pm.

There being no further business to transact the Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed..... *B E Read* *18/7/07*
Chairman Date

MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION, LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY 31 MAY 2007 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor L J Bobby (Chairman)
Councillor S W Johnston (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor K Basson
Councillor P Harman
Councillor P Harris
Councillor Ms L Hall (substituting Councillor Ms L Howes)
Councillor J A Hayes
Councillor M D G Jackson
Councillor R Lees
Councillor B E Read
Councillor Mrs I A Read (substituting Councillor P Read)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Stapleton, Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)
Mr L Howel – Park's Foreman

73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors' Ms L Howes (error in Membership), P A Read (family illness) and P J Scanlan (attending a Dartford Borough Council meeting).

74. SUBSTITUTES

Councillor Ms L Hall substituted for Councillor Ms L Howes and Councillor Mrs I A Read substituted for Councillor P Read.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor S W Johnston declared a personal interest in agenda item 8.5 as he is the St Peter and St Paul's Church Treasurer.

Councillor K Basson declared a personal interest in agenda item 7.5 as he lives in close proximity to Saxon Court and in agenda item 7.8 as he is Chairman of Swanscombe Tigers FC.

76. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

The RFO advised that there were two additional items that were for Members' to note. The Chairman agreed to discuss these at the end of the Meeting.

L.J.B.

77. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 MARCH 2007

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 March 2007 were approved and signed as a true record.

78. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There were none.

PARK'S REPORT

79. Broomfield

Members were advised that the parks staff had begun strimming the Neptune Park beds.

80. New Council Grounds

The RFO updated Members regarding the grass area on the Grove Hall side of the Council Offices which Frankhams would be asking the contractor to turf. The larger area that was used for the works compound was due to be de-weeded, prepared and turfed in the near future.

81. Swanscombe Park

The Park's Foreman informed Members that the tennis courts had been treated for moss and algae which would hopefully rectify the problem.

The Park's Foreman agreed to investigate what were the best options for plants (shrubs/flowers) were and to submit his findings to the Committee.

The Park's Foreman agreed to liaise with the caretaker of the Church Road Hall in order to have the benches repaired.

Members were informed that the Council were still awaiting the delivery of new dog bins and it was suggested that Members may, in future, want to consider fire proof dog bins as an option.

The RFO informed the Committee that an insurance claim would be submitted regarding the break in and resulting damage to the Bowls Pavilion.

82. Manor Park

Members noted that the "Springer" motor cycle was being replaced in the near future.

83. Saxon Court

Members noted that the next phase of small fencing and gates was due to take place next week.

Members agreed that although the current situation was far from ideal the Town Council were doing the best they could for both the users of the park and the local residents. Members discussed the anti-social behaviour problems in the area and options on how these could be addressed and resolved. The RFO advised Members that until the current insurance claim was resolved it would be appropriate to note the current situation and re-submit this item for further discussion.

Recommendation: That the current situation be noted and that, once the current insurance claim has been settled, the item be re-considered by the Committee.

That a tour of the area covered by the Town Council be arranged for all Members.

84. Knockhall

Members discussed the issues surrounding the changing rooms and future possibilities for enhancing the facilities.

85. Equipment

Members noted the report.

86. General

The Park's Foreman informed Members that there had been an FA coaching week at Broomfield Park that the Council had not been informed about. This could have had health and safety implications.

Recommended: That all Clubs using the park facilities be written to requesting that they obtain permission from the Council, at least two weeks, prior to any organised activities taking place.

87. PCSO's

Members noted the report.

88. Staff

Members discussed the possible use of voluntary and community labour to assist the parks staff. It was agreed that if this type of labour were engaged then it would require suitable supervision.

The Park's Foreman was informed that previous agreement had been given for him to use seasonal staff if this was required.

L.F.B.

Recommended: That the Vice-Chairman liaises with the Town Clerk, RFO and Park's Foreman to discuss the use of probation service labour and, if appropriate, to trial this for a couple of months.

CLERK'S REPORT

89. SWANSCOMBE PARK

Members discussed the proposal of opening up the old putting green with benches being installed for informal quiet recreation.

Recommended: That Members approved, in principal, the opening of the old putting green at Swanscombe Park and associated works.

That the Park's Foreman obtains the necessary pricing for the works and submits this information to the Committee for consideration.

90. Consultation on future use, by Funfairs, at Knockhall Park

Members discussed the results of the public consultation and agreed that, although each individual application should be submitted to the Committee for consideration, the policy should be that Knockhall Park should not be used by Funfairs.

Recommended: The policy should be that Knockhall Park should not be used by Funfairs although each individual application should be submitted to the Committee for consideration on its merits.

91. The Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men (AMKKM)

Members discussed the correspondence received from the AMKKM and requested that, once all the works associated with the Council Offices were complete, an invitation be sent to the AMKKM to attend the building and observe what the Council were attempting to do.

Recommended: That, once all the works associated with the Council Offices were complete an invitation be sent to the AMKKM to attend the building and observe what the Council were attempting to do.

92. Request for use of Valley View Park

Members noted the correspondence requesting the use of Valley View Park, and the associated response from the Town Clerk.

Recommended: That the Town Clerk's actions be endorsed.

93. St Peter and St Paul's Churchyard Wall Repairs

Members considered the contents of the report.

Recommended: That the report be noted.

94. Memorial Safety – Department for Constitutional Affairs (DCA)

Members discussed the report and the Vice-Chairman advised that he had suggested to Sue Haydock, from the Rochester Diocese, that an agreement to have joint responsibility was a good way to progress this matter.

Recommended: That the Vice-Chairman, Town Clerk, Park's Foreman and Helen Patel meet to formulate a site survey for consideration by the Committee.

95. Community Basketball / Football Facility

Members considered the report updating them on possibilities for installing a Community Basketball/Football facility in Broomfield Park.

Recommended: That the actions taken to date be noted.

CORRESPONDENCES

96. Springvale FC, Season 2007/08

Members received the correspondence from the club secretary informing that Springvale FC would no longer be competing as a team and would, therefore, no longer require a pitch for next season.

Recommended: That the correspondence be noted.

97. Notice Board – Swanscombe Health Centre

Members received the correspondence copied to the Council by the Practice Manager and addressed to Peter Greenstreet.

Recommended: That the correspondence be noted.

98. Letter of Complaint

Members discussed the letter from a resident regarding the children's play area in Swanscombe Park. Members were informed that the latest playground risk assessment had not mentioned any potential trip hazards and that the Park's Foreman had placed a temporary repair, along with warning paint around the area. Quotations for repairing the area would be submitted to the Committee once they had been collated.

L.F.B.

Recommended: That the correspondence be noted and that quotations for repairing the area be submitted to the Committee once they had been collated

99. National Playing Fields Association

Members were informed that the Association had changed its name to Fields in Trust (FIT)

Recommended: That the correspondence be noted.

100. Urgent Items

Members were advised that Gravesham Community Leisure Limited were trialling opening the Leisure Centre at 7.00 am on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's. If the trial proved successful, GCLL would apply formally to the Council to amend the Centre's opening hours.

Members were advised that Groundwork were submitting a funding application to improve public footpath DS17 for pedestrian and cycle access. A plan of the works would be provided to Members at the earliest opportunity. Members queried whether there would be any lighting installed.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 8.41 pm.

Signed: *L. F. Bobby* Date: 26.9.07.
(Chairman)

MINUTES of the MEETING of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY 14
JUNE 2007 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor B E Read (Chair)
Councillor Mrs A R Harvey (Vice-Chair)
Councillor L J Bobby
Councillor Ms L Cross
Councillor Ms L Howes
Councillor M D G Jackson
Councillor Ms D Johnston
Councillor S W Johnston
Councillor V Openshaw
Councillor Mrs I A Read
Councillor P J Scanlan

ALSO PRESENT: Mr G Blew, Town Clerk
Mr S Snell, Youth Forum

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor Mrs C Openshaw (attending another meeting).

An apology for lateness was submitted by Councillor Ms D Johnston.

102. SUBSTITUTES

There were none.

103. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

104. TO RECEIVE ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

The Chairman advised that an item regarding the forthcoming Action Week and Fun Day would be discussed at the end of the agenda order.

105. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2007

The Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.

106. TO RECEIVE FINANCE STATEMENTS AND PASS ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members were provided with details of all receipts and payments for authorisation for February 2007 to March 2007.

RECOMMENDED:

That the receipts for February 2007 to March 2007, as per the annexed list, be approved.

107. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Members were provided with details of the Summary of Accounts, balanced to 31 March 2007.

RECOMMENDED:

That the details of the Summary of Accounts, balanced to 31 March 2007 be noted.

108. COMMUNITY BASKETBALL / FOOTBALL FACILITY

Members were advised that preliminary discussions had taken place with Groundwork and the Youth Forum into the possibility of installing an enclosed basketball / football facility in Broomfield Park and Knockhall Park. The Chairman informed the Committee that progress on this matter was subject to the necessary funding streams becoming available and that Members were being asked to consider the proposals and approve the project, in principle.

The Chairman introduced Steven Snell, Youth Forum who gave Members a brief synopsis of what was hoped to be achieved.

MOVED by Councillor M D G Jackson and seconded by Councillor V Openshaw.

RECOMMENDED:

- 1 That the Finance & General Purposes Committee agree, in principle, to the project and that it is reported to the Full Council.
- 2 That Councillors L J Bobby, S W Johnston, B E Read and P J Scanlan be delegated to continue with the advancement of the project.

BER

109. 2nd INTERIM INSPECTION – ACCOUNTS 2006/07 (4 APRIL 2007)

Members were provided with correspondence and the Interim Report – Accounts 2006/07 from Rosemary Bannister (Internal Auditor).

RECOMMENDED:

That the 2nd Interim Report – Accounts 2006/07 be noted.

110. PROPOSALS FOR A COMMUNITY MARKET GARDEN IN GREENHITHE

Members discussed the correspondence from Mr Brian Kemp regarding a proposal for the setting up of a Community Market Garden in Greenhithe.

Members raised concerns over land ownership details and also the lack of evidence of a constitution for the organisation submitting the proposals.

RECOMMENDED:

- 1 That Dartford Borough Council is contacted to assist in clarifying the land ownership details.
- 2 That Mr Kemp be informed that the Council were not opposed to the concept of the scheme but would require evidence of a constitution of the organisation making the proposals.
- 3 That Mr Kemp be informed that the Council would expect the area of land on the approach to Knockhall Chase to be kept enhanced by any scheme proposing to use this site.

111. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS (RFO) REPORT

Members were provided with RFO's report covering the Accounts General and the Internal and External Audit.

RECOMMENDED

That the report be noted.

112. NEW AND VARIATION LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Members were provided with a copy of the new and variation licence applications that had been received from the Borough Council for the period 1 February 2007 to 23 May 2007.

RECOMMENDED:

BZR

That the list be noted.

113. NOMINATIONS FOR KENT VOLUNTEERS AWARDS

Members were advised that the last date for entries is Friday 21 September 2007 and that online nomination forms were available.

Members agreed on a nomination to be made.

Members were asked to contact the Town Clerk with any nominations they wished to make.

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted and that the agreed nomination be submitted.

114. DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL GAMBLING POLICY STATEMENT

Members were informed that a copy of the Gambling Policy Statement was available in the office for inspection.

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

115. DARTFORD GRAVESHAM & SWANLEY MENCAP APRIL 2007 NEWSLETTER (ISSUE 14)

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

116. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – DARTFORD LOCAL BOARD

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

117. MMI SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENTS

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

118. LETTERS OF THANKS

BZR

Members received letters of thanks from The Kenward Trust, Victim Support Kent, Dartford Citizens Advice Bureau, Dartford Cambria Sea Scout Group and The Friends of the Heritage Park for the donations given by Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council at the beginning of the financial year.

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondences be noted.

119. ACTION WEEK AND FUN DAY

The Chairman informed Members that an Action Week was scheduled to take place between 2 and 6 July culminating in a Fun Day on 7 July 2007 in Swanscombe Park.

Members discussed various aspects of the proposals and the level of organisation and communication of the events.

RECOMMENDED:

- 1 That the CDRP Liaison Officer, Dartford Borough Council, be contacted and informed that the Council were in favour of the use of Swanscombe Park for the Fun Day, as long as this was covered by the users own public liability insurance.
- 2 That all Members be sent the email from the CDRP Liaison Officer, Dartford Borough Council with details of the proposed events for the Action Week.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed: BE Read Date: 27/9/07
(Chairman)

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, TRANSPORTATION
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE
GROVE, SWANSCOMBE ON WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2007 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor B E Read (Chair)
Councillor L J Bobby
Councillor P M Harman
Councillor P Harris
Councillor M D G Jackson
Councillor Ms D Johnston
Councillor S W Johnston
Councillor V Openshaw
Councillor P A Read
Councillor Mrs G B Tripp

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Blew, Town Clerk

120. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor P J Scanlan (on holiday).

122. SUBSTITUTES

There were none.

123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors P Harris, Ms D Johnston and P A Read declared personal interests in applications relating to Ingress Park as they reside there.

Councillor P Harman declared a personal interest in item 11.4 – The Avenue, Greenhithe-Road Closure, as he had been involved this matter through his employment as a retained fire fighter.

Councillor P Harman declared a personal interest in item 12.9 – Refused Decision Notice, as he resides in close proximity to the application.

Councillor Mrs G B Tripp declared a personal interest in item 6 – Mounts Road-St Clement's Way, as she had been the recipient of the original petition.

Councillor S W Johnston declared a personal prejudicial interest in item 4 – Urgent Items, as he is a Town Council representative on the Swanscombe & Greenhithe Association of Sports & Social Clubs Committee.

Councillor V Openshaw declared a personal prejudicial interest in item 11.5 – Site Meeting (application DA/07/00497/FUL) , as it is his place of employment.

124. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

The Chairman informed the Committee that there were two urgent items and that they would be taken as the next items on the agenda.

Having already declared a personal prejudicial interest Councillor S W Johnston took no part in the debate or decision of the following item.

Members were advised that an application for dispensation had been submitted to Dartford Borough Council and was due to be considered in the near future. With this in mind it was felt to be appropriate for Members who were not representatives of the Council on the Swanscombe & Greenhithe Association of Sports and Social Clubs Committee to discuss the following item.

125. PROPOSED PLAN TO BUILD A PATIO AREA FOR SMOKERS AT THE PAVILION

The Club Secretary had submitted proposals for a patio and sheltered area for smokers at The Pavilion and sought the Council's approval to these proposals.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Council approve, in principle, to the proposals on the following conditions:

1. That the area should be fenced by a low level fence containing a gate that opens outwards but not inwards.
2. That all relevant planning permission is obtained from Dartford Borough Council, prior to any works beginning.
3. That the Fire Department are contacted and give their approval, prior to any works beginning.

126. BROOMFIELD ROAD RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME PROPOSALS

The Chairman informed Members that residents had been in discussions with Dartford Borough Council to have a residential parking scheme and clamping system put in place.

Members felt that a key operated barrier system would be a more appropriate method of resolving the issue.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Chairman be delegated to raise this issue with Dartford Borough Council's Cabinet at the earliest opportunity.

127. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2007

The Minutes were confirmed and signed.

128. MOUNTS ROAD – ST CLEMENTS WAY

Members received a copy of a request from Kent Highways to the Chairman of the Joint Transportation Board requesting that the JTB reconsider the issues raised by Councillor Mrs G B Tripp.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report and current situation be noted.

129. EASTERN QUARRY

Members were informed that Land Securities had supplied draft copies of a number of strategies relating to the development and also received draft copies of parts of the Section 106 Agreement to be considered at a special meeting of the Dartford Borough Council's Development Control Board on 5 July 2007.

Members expressed disappointment at the timescales being imposed on them to read, digest and comment on the amount of large documents that had been provided.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Chairman (and possibly a small delegation of Members) be delegated to arrange to meet with the Leader of Dartford Borough Council and Land Securities prior to the 5 July 2007, to discuss the contents of the Section 106.
2. That Member Services, Dartford Borough Council, be advised that Councillor B Read would like to address the Development Control Board at its meeting on 5 July 2007.

130. CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING - KENT (CILK)

B.R.

CILK had written to the Council requesting the use of a local car park for one day (3 or 4 September 2007) for their mobile unit to promote independent living for disabled people.

RECOMMENDED:

That the request be agreed.

131. KCC FURTHER CONSULTATION: CHURCH PATH PIT: NORTHFLEET (SITE ALLOCATION REFERENCE 7)

Kent County Council had written informing that the consultation period on the site allocation representation *only* would run from 14 June to 26 July 2007.

RECOMMENDED:

That the following observation be submitted:

Should the site be declared a landfill site the Town Council would object to the use of associated vehicular traffic coming through the villages and Swanscombe & Greenhithe.

130. HIGHWAYS SPREADSHEET

(a)

Members were provided with a copy of the latest Highways Spreadsheet from Kent Highways Services.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the spreadsheet be noted and that the following items be added.
 - North and South side of footpaths on Gasson Road are breaking up (whole lengths of each side)
 - Mounts Road (coming onto Alkerden Lane) has had the hedges and overgrowth cut but the cuttings have not been removed.
 - Greenhithe Village : There are a lack of dropped kerbs on the High Street, The Avenue and Eagles Road, this makes it difficult for disabled vehicle users. The kissing gate in Pier Road does not allow for disabled access. The kissing gate at the entrance to Ingress Park from Pier Road also does not allow for disabled access.
 - S & G/07/50 and 51 should read Southfleet Road not Swanscombe Road.

131. TOUR DE FRANCE

(a)

Members received a copy of a letter to all residents from KCC informing of the dates and times of road closures.

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

132. THURROCK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Members were informed that the report was available in the office for inspection.

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

133. SWANSCOMBE-GREENHITHE DEEP CLEAN and ACTION WEEK w/c 2 JULY 2007.

Members were informed that the Contracts Assistant (Deep Cleans) had written informing of the scheduled Deep Clean exercise due to take place during the forthcoming Action Week. The Chairman and other Council representatives had met with the Contracts Assistant on 25 June 2007 to discuss possible areas to be “targeted”.

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

134. THE AVENUE, GREENHITHE – ROAD CLOSURE – 1 JULY 2007 – SPRING 2008

Kent Highways Liaison Officer – Dartford had sent through information regarding the road closure at The Avenue that was due to start on 1 July to enable the beginning of construction of Everard’s Link Phase 2 – Fastrack Route.

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

Having already declared a personal prejudicial interest Councillor V Openshaw left the Chamber and took no part in the debate or decision of the following item.

135. SITE MEETING – 28 JUNE 2006 at 6.00pm

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Dartford Borough Council had invited Council Members to attend a site meeting on 28 June 2007 at 6.00pm for Planning Application DA/07/00497/FUL, *Installation of an external flue and chimney on spray booth (retrospective application)* at Rear of 149a Church Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0HL. (previously Minute 37).

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

136. TOWN PLANNING

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS' OBSERVATIONS

DA/07/00459/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension together with conversion of garage into habitable room.

OBSERVATIONS: 38 Eagles Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9QZ.
That the Council object to this application if it results in being detrimental to parking on the roads ie. If it forces more cars to park on the roads.

All neighbours should be consulted prior to this application being considered.

DA/07/00478/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension.

78 Milton Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0LY.

OBSERVATIONS: No objections. All neighbours should be consulted prior to this application being considered.

DA/07/00531/FUL Erection of a satellite dish to serve flats 25-33 Empire Walk.

25-33 Empire Walk, Greenhithe, DA9 9FU.

OBSERVATIONS: No objections and notify the Planning Department at Dartford Borough Council that most of the houses in Ingress Park have cable TV facilities. David Wilson built homes do not have cable TV facilities. Also, due to the cliffs in the area many residents cannot get satisfactory terrestrial TV images with standard aerials.

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- DA/07/00539/FUL Erection of single storey side extension.

 Haslington Nursing Home, 27 Bean Road,
 Greenhithe.
- OBSERVATIONS: Due to the amount of extensions taking place in this
 area applications should take into account the
 parking issues.

 All neighbours should be consulted prior to this
 application being considered.
- DA/07/00546/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension.

 17 Empire Walk, Greenhithe, DA9 9FU.
- OBSERVATIONS: All neighbours should be consulted prior to this
 application being considered.
- DA/07/00548/COU Change of use of property from Class D1 (after
 schoolcare and pram club) to Class A2 (Estate
 agents).

 5 The Parade, High Street, Swanscombe.
- OBSERVATIONS: No observations.
- DA/07/00552/CDNA Details of Impact Study on water supply submitted
 pursuant to Condition 7 appended to Planning
 Permission DA/05/00573/FUL.

 Former Everards Site, Station Road, Greenhithe.
- OBSERVATIONS: No observations.
- DA/07/00560/CDNA Submission of details relating to noise attenuation
 of compressor units pursuant to Condition 4 of
 Planning Permission DA/05/00216/FUL.

 Greenhithe Service Station, London Road,
 Greenhithe.
- OBSERVATIONS: No observations.
- DA/07/00580/FUL Application for the conversion of existing garage to
 study and utility room together with alterations to

front elevation.

35a Swanscombe Street, Swanscombe, DA10 0BQ.

OBSERVATIONS: No objections as long as parking arrangements remain off road and on site.

All neighbours should be consulted prior to this application being considered.

DA/07/00630/CDNA Details of acoustic appraisal for proposed flats pursuant to Condition 11 appended to Planning Permission Da/05/00573/FUL.

Former Everards Site, Station Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No observations

DA/07/00632/FUL Erection of a satellite dish (retrospective application).

8 College Place, Greenhithe, DA9 9GF.

OBSERVATIONS: No observations.

137. PLANNING APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM KENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

DA/07/TEMP/0021 Construction of a single storey modular building with a flat roof including two canopies. Plus the creation of a new vehicle cross over and six new parking spaces including one disabled space.

Knockhall Community Primary School, Eynsford Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9RF.

OBSERVATIONS: Planning Department, Dartford Borough Council, to be asked to confirm that the level of parking spaces incorporated is sufficient for the type of application.

DA/07/36/R6 Amendments to vary terms of condition 6 of the consent which constricts hours of use.

Site Offices, King Edward Road, Greenhithe, DA9

9AE.

OBSERVATIONS: Notify Kent County Council that this application falls within Stone Parish Councils remit and that Stone Parish Council should be contacted.

138. GRANTED DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED FROM DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The following decision notices were noted.

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| DA/07/00208/ADV | Display of 1 double sided non-illuminated freestanding pole sign and non-illuminated wall mounted sign. 79 High Street, Greenhithe, DA9 9NL. |
| DA/07/00349/ADV | Display of internally illuminated letter sign, a free standing internally illuminated information sign, 2 free standing non illuminated information signs, external illuminated vinyl "24 hr" roundel and various car park signage. Asda Superstores, Crossways Boulevard, Dartford. |
| DA/07/00367/FUL | Erection of a single storey rear extension. 4 Ames Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0HU. |
| DA/07/00304/COU | Retention of use of land as a car breakers. Ace Car Breakers, Unit P16, Manor Way Business Park, Manor Way. |
| DA/07/00305/CDNA | Submission of survey of Listed Wall pursuant to Condition 3 of Planning Permission DA/06/01274/LBC and details of storage of materials pursuant to Condition 5 of Planning Permission DA/06/01274/LBC. Boundary Wall to Ingress Park along The Avenue, Greenhithe. |
| DA/07/00306/CDNA | Details of foundation design pursuant to Condition 4 of Planning Permission DA/06/01226/REM and |

- Condition 7 of Planning Permission
DA/06/01274/LBC.
- Boundary Wall to Ingress Park along The Avenue,
Greenhithe.
- DA/07/00532/CDNL Submission of details relating to obscure glazing
pursuant to Condition 2 of Planning Permission
DA/06/00726/FUL for erection of a conservatory.
- 18 St Peters Close, Swanscombe.
- DA/07/00423/FUL Erection of a conservatory to rear.
- 14 Lightermans Way, Greenhithe, DA9 9FN.
- DA/06/00699/COU Construction Code of Conduct pursuant to
Condition 4 of Planning Permission
DA/06/00699/COU.
- 104a Church Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0HJ.
- DA/07/00413/FUL Provision of dormer window in rear elevation to
provide additional room in the roof space.
- 14 Herbert Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0AX.
- DA/07/00465/FUL Siting of a Royal Mail Pouch Box.
- Opposite 79 High Street, Greenhithe.

139. REFUSED DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED FROM DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

The following refused decision notices were noted.

- DA/07/00320FUL Application for conversion of part of existing
garage into habitable room (retrospective
application).
- 34 Frobisher Way, Greenhithe, DA9 9JN.
- DA/07/00314/ADV Display of an internally illuminated fascia sign
(retrospective application).

BER

Next Unit MSU1, Lower Thames Walk, Bluewater.

DA/07/00400/FUL

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a part single/part two storey side/rear extension.

49 Eynsford Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9HB.

DA/07/00407/FUL

Alterations to front elevation as a result of changes to the internal layout in connection with Planning Permission DA/00/00586.

Village Hall, Rear of 8 High Street, Greenhithe.

140. THE FOLLOWING WITHDRAWN (FROM DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL BOARD) APPLICATION WAS NOTED

DA/07/00283/FUL

Erection of a 3 storey building to provide 3 x 1 bedroom flats with associated parking.

Land adjacent 131 Milton Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0LS.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed: *P. E. Read*
(Chair)

Date: *19/6/07*

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & CRIME SUB-COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY 2007 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor B E Read - Chair
Councillor L J Bobby
Councillor P Harris
Councillor Ms D Johnston
Councillor S W Johnston
Councillor Mrs C Openshaw
Councillor V Openshaw
Councillor P J Scanlan

IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO Sheron Reece
PCSO Harris
Pam Kaur, Anti Social Behaviour, Dartford Borough Council
Linda Tilley, Senior Housing Officer, Dartford Borough Council
Pam Atherton, Assistant Town Clerk

141. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor P Harman and PS R Marsh.

142. SUBSTITUTES

There were none

143. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

144. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 MAY 2007

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2007 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

145. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

There were none

146. COVERT CAMERAS

Councillor S Johnston advised Members that at the last meeting PS R Marsh had advised that she had not had time to investigate covert cameras. However, after

the meeting, had advised that it was difficult to photograph the number plates of motor cycles as the number plates were too small to be caught on camera.

PCSO Reece confirmed that there had been a heavy police presence in Southfleet Road but there were no cameras. However there were plans in the future to use cameras.

Councillor B E Read advised that there were speeding motor cycles speeding along Southfleet Road every evening for approximately a year.

PCSO Reece confirmed that she would raise the issue of the problems motor cyclists with PS Marsh and Inspector Steenhuis.

Councillor S Johnston enquired whether the number plates were illegal. PCSO Reece advised that the motor bikes were not confiscated for illegal number plates. PCSO Reece advised that she would bring back the law governing number plates to a future meeting.

Members were advised that a letter concerning this problem had been sent to the Chief Constable for Kent.

The Senior Housing Officer advised that if the motor cyclists were Council tenant it would be a breach of the tenancy conditions and tenants could lose their tenancies.

Councillor B E Read advised that he had had a Meeting with the Enforcement Team at Dartford Borough Council and had suggested that Swanscombe Station could be targeted for Covert Cameras in conjunction with Transport Police. Other areas had been identified but it could be difficult to get cameras in.

RECOMMENDED:

That a letter another letter was sent to the Chief Constable for Kent raising the motor cycle problem and inviting him or a Senior Officer to a future Council Meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor B E Read enquired the name of the new PCSO for Greenhithe. Councillor B E Read then asked that all Members of the Committee introduce themselves.

147. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR VIA DARTFORD HOUSING SERVICES

The Senior Housing Officer provided Members with the following statistics:

1. 1 x case of racial harassment
2. 5 x Nuisance cases
3. 2 x serious harassment cases.

B E R

There had been youths loitering in Ames Road. in the playgrounds and at Davidson House Greenhithe.

Members were advised of other possible racial problems.

Councillor B E Read enquired whether it would be possible to have a list of Council Houses in the area. The Senior Housing Officer advised that she did not think it would be a problem

Councillor B E Read also advised that the Council could report on houses in Swanscombe and Greenhithe that needed inspection.

148. TOWN COUNCIL'S PROBLEMS LOG

Members were provided with a copy of the Town Council's problems log for May, June and July 2007.

Councillor B E Read advised on the motor bike problems in the area, especially in Southfleet Road. There was a 20mph zone in Swanscombe which was not being adhered to by the motor cyclists.

PCSO Reece advised that during action week 6 bikes had been seized. She informed Members that there were plans to put a motor cycle team in the area later in the year.

PCSO Reece advised informed Members that she was trying to familiarise herself with the youths of the area.

She was obtaining 100 leaflets produced by the police on anti-social behaviour and would be putting these through letter boxes. Councillor B E Read advised how many homes were in the area, he also advised of locations where these could be displayed.

Councillor P Harris thought that the police should provide feed back to reported crimes. Because members of the public were not getting feed back they were ceasing the report incidents and crimes.

Pam Kaur advised Members that they were in the process of updating their procedures and practices as it was felt that a letter should be sent to victims of crime, to keep them informed and thank them for their assistance. They would also be producing a questionnaire.

PCSO Reece informed Members that there were no school signs at either end of Keary Road. There was also a lack of speed signs. Councillor B E Read informed PCSO Reece that signs were the responsibility of Kent County Council.

Members were advised that at the end of Manor Park where it met Swanscombe Street there were only 2 bollards where there used to be a barrier. Councillor B E Read advised that the bollards were the responsibility of Dartford Borough

Council. The Town Council were only responsible for cutting the grass etc., in Manor Park.

Councillor P Harris advised Members that the 20mph sign had been put up at Ingress Avenue by Crest. He was having a Meeting with Kent Highway Services and all interested parties, to try and resolve the speeding on Ingress Avenue. Concerning the parking issues he had been in touch with Chris Cavalli at Dartford Borough Council who was apprising herself of the issues, after which a meeting could be held with all interested parties to resolve the parking issues.

Councillor B E Read advised that the roads at Ingress had not yet been adopted so were therefore private roads and came under the regime of Crest. He was unsure how the police enforcement and the parking regimes of Dartford Borough Council would work.

Councillor P Harris advised that they were looking to implement things as soon as possible but to formulate a plan for the longer term.

Councillor B E Read advised that the points raised at these meetings should be passed to the Planning Authorities at Dartford Borough Council in view of the other new estates that were being built, that could experience the same type of problems.

Members were provided with a copy of an article published in the Newshopper Newspaper concerning copper cable that had been stolen. Members were also advised that copper cable had been seen in a location in Swanscombe but it was not known whether the two incidents were linked.

RECOMMENDED:

That Kent Highways be contacted to request the additional school signage at either end of Keary Road and 20mph signs in Swanscombe.

149. BEAT OFFICER REPORT

As PC Hammond was not present at the Meeting no report could be given.

150. PCSO REPORT

PCSO Reece advised that she had been visiting the elderly of the area and had helped a gentleman who was lying in the street back to his home

She advised that the police were aware of the hot spots in Swanscombe & Greenhithe where youths drank.

151. SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE ACTION WEEK MEETING

Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 25 May 2007 at 1pm.

Councillor B E Read expressed disappointment in the level of feed back from the Action Week and enquired whether there would be any.

PCSO Reece confirmed she would collate the feed back statistics and report back to a future meeting.

Police Bus – Members advised that there was insufficient time to distribute leaflets to publicise the bus.

PCSO Reece raised the problem with the fence around Craylands Lane car park which had wire sticking out and could be dangerous.

RECOMMENDED:

That the fence at Craylands Lane be referred to the Town Clerk.

152. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting was due to be held on 26 September 2007 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business to transact the Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed..... *BE Read* *26/9/07*
Chairman Date

MINUTES of the MEETING of the SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY 19 JULY 2007 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor V Openshaw – Town Mayor
Councillor S W Johnston – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor K Basson
Councillor L J Bobby
Councillor Ms L Cross
Councillor Mrs A R Harvey
Councillor Ms L Howes
Councillor Mrs C Openshaw
Councillor B E Read
Councillor P J Scanlan
Councillor Mrs G B Tripp

IN ATTENDANCE: Graham Blew – Town Clerk
Pam Atherton – Assistant Town Clerk
Stephen Snell, Dartford Youth Forum

153. PRAYERS: REVEREND D SCOTT

The Mayor invited the Reverend D Scott to say prayers.

154. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors' Ms L Hall (holiday), P M Harman (holiday), P Harris (attending another meeting as a Council representative), J A Hayes (holiday), M D G Jackson (personal problem), Ms D Johnston (work), R Lees (attending another meeting), P A Read (work) and Mrs I A Read (other commitments).

155. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor K Basson declared a personal interest in item 10 – Football Pitch Allocation 2007 – 2008, as he is Chairman of Swanscombe Tigers.

Councillors B E Read declared a personal interest in item 17 – Ingress Park (Greenhithe) Management Limited, as a relative of his lives on the estate.

Councillors L J Bobby and Ms L Howes declared a personal interest in item 8 – Renewal of Lease and Water Supply Alkerden Lane Allotments (New Burial Ground) as they rent allotments from the Town Council.



Councillor L Bobby declared a personal interest in the urgent item, as his wife is a member of the Friends of the Heritage Park.

156. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2007.

Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17 May 2007.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17 May 2007 be signed as a true record.

157. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

Members were advised that there would be two urgent items. The Chairman indicated that both items would be discussed at the end of the Meeting.

158. COMMUNITY BASKETBALL / FOOTBALL FACILITY

Members were advised of the current position with this project.

Stephen Snell of the Youth Forum advised Members that the Youth Forum had worked closely with Groundwork and the Town Council on various projects. He also advised Members of the Youth Forum plans for the future.

Stephen Snell gave a brief synopsis of the Community Basketball / Football Facility bid and informed that it had been submitted and included a 3 year maintenance contract.

Councillor B E Read advised that this project had been considered by other Committees but had not been presented to the full Town Council. He informed Members that the funding, which this project was dependant on, was not guaranteed.

Councillor B E Read advised that it was proposed to install two courts, one in Swanscombe and one in Greenhithe. These courts would be enclosed and were hoped to be floodlit for use in the evening. The court proposed for Swanscombe would be sited adjacent to the Town Council offices and the other in Knockhall Park.

RESOLVED:

To approve, in principle, the Community Basketball / Football Facility project.



159. AMENDMENT TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE.

Members were advised that, due to an administrative error, Councillor Ms L Howes was mistakenly placed on the membership of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee at the Annual Meeting, 17 May 2007. This should have read Councillor Ms L Hall. Both Councillors involved had been informed of this and were happy for it to be amended.

RESOLVED:

That the membership of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee, for 2007 – 2008, be amended to include Councillor Ms L Hall replacing Ms L Howes.

160. ALKERDEN LANE ALLOTMENTS (NEW BURIAL GROUND) – RENEWAL OF LEASE AND WATER SUPPLY.

Members were provided with details of the proposed Terms for the renewal of the Lease and Water Supply for Alkerden Lane Allotments. Members were advised terms 5 (Lease) and 4 (Water Supply) indicated that *"All other terms shall be as in existing Licence/Lease, subject to updating by the Council"*. Members were asked to agree the Terms so that the Valuer at Dartford Borough Council could commence and make recommendations to Dartford Borough Council to grant a new Lease Renewal and Licence.

RESOLVED:

That the terms for the renewal of the Lease and Water Supply for Alkerden Lane Allotments (New Burial Ground) be approved.

161. MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION / QUALITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE – 2 MARCH 2007

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Regeneration / Quality Council Sub-Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2007 be confirmed and the recommendations made therein be adopted.

162. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, TRANSPORTATION & THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 18 APRIL 2007, 24 MAY 2007 AND 27 JUNE 2007

RESOLVED:



That the Minutes of the Planning, Major Developments & The Environment Committee Meetings held on 18 April 2007, 24 May 2007 and 27 June 2007 be confirmed and the recommendations made therein be adopted.

163. MINUTES OF THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & CRIME SUB-COMMITTEE – 30 MAY 2007

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Anti-Social Behaviour & Crime Sub-Committee Meeting held on 30 May 2007 be confirmed and the recommendations made therein be adopted.

164. MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 31 MAY 2007

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting held on 31 May 2007 be confirmed and the recommendations made therein be adopted.

165. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 14 JUNE 2007

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2007 be confirmed and the recommendations made therein be adopted.

166. FOOTBALL PITCH ALLOCATION 2007 – 2008

Members were provided with the football pitch allocation details for the 2007 / 2008 season for consideration.

RESOLVED:

That the football pitch allocation for the 2007 – 2008 season be agreed.

167. OLD FIRE STATION CAFÉ – CENTENARY

Members were advised that Christoph Bull, the local historian, had informed that the Old Fire Station opened on 13 June 1908 and had offered to present a talk entitled "*An armchair guide to Swanscombe*" at the Café on the Centenary Anniversary (13 June 2008).



RESOLVED:

That the booking of Christoph Bull for a presentation talk on the Centenary Anniversary at the Old Fire Station café be agreed.

168. FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Members were advised that in May 2007 the yearly fire risk assessment had been carried out by Kent County Council Technical Services on the Council Offices and Community Hall, Grove Hall, Church Road Hall and Senior Citizens Hall. No hazards were identified and all buildings show that the necessary procedures are in force and that the risk to life from fire is "tolerable" – No major additional controls were required. Members were informed that a copy of the full report would be kept in the office and was available for inspection.

RESOLVED:

That the Fire Risk Assessment be noted.

169. VISIT TO EBBSFLEET STATION

Members were advised that Members of the Planning, Major Developments, Transportation & the Environment Committee, (Minute 33, 25 May 2007), had requested that an invitation to visit the Ebbsfleet Station be presented to all Members. Louise Stanley, LCRHQ, had advised that, "*due to security, a full list of attendees and any car registration numbers that were entering the site be provided prior to the visit*".

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to all Members, advising of possible dates for the visit, and arrangements for the visit be made.

170. PROPOSED LEISURE CENTRE FACILITY ENHANCEMENT

Members were advised that Gravesham Community Leisure Ltd (GCLL) had approached the Council with an idea of having a "sensory room" in the Leisure Centre (in the old council offices section). GCLL had asked that the Council consider the proposal at this time and agree to it in principle.

Members agreed that this project would enhance the facilities at the centre.

RESOLVED:

That Members agreed, in principle, to the proposal.



171. REPAIRS TO THE FLINT WALL – ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH

The Reverend Scott thanked Members for the work that had been carried out to the wall at the church.

RESOLVED:

That this item be noted.

172. OLD FIRE STATION CAFÉ - PROPOSALS

Members were advised that the Café Manager/Development Officer had suggested that the Café opening times be amended to 8.00am to 3.00pm. This was because there seems to be insufficient trade after 3.00pm to warrant remaining open whereas the early morning trade and foot trade of people using the railway station resulted in a heavier period of trade at that time of day. The services currently using the consultation room facility (Connexions and Citizens Advice Bureau) had been consulted and had raised no objections to this proposal. The Café Manager/Development Officer had also requested that Members consider the possibility of opening the Café, in the future, on Saturdays from between 9.00am and 2.00pm.

Members were also asked to consider the idea of using internet access in the Café during the day at a cost to be agreed. It would also be possible to utilise this facility in the future with the introduction of a Study Club/Group for school children between the hours of 3.30pm and 6.00pm. Dartford Connexions had been approached with this idea and were willing to assist with the tutoring side (voluntarily).

After the Study Club/Group the Café could possibly be used for meetings of organisations such as Yoga Clubs, Quit Smoking Groups, Weight Watchers etc. The plan would be for this arrangement to operate on a caretaker basis (no food sales) as with the other halls. The suggested hourly rate for this type of use would be the same as for the Community Hall (£10.00 regular bookings and £11.00 casual bookings)

RESOLVED:

That the Café Manager / Development Officer's proposals be agreed, subject to further financial details being provided.

173. CYGNETS PRE-SCHOOL – FUTURE HALL REQUIREMENTS

Members were provided with a copy letter received from the Cygnets.



Councillor B E Read advised Members that the current operational situation regarding Town Council Community Halls required serious consideration.

RESOLVED:

- 1 Church Road Hall – That arrangements be made to improve the appearance of the entrance to the Church Road Hall.
- 2 That future bookings for the Grove Hall be moved, temporarily, to the Church Road Hall whilst improvements are made to the Grove Hall
- 3 That the arrangements of the halls be delegated to Councillor B E Read and Councillor L J Bobby to investigate and report back to the Council.
- 4 That the operational issue of the Church Road Hall be raised at a future Town Council Meeting for discussion.

174. INGRESS PARK (GREENHITHE) MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Councillor B E Read advised Members on the background of the Ingress Park (Greenhithe) Management Limited. He advised that it appeared that Crest had breached the Section106 Agreement.

Members were advised that an email had been sent, by the Town Clerk, to Crest which had been passed to the Directors with a response awaited.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Clerk continues to pursue this matter with Crest after a period of one week.

175. KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS (KAPC)

Members were provided with a copy of the Newsletter from KAPC (Issue 324, 30 April 2007)

RESOLVED:

That the correspondence be noted.

176. KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS (KAPC)

Members were provided with details of the forthcoming training days provided by KAPC.

RESOLVED:



That the correspondence be noted.

**177. DARTFORD AND GRAVESHAM NHS TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
– 26 JULY 2007**

Members were provided with a copy of the notification from the Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust advising that the AGM would take place on 26 July 2007.

RESOLVED:

That the correspondence be noted.

178. DARTFORD LOCAL BOARD

Members were provided with a copy of the Annual Report from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

RESOLVED:

That the correspondence be noted.

179. EASTERN QUARRY CONSTRUCTION LIAISON GROUP

Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 May 2007. Members were advised that the next scheduled meeting had been postponed.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 May 2007 and the cancellation of the next scheduled meeting be noted.

180. DARTFORD ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS (DAPTC)

Members were provided with copies of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2007 and correspondence that had been received from the Chief Executive at Dartford Borough Council to the Chief Executive of Kent County Council regarding an issue raised at the meeting (disposal of land by Local Authorities at Auction).

RESOLVED:

That the correspondence be noted.



181. DUPLICATE TRANSFERS – LAND ON THE EAST SIDE OF CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE (LANDSCAPED AREA ON NEW ESTATE)

RESOLVED:

That the documents be duly signed and sealed

182. COUNTERPART LEASE – PLAYING FIELDS AT CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE (999 YEAR LEASE)

RESOLVED:

That the document be duly signed and sealed.

183. SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL AND INTEGRATED MASTER PLAN PROJECTS

Members were advised that Dartford Borough Council had undertaken a neighbourhood renewal study of Swanscombe which had culminated in a list of neighbourhood renewal projects. The Borough Council had then engaged consultants to produce an overall Masterplan for Swanscombe & Greenhithe, from the Masterplan the Town Council had submitted additional renewal projects to the Borough Council. The Borough Council agreed to incorporate those into the original project list.

Members were also advised that the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator, employed at the Borough Council, had ceased to be employed but had provided a list of projects before he left.

RESOLVED:

That the Borough Council be asked to provide details of the arrangements that have been put in place as a result of the vacancy that occurred for the Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator's post.

184. TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised Members that he had hosted a family night in the Residents hall on 1 September 2007.

The Mayor had also attended; the Raft Race in Greenhithe, Swanscombe Tigers Fun Day at Knockhall School and the Tryangle Awards ceremony.

The Mayor advised Members that he would be holding a Civic Church Service in St Peter & St Paul's Church on 30 September 2007 at 10.00am.



Members were reminded that a Council Bowls match, with Swanscombe Downs Bowls Club, was scheduled for 20 July 2007 at 6.00pm

185. JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD AND STANDARDS BOARD (DBC)

Members were asked to provide nominations to go forward to the selection process at Dartford Borough Council for the Joint Transportation Board and Standards Boards.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor K Basson be the Council's nomination for the Joint Transportation Board

That Councillor Ms L Cross be the Council's nomination for the Standards Board

That both of the nominated Councillors, forward a resume to the Town Clerk for submission to Members Services, Dartford Borough Council.

186. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That, due to the confidential nature of the next item, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting

187. FRIENDS OF SWANSCOMBE HERITAGE PARK


Having already declared a personal interest Councillor L J Bobby took no part in the debate or decision of the following item.

Members were advised of a request made by the Friends of Swanscombe Heritage Park.

RESOLVED:

That their request for the year 2007/08 be granted.

There being no further business to transact the Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed:  _____ Date: 13/9/07

(Chairman)

MINUTES of the MEETING OF THE HERITAGE / SKULL SITE SUB-COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on TUESDAY 31 JULY 2007 at 1.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillor B E Read (Chair)
Councillor L J Bobby (Vice-Chair)
Councillor R Lees
Councillor P J Scanlan
Graham Blew, Town Clerk
Margaret Bull, Friends of the Heritage Park
Liz Dyson, Kent County Council
Adam Hinkson, Natural England
Suzanne Kemmenoe, Land Securities
Fiona White, Groundwork
Debbie Woodger, Groundwork

188. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs C Openshaw (other commitments), Ms L Howes (work), Ms C Allsop (Head Teacher, Craylands School) and Ms L Wilkinson (KCC).

189. SUBSTITUTES:

There were none.

190. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

191. TO RECEIVE ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

192. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 MAY 2007

Councillor Ms L Howes had submitted a request that the Minutes of the 30 May 2007 meeting be amended to show her attendance.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes, amended to include Councillor Ms L Howes attendance, were confirmed and signed as true record.

193.UPDATE FROM MIDDLEMARCH CONSULTANTS ON BID TO BIFFA AWARD

Details of the proposals for the environmental works were supplied by James Calow and tabled at the meeting. The update contained details of the activities to be funded by the £50,000 bid from the Biffaward Biodiversity Object Fund.

The following abbreviations were clarified to the sub-committee :

BAP – Biodiversity Action Plan
SNCI – Site of Natural and Conservation Interest
GCN – Great Crested Newts

In response to an enquiry, it was clarified that at the last meeting James Calow had confirmed that the works proposed were over and above those that Land Securities were required to do under the planning conditions for Eastern Quarry.

RECOMMENDED:

That the update be noted.

194.SNAGGING MATTERS FIRST PHASE

Lighting;

Fiona White advised that due to staff leave etc. she was not certain of what the current situation was regarding the lighting around the monument but would ensure an update was provided.

Fencing;

Debbie Woodger agreed to clarify the programme of works for the completion of fencing.

195.SITE MAINTENANCE – NATURAL ENGLAND

The Chairman welcomed Adam Hinkson to the meeting.

Adam Hinkson informed the Sub-Committee that the previous Management Plan had ended in March 2006 and that he was, at present, in the process of collating a new one. He would also be attempting to look for funds to assist with the management of the site.

The Sub-Committee was informed that they would form part of the consultation for the new Management Plan.

196.DBC FUNDING FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

Fiona White informed the Sub-Committee that she would investigate and find out when the play equipment was scheduled to be installed (she knew it had been purchased and was awaiting installation).

197.DCLG UNDERSPEND

Fiona White explained that she had received an email from the coordinator at Kent Thameside Delivery Board (KTDB) which had indicated that between £8 and 10 million pounds would be available across the whole of the Thames Gateway. This had been very disappointing news as originally the amount talked about had been between £60 and 80 million pounds.

Fiona agreed to arrange for the Sub-Committee to be kept up to date on this matter.

Liz Dyson agreed to submit the Town Council's name for any future seminars organised to investigate other funding streams.

198. PARKS FOR PEOPLE FUNDING APPLICATION

Fiona White explained that she had not received any further news. The Responsible Financial Officer would be asked, on her return from leave, to update the Chairman.

199. PRIORITISED PROJECTS LIST

Members requested that Diane Snell be contacted to include the following issues on the list:

1. Improving public information, including web based information.
2. Signage – there were currently no road signs directing to the Heritage Park.

200.NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING OF THE PARK

Lis Dyson explained that, due to staffing issues, she had not made as much progress as was hoped for.

The Sub-Committee were informed that Lis would be inviting Mark Harrison and PC Small to the next meeting.

201. FRIENDS OF THE HERITAGE PARK REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

It was with regret that the Sub-Committee were informed that the pond had been vandalised, including the dumping of an engine, between 12 and 26 July 2007.

The Group had manned a board at the school fete at Keary Road where quite few leaflets had been distributed. Members of the Group had attended a Wildlife Conference at the Inn on the Lake. Groundwork had attended the Park on 12 July 2007 and had been impressed with what work had taken place. The Group organised a litter pick which had been attended by friends and relatives. The next scheduled event was the Teddy Bear's Picnic on 23 August 2007 between 1.30 and 4.30pm.

202. ANY OTHER ITEMS RELATING TO THE HERITAGE PARK / SKULL SITE

Margaret Bull agreed to arrange for the Group to write to local schools to seek their involvement at the Park.

Fiona White advised the Sub-Committee that this would be her last meeting as she was leaving Groundwork, on 17 August 2007, to work for The Soil Association. Fiona agreed to ensure that Emma Ventham be updated and available to attend meetings in the future.

The Chairman and Margaret Bull both acknowledged the hard work and professionalism that Fiona had given to the Sub-Committee and wished her all the best for the future.

203. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 25 September 2007 at 1.30 pm.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 2.30pm.

Signed: _____
(Chair)

Date: _____

25/9/07

MINUTES of the MEETING of the SPECIAL SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2007 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor S W Johnston (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor K Basson
Councillor L J Bobby
Councillor Ms L Hall
Councillor P M Harman
Councillor P Harris
Councillor Mrs A R Harvey
Councillor J A Hayes
Councillor Ms L Howes
Councillor Ms D Johnston
Councillor R Lees
Councillor B E Read
Councillor Mrs I A Read
Councillor P J Scanlan
Mr G Blew, Town Clerk
Mrs P Atherton, Assistant Town Clerk

204. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Ms L Cross (work), M D G Jackson (holiday), Mrs C Openshaw (transport problems), V Openshaw (transport problems) and P A Read (work).

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Mrs S Stapleton, Responsible Financial Officer, who was unable to attend due to illness.

205. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

206. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JULY 2007

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 July 2007 be signed as a true record.

207. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

208. BALANCE SHEET – 2006/07

Members were provided with a copy of the Balance Sheet for the year end to 31 March 2007.

Councillor Ms LHowes enquired how the infrastructure of the List of Assets was established. Councillor B E Read advised that the figures are assessed and updated year by year,

RESOLVED:

That the Balance Sheet for the year end 31st March 2007 be approved and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and the Deputy Town Mayor.


209. ANNUAL RETURN – 2006/07

Members were provided with a copy of the Annual Return for the year end 31 March 2007.

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Return for the year end 31 March 2007 be approved and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer, Town Clerk and Deputy Town Mayor.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Signed:  Date: 18-10-07
Town Mayor

MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION, LEISURE & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on
THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2007 at 7.15 PM

PRESENT: Councillor L J Bobby (Chairman)
Councillor S W Johnston (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor K Basson
Councillor Ms L Hall
Councillor P M Harman
Councillor P Harris
Councillor J A Hayes
Councillor Ms L Howes (substituting Councillor M D G
Jackson)
Councillor R Lees
Councillor B E Read
Councillor Mrs I A Read (substituting Councillor. P A Read)
Councillor P J Scanlan

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Blew, Town Clerk
Mr L Howel – Park's Foreman
Miss M Crear, Café Manager/ Development Officer

210. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors' M D G Jackson (Holiday) and P A Read (Other Commitments)

211. SUBSTITUTES

Councillor Ms L Howes substituted for Councillor M D G Jackson and Councillor Mrs I A Read substituted for Councillor P A Read.

212. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor R Lees declared a prejudicial interest in Item 9.1 as he was a Trustee of the Cygnets Pre-School Nursery and Councillor K Basson declared a personal interest in items 7.14 as he lives in close proximity to Saxon Court and 8 as he was the Chairman of Swanscombe Tigers Football Club.

Councillor K Basson declared a personal interest in agenda items 7.5 as he lived in close proximity to Saxon Court and 7.8 as he is the Chairman of Swanscombe Tigers Football Club.

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213. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

214. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31 MAY 2007

RECOMMENDED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 May 2007 were approved and signed as a true record.

215. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There were none.

PARK'S REPORT

216. General

Members were advised that the summer had been disappointing with most of the park sites not being up to their best. This had been mainly due to vigorous growth due to the wet weather and work load due to holidays etc. A few jobs had been prioritised wrongly which the Park's Foreman informed would not happen in the future.

It had been hoped that extra staff from various sources could have been provided which unfortunately had not occurred. This had the impact of only two members of the parks staff working for quite a few weeks. In future seasonal staff would be employed if no other method of staffing could be found. As the weather had improved park staff were slowly getting all sites back to a better state.

Councillor B E Read advised that, although budgeted for, the Park's Foreman would need to plan in advance any additional staffing requirements.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Park's Foreman liaises with the Responsible Financial Officer regarding any future additional staffing requirements, allowing sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

217. Cricket

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LFB.

Members were advised that the cricket season had finished and although park staff had to contend with bad weather and a few over enthusiastic bike riders on the cricket square, only one game had been missed.

The Park's Foreman informed Members he had received recognition for the park staff's efforts from the Cricket Club.

RECOMMENDED:

That the item be noted.

218. Football Pitches

Councillor K Basson advised that a number of clubs that had played over the year had commented on the quality of the Council's pitches.

RECOMMENDED:

That the item be noted.

219. Broomfield

Members were advised the siting of the five-a-side pitch needed to be finalised, the Park's Foreman advised of the size of and locations the pitch could be sited.

The Park's Foreman advised that the trees along the road, between the new office building and the Pavilion, needed to be lifted and shaped and that quotes were currently being obtained for this work as complaints had been received from residents concerning the trees blocking out the street lights

RECOMMENDED:

That the Park's Foreman liaise with the Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee as to how best to resolve these issues.

Smoking - Since the new smoking law came into force there had been a problem with cigarette ends, especially in the area near the seats by the Pavilion, the Pavilion had provided a sand bucket but this was seldom used.

Members were advised that the Town Clerk had previously written to the Pavilion regarding this matter and if the problem still persisted further correspondence would be despatched.

Councillor B E Read advised that the Town Council had previously agreed to allow the Pavilion an outside area for smoking purposes which they would fence

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and put in benches if necessary. As a condition of the Council agreeing to this the Pavilion were required to liaise with the Fire Brigade regarding this area.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk, contact the Pavilion and if necessary a further meeting with them be arranged to discuss this issue.

220. Trees

Members were advised that a quotation for a full tree survey had been obtained. This would enable the Council to put a tree management and maintenance plan in place. Two types of survey were offered and Members were provided with a copy of the quotation and prices, the Park's Foreman explained the difference between the two surveys offered.

Councillor B E Read enquired how far the tree survey went. The Park's Foreman confirmed that it covered all park areas and he also confirmed that trees had previously been surveyed at Spring Vale by the Woodland Trust.

RECOMMENDED:

That this item be delegated to the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and the Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee to ensure adequate finances were available to carry out the survey.

221. Swanscombe Park

Members were advised that the flower beds near the bowls area and memorial had only been planted with summer bedding this year. This had been due to mistiming and would be rectified in the autumn planting, due to the use of shrubs and flowers giving an all year look.

RECOMMENDED:

That the planting scheme be left to the Park's Foreman, the beds by the war memorial be made up and left as grass but the inclusion of flowers be increased elsewhere.

222. Bowls

Members were advised that in spite of the poor weather bowls had gone quite well. Although the use of the public green had been down, Istead Rise Bowls Club had increased their use after their initial season and the facilities was being enjoyed by their members. The bowls season ended at the end of September and the green would be dressed for winter. Swanscombedowns Bowls Club had

resolved the issue of a grounds man and the green was now a great deal better and would also be dressed for winter.

RECOMMENDED:

That the item be noted

223. Putting Area

Members were advised that further to Minute 89, quotations had been provided to the following specification:

Supply and install approximately 39 meters of 1.5 meter high galvanized weld mesh fence secured to black angle iron posts.

Quote A - £2870.00

Quote B - £828.00

Quote C - £1150.00

Councillor B E Read advised that the proposal to open the old putting green area had been discussed for 2 to 3 years and that it was not the intention to have the area open all the time, only when park staff were on duty.

Councillor B E Read advised Members that there was a proposal to move the porta cabin situated in the Grove Hall and relocate it in Swanscombe Park.

Members were asked to decide on the type of seating to be provided in the putting area. Councillor B E Read advised that a request had been made to move a bench from Manor Park as it was causing problems and therefore could be re-located in the putting green area and at that time further seating could be considered.

The Park's Foreman advised that he also had another bench that had been taken from the Grove Hall that could be used.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Park's Foreman confirms that quote B covered all the work required to be done.
2. That the decision on the fencing be delegated to the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee.
3. That "No Ball Games" signs be erected in the putting area.



4. That the Park's Foreman obtained quotes to re-locate the container from the grounds of the Grove Hall to Swanscombe Park.

224. Youth Problems

The Park's Foreman advised that the youth problems had been minimal during the summer and that he felt the Police Community Support Officer's (PCSO's) had attended and patrolled well and had been a great help at weekends to the park keeper

RECOMMENDED:

That the item be noted.

225. Tennis Courts

Members were advised that the tennis courts had been required to be closed due because to a severe problem with moss which had made them dangerously slippery. This had been rectified and the courts were well used during the summer holidays. However the Park's Foreman felt that the trees alongside of the court were blocking out the sunlight which was not allowing them to dry out and this may have added to the problem of the moss.

RECOMMENDED:

That the result of the tree survey be awaited before any decision be made regarding the trees alongside the court.

226. Manor Park

Members were advised there was a problem with youths congregating and displaying anti-social behaviour. A litter bin had been installed to attempt to ease the rubbish left around. The Park's Foreman had been advised that local residents were unhappy and had allegedly suggested that the removal of the picnic table would alleviate the problem. Resident's comments had been passed to the PCSO's along with any other complaints.

The winter work to cut back the hedge along the church wall and to lower the height would need a large chipper to dispose of the branches etc. and investigations were being made to hire one of these.

RECOMMENDED

That the item be noted.

227. Valley View

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Members were advised that complaints had been received concerning the long grass and overgrown area at the top of the bank, around the play area. Kent Highways had been informed, as it was their responsibility, along with altering the entrance safety fencing. To date no response had been received from Kent Highways.

The Park's Foreman informed that the tree work in the play area had been completed although there was now an area of chain link on wood posts and rail which was rotting and would require replacing.

Councillor B E Read requested that the problems due to be dealt with by Kent Highways be added to the Kent Highways spreadsheet.

RECOMMENDED;

That the Park's Foreman obtains quotes for fencing, in keeping with the other fencing.

228. Saxon Court

Members were advised that quotes had been obtained for the installation of weld mesh fencing which would replace the existing wooden fence along the front boundary of the play area (Alkerden Lane). However, Members were asked to consider whether this was their preferred option.

Councillor B E Read advised that on the tour of the area they had visited Saxon Court and were advised by residents that they did not feel that the weldmesh fencing was the correct type of fencing.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Church Road Hall caretaker be requested to look at the wooden fence with a view to repairing or replacing the fence.

229. Knockhall

Members were advised that unfortunately, there had been problems with the play equipment and the Park's foreman had contacted the manufacturers who advised that the play equipment was not under guarantee and had suggested that the bolts which were coming out were replaced with nuts and bolts to make the equipment more secure. The entrance way near the road would be filled with a few bags of tarmac as the ground had eroded and cars were scraping the bottom when entering, the Park's Foreman would arrange for this to be done at the start of the season.

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RECOMMENDED:

That the park staff replaces the bolts on the play equipment with suitable nuts and bolts.

230. Spring Vale

Members were informed that a complaint had been received from a resident concerning children digging alongside his fence. It had been thought that this had been remedied last year but this time they were digging tunnels in the bank. The Park's Foreman had collapsed the tunnels and the resident advised that the matter would be monitored on a weekly basis. The resident still had concerns about the hole near his fence as it could cause his fence to subside; the Park's Foreman had checked this and reported that the fence was sound at the moment. The hole was deeper than post holes which could cause problems at a later date. The resident was asked to write to the council stating his concerns, nothing had yet been received.

The Park's Foreman advised that the only way he could see to resolve the problem was to put a cage filled with rocks inside the hole.

Councillor R Lees suggested that a letter was sent to residents of Spring Vale advising of the dangers of tunnelling.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That, the police be advised of the situation.
2. That the park staff monitor the situation.

231. Equipment

Members were advised that the vans were due for their MOT's.

The park's Foreman informed the Committee that there had been a lot of wear and tear problems with a lot of hand held machines such as strimmers and hedge cutters which could have been due to excess of growth due to the weather. The clutches had been required to be replaced on both strimmers and there were also problems with hedge trimmers breaking down. These had been sent for repair and one had been repaired and the other deemed to be beyond repair. However, the machine had been stripped and the pistons freed and parts were now awaited which would cost approx. £100. The Park's Foreman explained that the repair would be cheaper than purchasing a new machine costing approximately £300.

All mowers, etc, would be sent in for servicing as the season ended.

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Tractor – There had been starting and charging problems which was due to be looked at in the near future.

The Park's Foreman informed Members that the work on the mess room was still to be carried out as there had been insufficient time to do this.

Councillor B E Read advised that in previous years the old toilet block had been considered for use as an office.

RECOMMENDED:

The Park's Foreman to obtain quotes for the work necessary in the mess room and also to convert the toilet block into an office.

232. Dartford Heritage Week – 13/16 September 2007

The Chairman advised Members that a tour of the Heritage Park had been included in Dartford's Heritage Week and that the Friends of the Heritage Park (FOTHP) would be guiding people through the park

RECOMMENDED:

That the item be noted.

233. Free Flowers – Dartford Borough Council

The Chairman advised Members that the Friends of the Heritage Park had applied for the free flowers currently being offered by Dartford Borough Council under the Free Bulb Scheme. He advised Members that the FOTHP would be planting the bulbs at the end of October/early November and any volunteers would be most welcome.

RECOMMENDED:

That the item be noted.

234. Swanscombe Tiger's Football Club "Wish List"

Members were provided with a copy of the response from the Chairman of the Swanscombe Tiger's Football Club to a letter sent as a result of the Town Council meeting held on 22 March 2007.

Members discussed the points raised in the Club Chairman's letter.

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With regard to the use of the metal goal posts, the Park's Foreman advised that there were other football teams that trained that had also asked to use the goal posts. He advised that the FA had asked that the goal posts were signed in and out which would require keys to be issued. This would raise a staffing issue and he felt that the goal posts would not be used in the same way as they were on a Saturday and Sunday.

Councillor K Basson suggested that a scheme involving responsible key holders may be appropriate.

RECOMMENDED:

That the matter be delegated to the Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee, Park's Foreman, Town Clerk, representative of Swanscombe Tigers, Councillor P M Harman and Councillor S W Johnston.

235. Old Fire Station Café Update Report – September 2007

Members were provided with an update report provided by The Café Manager / Development Officer.

The Café Manager / Development Officer clarified the report to the Committee and detailed the various café development projects Members were being asked to consider.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That Jill Goody, Sexual Health Worker be invited to the next Town Council meeting to discuss the Teenage Health Drop in/C Card Access Point project.
2. That the remaining development projects contained in the report be proceeded with and reviewed every three months.

236. Old Fire Station Café – IT Proposals

Members were advised further to Minute 172 of the Town Council meeting held on 19 July 2007 the Council's IT supplier/maintenance company had submitted a quotation for the installation of internet access at the Old Fire Station Café.

The quotation was for parts/equipment only as the labour required came under the existing maintenance contract. To enable access to the internet to be "policed" a new server would be required.

There was sufficient funding for this project within the existing budget for the Café.

Due to the specialist nature of the works, our ongoing relationship with the supplier and the monetary value involved, no other quotations had been obtained.

Diane Snell had advised that funding may be available from Sally Clarke, Employer Kent Thameside. Sally had indicated that part funding was available for 2 computers to be used as a resource for job searching. Part of the criteria for obtaining this part funding would be for the computers to be available for job searching on their website (this could involve a poster being displayed advertising their website). If this option were to be agreed a Service Level Agreement would need to be drafted between the organisations.

The Café Manager / Development Officer advised Members that the job search would take up two of the computers. Kent Thameside had offered £500 funding towards this project.

The Café Manager / Development Officer advised that these computers could be used for the "After School Club" for the youth of the area to carry out their homework, research, link up to schools, etc.

Councillor K Basson advised Members that he could apply for funding through his professional capacity but had concerns with the pricing structure.

Councillor B E Read advised Members that a Section 106 had been allocated for the café building and could provide funding for this project.

Members thanked the Café Manager / Development Officer for the way she had approached the running of the café to date.

RECOMMENDED:

That the computers be funded by the Town Council for dedicated use by the youth of the area and that the project be monitored in 3 months.

237. Annual Estimates

Members were advised that this item had been placed on the agenda to give Members the opportunity to discuss, and agree, any items that they wished to be included in the 2008 / 2009 Annual Estimates.

RECOMMENDED:

That any suggested items for inclusion in the Annual Estimates be passed to the Town Clerk.

238. Lewis Road Allotments

Members were advised that notification had been received from the current user of the allotment that he no longer wished to continue using it.

Due to the nature of the Lewis Road site Members were asked to consider whether they wished the Council to continue with the current use of the site.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the matter be delegated to the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee to contact the planners at Dartford borough Council to enquire what the land could be used for.
2. That the Park's Foreman be requested to arrange for the the area to be strimmed, from time to time, to keep it tidy.

239. Completed Works

- **St Peter and St Paul's Churchyard Wall Repairs**

Members were advised that further to Minute 737, that, after a considerable amount of work and effort by the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), the boundary wall had now been repaired / restored. Several complimentary comments had already been received from residents who either used the Church or pass the area during the day.

- **Electrical Repairs Senior Citizens Hall**

Members were advised that further to Minute 738, the electrical installation in the hall had now been completed.

- **Tree in grounds of Grove Hall**

Members were advised that further to Minute 739, the tree had now been felled and the stump had been grinded.

- **New fencing at Saxon Court**

Members were advised that further to Minute 740, the fencing to the play area at Saxon Court and the erection of 3 new gates had now been completed.

- **Church Road Hall**

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Members were advised that the entrance to Church Road Hall had been "spruced up" and would include the repair to the broken wall and slabs.

- **Grove Hall Car Park**

Members were advised that further to Minute 733 litter bins had been installed, in August, including one sited near the recycling bins in the Grove Car park.

The removal of the derelict garage and large amount of fly tipping (which was, somewhat of an eyesore), from the bottom left hand corner of the car park area had been arranged and was almost complete.

- **Knockhall Park Changing Rooms**

Members were advised that the repairs to the floor and shower tray area at Knockhall Park changing rooms had been completed.

- **Pavilion Squash Courts**

Members were advised that work on repairing and refurbishing the squash courts was now under way. There had been some problems regarding the works but it was hoped that these would be favourably resolved.

- **Milton Road Fencing**

Members were advised that the remaining fencing at the back of the Heritage Park had now been installed.

- **Manor Park Play Area**

Members were advised that the springer equipment had been installed.

RECOMMENDED:

That the works undertaken be noted.

240. Barrel Fencing and Kissing Gate at Broomfield Park

For some time the Council had been looking at re-positioning the kissing gate at the Pavilion to assist disabled access to the building (originally the only access for wheelchairs etc. was through the kitchen).

During the recess it had been necessary for the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, in consultation with the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, to agree to commence the works for the barrel

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fencing at the front of the Council Offices and along the pathway to the Pavilion, this also included the re-positioning of the kissing gate.

Higgins, the Contractor that built the Council Offices, had arranged for barrel fencing to be installed from the green fence to the pathway and then 6 meters along the path (this covered the area that had been used as access by them during the construction period).

The company carrying out the works for Higgins were asked to submit a quotation for the remaining works, along with three other companies. Although not the cheapest it was felt, that for continuity and project management reasons, on this occasion it would be appropriate to award the works to the same company that had carried out the work for Higgins. Financial Regulation 11.1 (i) states "*The Council shall not be obliged to accept the lowest of any tender, quote or estimate.*"

After including the amount remaining in the budget for fencing a virement of approximately £1000.00 would be required to be recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Town Clerk's actions, in having these works carried out, be endorsed.
2. That the Finance & General Purposes Committee be requested to recommend a virement of approximately £1000.00 to cover the outstanding amount from the fencing budget.

241. Swanscombe Park

Members were advised that the capping stone had been repositioned and the hole in the wall at the entrance to the park had been repaired.

Further to Minute 98 the children's play area had now been repaired. The resident who highlighted this matter to the Council had been notified.

Due to the timescales between meetings and the relatively low level of cost for the hole in the wall and play area repair works the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, and under delegated powers contained in Financial Regulation 3, 3.4 authorised these works to be carried out.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Town Clerk's actions in having the works carried out be endorsed.

242. Children's Summer Entertainment



Members were advised that the entertainment arranged for the local children had been a huge success, with approximately 70 children enjoying and participating in the Fun Cricket and well over 50 young children attending each of the puppet shows.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be noted and the Assistant Town Clerk be thanked for her efforts in arranging the Children's Summer Entertainment.

243. Community Basketball/Football Facility

Members were advised that verbal notification had been received notifying that, on this occasion the bid for funding had not been successful. Groundwork had informed that new funding would be available as of next April.

RECOMMENDED:

That this item be noted.

244. Cygnets Pre-School Nursery

Members were provided with copies of correspondence that had been received from the Cygnets Pre-School Nursery as follows:

1. Request to place a sign outside the Council Offices

RECOMMENDED:

That a reply be sent informing that the Council did not feel it would be appropriate to place a sign outside the Council building. However, a double sided notice board would be installed outside the building that they could place a notice in.

2. Containers in the grounds of Grove Hall

Members were informed that the Cygnets had confirmed that they owned both containers in the grounds of The Grove Hall and offered to donate them to the Council.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Town Clerk write to Cygnets accepting their offer of the two containers within the grounds of the Grove Hall.

245. Swanscombe Heritage Park

Members were advised that as part of the Heritage Open Days, the Project Delivery Team, Dartford Borough Council had consulted with The Friends of the Heritage Park and agreed to run a tour of the Park on Saturday 15 September 2007 at mid-day. The other site in Swanscombe that would be included in the Heritage Open Days was St Peter and St Paul's Church.

RECOMMENDED:

That this item be noted.

246. Request to purchase land

Members were provided with a copy of a facsimile that had been received asking if the Council would be prepared to discuss selling land at Knockhall Road, Greenhithe. Upon receipt of the facsimile the sender had been contacted and requested to provide proof of ownership which was also provided for Members consideration.

RECOMMENDED:

That a response be sent, advising that at this point in time, the Council did not want to sell the land.

247. Network Change Programme – Post Office Closures

Members were provided with a copy of a letter that had been received from the Managing Director, Dartford Borough Council requesting any useful information Members had regarding Post Offices in their area.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Town Clerk send a response advising that Members felt there should be no closures in the Swanscombe and Greenhithe area. Also in principle that they were against closure of any post office which would leave the population having to travel more than 1 mile to it.



248. Draft Business Plan for the Kent Thameside Green Grid Programme

RECOMMENDED

That this item be noted.

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There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed:  Date: 18-10-07
(Chairman)




MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, TRANSPORTATION
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE
GROVE, SWANSCOMBE ON WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor B E Read (Chair)
Councillor P J Scanlan (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor P M Harman
Councillor P Harris
Councillor Mrs A R Harvey
Councillor M D G Jackson
Councillor Ms D Johnston
Councillor S W Johnston
Councillor R Lees (substituting Councillor P A Read)
Councillor V Openshaw
Councillor Mrs G B Tripp

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Blew, Town Clerk
Mr J Long, Secretary, Greenhithe Community Group
Mr M Murphy, Director, Greenhithe Marina Ltd.
Mr D Mason, Director, Greenhithe Marina Ltd.

249. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors L J Bobby (illness) and P A Read (work commitments).

Apologies for lateness were submitted by Councillors Ms D Johnston and Mrs G B Tripp.

250. SUBSTITUTES

Councillor R Lees substituted for Councillor P A Read.

251. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors P Harris, P M Harman and Ms D Johnston declared personal interests in items and applications relating to Greenhithe as they reside there.

Councillor V Openshaw declared a personal interest in items and applications relating to Greenhithe as he is a Borough Ward Member for Greenhithe.

252. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

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253. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2007

RECOMMENDED:

That the Minutes were confirmed and signed.

254. GREENHITHE MARINA DA/06/01317/OUT

Members were advised that they were not being asked to consider the application but were being updated by the developer on the amendments to the scheme.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mason and Mr Murphy to the meeting.

Mr Mason and Mr Murphy gave a synopsis of the scheme and updated Members on the progress made in terms of the planning application and a general overview on the Statutory Consultation period.

Topics covered in the presentation included:

- Parking and access Issues
- Siting and access Issues
- The setting for the development
- The build and natural environment of the development
- The aquatic environment affected by the development and the steps taken to protect it.
- Sustainable design strategy.
- Flood risk and flood defences

A brief question and answer session took place which included the following topics; staffing, Sea Scout usage/involvement, Annual Raft Race, levels of support and objection to the proposals.

The Chairman thanked Mr Mason and Mr Murphy for the presentation.

255. ADJOURNEMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for five minutes.

256. CHANGE IN ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Due to Members of the public being present for item 10 – Greenhithe Community Group – Greenhithe Village Parking Survey, the Chairman agreed to take this item next.

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257. GREENHITHE COMMUNITY GROUP – GREENHITHE VILLAGE PARKING SURVEY

The Chairman welcomed Mr J Long, Secretary Greenhithe Community Group (GCG), to the meeting.

Mr Long re-iterated why and how the survey was carried out and explained the difficulties with parking that Greenhithe Village experienced.

Members thanked and congratulated the GCG on a well collated and presented survey. Members acknowledged and empathised with the problems of parking in the area and agreed that additional restrictions and enforcement of restrictions was required.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Joint Transportation Board, Dartford Borough Council, be requested to consider this issue and that the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council be consulted throughout the process to ensure the correct remedy/remedies is put in place.

That the Chairman be delegated to attend the Joint Transportation Board, Dartford Borough Council, when it considers this matter to put across the views of the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council.

258. EBBSFLEET PLANNING PERMISSION (REF:DA/96/00047/OUT), STATION QUARTER SOUTH – QUARTER MASTER PLAN SUBMISSION

Members received a letter from the Senior Planner, Barton Willmore informing that the QMP and associated relevant strategies will be presented to the Dartford Borough Council Development Control Board on 11 October 2007.

RECOMMENDED:

That any comments be submitted to the Town Clerk to, in consultation with the Chairman, analyse and submit an appropriate response.

259. PILGRIMS ROAD

Members were informed that the Council's application to have Pilgrims Road added to the Definitive Map, as a Public Footpath, had been accepted and had been added to the Kent County Council's Schedule of Claims.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be noted.

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260. COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Members considered a letter received from the Countryside Access Improvement Plan Officer (Kent County Council) requesting Members to submit their comments on the contents of the plan.

RECOMMENDED:

That any comments be submitted to the Town Clerk to, in consultation with the Chairman, analyse and submit an appropriate response.

261. PETITION RELATING TO ROAD TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH BLUEWATER

Members noted and thanked Councillor's B E Read and Mrs G B Tripp for their efforts and actions in keeping this matter open for consideration by the Highways Agency Board and Joint Transportation Board, Dartford Borough Council.

262. HIGHWAYS SPREADSHEET

Members were provided with a copy of the latest Highways Spreadsheet from Kent Highways Services.

RECOMMENDED:

That the spreadsheet be noted and that any items be submitted to the Town Clerk for inclusion.

263. DEVELOPMENT AT THE FORMER EVERARDS SITE, STATION ROAD, GREENHITHE

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted and the Vice-Chairman's action endorsed.

264. SOUTHERN WATER – SUMMER 2007 UPDATE

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

265. DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL – CONSULTATION ON STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PROGRAMME AND TARRIFF

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Members considered the Strategic Tarrif Consultation document asking for any comments to be returned by Thursday 27 September 2007.

RECOMMENDED:

That a response stating that, although the Council feel this to be a good idea, a tariff, although a different type, should apply to commercial developments too and that the tariff for residential developments should not be limited by the amount of dwellings.

266. LAND SECURITIES – EASTERN QUARRY

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

267. REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR THE SOUTH EAST (THE SOUTH EAST PLAN) – PUBLICATION OF THE PANEL REPORT

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

268. LAND SECURITIES – EBBSFLEET VALLEY – PRIVATE VIEW INVITATION

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

269. DARTFORD TOWN CENTRE AREA ACTION PLAN – PREFERRED OPTIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT – PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION (REGULATION 26).

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

270. SUBMISSION OF EBBSFLEET STATION QUARTER SOUTH QUARTER MASTER PLAN (DA/06/01045/EBQSQS)

RECOMMENDED:

That the correspondence be noted.

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271. TOWN PLANNING

Members were provided with the details of planning applications received, and responded to, by the Chairman and Town Clerk during the summer 2007 recess period.

RECOMMENDED:

That Members endorsed the comments submitted:

DA/07/0677/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension together with dormer windows in front and rear elevation to provide additional rooms in the roof space.

Mounts Croft, 95 Mounts Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: Members have no objections as long as there is sufficient on site parking provided to cover extra accommodation.

DA/07/0647/FUL Conversion of existing property to form 1 No. 2 bedroom house and 2 No. 1 bedroom flats together with the erection of a single storey rear extension.

83 Milton Street, Swanscombe, DA10 0DQ.

OBSERVATIONS: Members object on the grounds of insufficient details of parking facilities for 3 properties. Also neighbours to be informed.

DA/07/0624/COU Change of use of garage from covered storage to Window Tinting Business (retrospective application).

Rear of 4A Stanley Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS: This is a loss of amenity garage space. Therefore there should be provision for alternative parking on site including parking for the business. It is highly recommended that the neighbours in Milton, Gasson and Stanley Road are all notified.

DA/07/0609/FUL Erection of a rear conservatory.

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8 Whites Close, Greenhithe, DA9 9JL.

OBSERVATIONS: No observations provided neighbours are consulted.

DA/07/0711/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a part single/part two storey side/rear extension.

49 Eynsford Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9HB.

OBSERVATIONS: No observations provided neighbours are consulted.

DA/07/0719/FUL Erection of a rear conservatory.

25 Spring Vale, Greenhithe, DA9 9HA.

OBSERVATIONS: No observations provided neighbours are consulted.

DA/07/0728/FUL Installation of a satellite dish.

43 Read Court, Greenhithe, DA9 9FL

OBSERVATIONS: No observations.

DA/07/0053/FUL Demolition of existing unit and erection of 2 No. single storey detached buildings to provide a total of 6 No. industrial units for B1, B2 and B8 use plus associated parking.

Lake House, Northfleet Industrial Estate, Lower Road, Northfleet.

OBSERVATIONS: No observation.

DA/07/0735/FUL Erection of a single storey storage building for use as storage/maintenance of plant and machinery (sui-generis use) (change of use application).

Land Adjacent Unit M4/M5 Kent Kraft Industrial Estate, Lower Road, Northfleet.

OBSERVATIONS: No observations.

DA/07/0736/FUL Erection of 2 public art sculptures (known as

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Ampersands).

Roundabouts Adjacent A2 Ebbsfleet Junction.

OBSERVATIONS: The Council would request that, as it is within this area, a reference to Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council be denoted on or next to the sculptures.

DA/07/0729/FUL Erection of a rear conservatory.

2 Empire Walk, Greenhithe, DA9 9FU.

OBSERVATIONS: No observations provided neighbours are consulted.

DA/07/0746/FUL Erection of a first floor side extension.

4 Crest View, Greenhithe, DA9 9QY.

OBSERVATIONS: No observations provided neighbours are consulted.

DA/07/0707/FUL Installation of roller shutters on front elevation (retrospective application) and demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension together with details of installation of an extractor flue on rear elevation and associated noise levels pursuant to Condition 2 of Planning Permission DA/06/0132/COU (Granted on Appeal).

125 Milton Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0LS.

OBSERVATIONS: Applicant does not have permission for a take away. Please remove all reference to this from the plans.

All doors and shutter colours should marry in with existing area.

DA/07/0791/FUL Erection of a 20m high slimline lattice mast incorporating 3 antennas, 2 transmission dishes and associated equipment cabinet at ground level in 6m x 6m compound with 2.3m high palisade fencing.

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- Land Rear of Unit B4 Manorway Business Park,
Swanscombe.
- OBSERVATIONS: No observations.
- DA/07/0789/FUL Erection of a first floor rear extension.
6 Pacific Close, Swanscombe, DA10 0LN.
- OBSERVATIONS: No observations provided all neighbours are
consulted.
- DA/07/0790/TPO Application to cut back low branches to give
clearance from ground of 4.5m of 2 Lime trees
subject to Tree Preservation Order No. 5 1980.
1 Ivy Bower Close, Greenhithe, DA9 9NF.
- OBSERVATIONS: No observations.
- DA/07/0654/FUL Conversion of a garage into habitable room.
4 Bevans Close, Greenhithe, DA9 9LN.
- OBSERVATIONS: No observations provided no additional on road
parking results from this.
- DA/07/0799/FUL Erection of 3 detached 2 storey buildings with
dormer windows to provide 20 x 2 bedroom and 15
x 1 bedroom apartments together with associated
car parking and landscaping.
Mount Nod, Opposite 26 London Road, Greenhithe,
Kent.
- OBSERVATIONS Members strongly object to this application on the
grounds of overdevelopment and adequacy of
parking and additional traffic generation on London
Road and the effect of the development on the
areas steep heritage.
However, should it be decided to approve this
planning application Members believe a Section
106 should be drawn up with the Town Council to
enhance children's play areas in the locality.
Members suggest that £250 per dwelling would be

appropriate.

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| DA/07/0843/FUL | Erection of a satellite dish on south elevation 10 Bere Close, Greenhithe, DA9 9XD |
| OBSERVATIONS | No observations |
| DA/07/0840/CDNA | Submission of details relating to scheme of lighting pursuant to Condition 9 appended to Planning Permission DA/05/0573/FUL |
| OBSERVATIONS | Members would suggest that the police are asked to comment on lighting plans to ensure that the lighting design cut crime as much as possible |

Members are advised that the following planning applications have been received from Kent County Council and dealt with during summer 2007 recess.

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| DA/06/856/R12 | Details of a scheme of landscaping and boundary treatments pursuant to Condition 12 of planning permission reference DA/06/856. Land immediately north of the railway line between Station Road and The Avenue, Greenhithe, Kent – Everards Link Phase 2. |
| OBSERVATIONS: | No observation provided neighbours are consulted, especially Smugglers Walk and Maritime Close are notified for their observations. |
| DA/06/856/R3 & R11 | Details of all proposed structures, including the cut and cover box structure under the Avenue, walls, railing, fences, traffic signage, paving schemes, all hardened surfaces, highway lighting and street furniture pursuant to Conditions 3 & 11 of planning permission reference DA/856. Land immediately north of the railway line between Station Road and The Avenue, Greenhithe, Kent – Everards Link Phase 2. Members recommend that a Section 106 Agreement for improvement to the junction of the Avenue and Knockhall Chase (onto London Road) |

be incorporated within this scope.

OBSERVATIONS: All neighbours are notified for their observations especially Smugglers Walk and Maritime Close.

DA/07/672 Construction of a single storey modular building with a flat roof including two canopies. Plus the creation of a new vehicle cross over and six new parking spaces including one disabled space

Knockhall Community Primary School, Eynesford road, Greenhithe, DA9 9RF

OBSERVATIONS The Town Mayor and Members are concerned about the actual siting of the building and request a site visit

DA/07/36/R3 & R4 Details of additional storage units/office accommodation pursuant to Condition 3, and details showing the repair works to be undertaken to the site access and boundary wall pursuant to Condition 4 of planning permission reference DA/07/36

Site Offices, King Edward Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9AE

OBSERVATIONS No observations

Members are advised that the following approved notices have been received from Dartford Borough Council and dealt with during summer 2007 recess.

DA/07/0679/CDNL Details of samples of materials pursuant to Condition 8 of Planning Permission DA/06/0699/COU.

104A Church Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0HJ.

DA/07/0487/FUL Conversion of integral garage into habitable room together with association alterations to front elevation including first and ground floor windows and provision of replacement parking.

22 Eagles Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9QZ.

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- DA/06/0753/OUT Erection of an end of terrace property and provision of two parking spaces.

17 Mounts Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9LY.
- DA/07/0497/FUL Installation of an external flue and chimney on spraybooth (retrospective application).

Rear of 149A Church Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0HL.
- DA/07/0459/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension together with conversion of garage into habitable room.

38 Eagles Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9QZ.
- DA/07/0283/FUL Erection of a 3 storey building to provide 3 x 1 bedroom flats with associated parking.

Land adjacent 131 Milton Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0LS.
- DA/07/0479/FUL Installation of a satellite dish.

Communal Car Park on Garage Wall of 37 Reed Court, Greenhithe.
- DA/07/0548/COU Change of use of property from D1 (After schoolcare and pram club) to Class A2 (Estate Agents).

The Parade, Swanscombe High Street, Swanscombe.
- DA/07/0369/FUL Demolition of all existing buildings and erection of frontage block comprising 1 No. 1 bedroom flat, 2 No. 2 bedroom flats and 3 No. 3 bedroom terrace houses with provision of access through to the rear erection of a rear terrace of 4 No. 3 bedroom units (site total 10) and associated parking.

69-73 High Street, Greenhithe, DA9 9NL.
- DA/07/0478/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension.

78 Milton Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0LY.

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- DA/07/0539/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension.

 Haslington Nursing Home, 27 Bean Road,
 Greenhithe.
- DA/07/0546/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension.

 17 Empire Walk, Greenhithe, DA9 9FU.
- DA/07/0580/FUL Application for the conversion of existing garage to
 study and utility room together with alterations to
 front elevation.

 35A Swanscombe Street, Swanscombe, DA10
 0BQ.
- DA/07/0764/CDNL Part details of external materials being London
 Yellow Stocks and Fibrocem High Performance
 Mouldings and castings pursuant to Condition 2
 appended to Planning Permission DA/06/1386/FUL.
- DA/07/0635/CDNA Detail of foul and surface water disposal pursuant to
 Condition 7 of Planning Permission
 DA/06/0699/COU.
- OBSERVATIONS: Although this application has been approved,
 Members would like to planners to check the
 forward building line, since the footings appear to
 encroach beyond the site lines of the road.
- DA/07/0185/CDNA Submission of closure report in connection with
 decontamination of site pursuant to Condition (9)
 appended to Planning Permission DA/03/1101/FUL
 for erection of 14 flats & car parking

 33 Bean Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9JB
- DA/07/0609/FUL Erection of rear conservatory

 89 Whites Close, Greenhithe, DA9 9JL
- DA/05/0024/REM Submission of reserved matters pursuant to
 Condition 1 of Planning Permission
 DA/98/0664/OUT for the construction of a
 development platform

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- Former Pier, Greenhithe Waterfront, Ingress Park,
Greenhithe
- DA/07/0719/FUL Erection of a rear conservatory
- 25 Spring Vale, Greenhithe, Kent, DA9 9HA
- DA/07/0677/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension together
with dormer windows in front and rear elevations to
provide additional rooms in the roof space.
- Mounts Croft5, 95, Mounts Road, Greenhithe, Kent.

Members are advised that the following Refused Notices have been received from Dartford Borough Council and dealt with during summer 2007 recess.

- DA/07/0357/OUT Outline application for the redevelopment of existing
flats and builder's yard to provide 14 No. 1 bedroom
flats with associated parking and amenity areas.
- 19 London Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0LH.
- DA/06/1203/OUT Outline application for the erection of an attached
end of terrace house.
- 17 Mounts Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9LY.
- DA/07/0753/CDNA Detail of gas impermeable membrane pursuant to
Condition 5 of Planning Permission
DA/06/0699/COU.
- 104A Church Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0HJ.

OBSERVATIONS: Although this application has been refused,
Members would like the planners to check the
forward line, since the footings appear to encroach
beyond the site lines of the road.

- DA/07/0632/FUL Erection of a satellite dish (retrospective
application)
- 8 College Place, Greenhithe, DA9 9GF.

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272. APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS' OBSERVATIONS

DA/07/00878/PAC Details of new station building and car parking pursuant to Part 11 Condition A1 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995.

Greenhithe Railway Station, Station Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: Members object to the application on the grounds that the parking facilities proposed are not sufficient. This major intercourse station and area should be developed to provide proper and sufficient levels of parking facilities for the area.

It is also essential that adequate provision for disabled access, to both platforms, is made.

DA/07/00850/FUL Conversion of existing unit into 2 x 1 bedroom units.

66 Phoenix Court, Black Eagle Drive, Northfleet.

OBSERVATIONS: All neighbours should be consulted prior to this application being considered.

Members object to this application on the grounds of insufficient parking. Converting 1 unit into 2 units should mean double the parking facilities should be provided.

DA/07/00872/FUL Erection of a 2 bedroom end of terrace house with associated car parking together with alterations to roof line of No. 17 to form gable end.

Land Adj 17 Mount Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: All neighbours should be consulted prior to this application being considered.

Members feel that car parking should be adequate not just for the existing properties, but also for new properties.

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- DA/07/00912/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension.

1 Bridge View, Greenhithe.
- OBSERVATIONS: No objection provided all neighbours are consulted
prior to this application being considered.
- DA/07/00913/FUL Continued use of haul road as secondary means of
access in relation to development at Ingress Park
until 30 September 2010.

Ingress Park, Greenhithe.
- OBSERVATIONS: No observations.
- DA/07/00839/CDNA Submission of details relating to landscaping and
play area pursuant to Conditions 4 and 10
appended to Planning Permission
DA/05/00573/FUL.

Former Everards Site, Station Road, Greenhithe.
- OBSERVATIONS: Members object to the size of the children's play
area as they feel it is too small and feel it should be
increased with further equipment. Alternatively, a
Section 106 Agreement should be taken up with the
Town Council to enhance children's play areas
elsewhere in the locality.

Members understood that the developer was
supposed to supply a facility for community use.
The ground space shown does not seem to be
conducive to allow for this to happen. Members
wish to seek details of a Section 106 Agreement to
supply this facility elsewhere.
- DA/07/00928/FUL Erection of a satellite dish on rear elevation.

12 Hyndford Crescent, Greenhithe.
- OBSERVATIONS: No observations.
- DA/07/00934/FUL Provision of a dormer window in rear elevation to
provide additional rooms in the roof space.

34 Manor Road, Swanscombe.

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OBSERVATIONS: All neighbours, especially those that will be overlooked, should be consulted prior to this application being considered.

DA/07/00436/FUL Erection of 43 apartments: consisting of 14 X 1, 27 X 2 and 6 X 3 bedroom apartments.

Phase 4A, Waterfront, Ingress Park, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No observations at this time.

273. GRANTED DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED FROM DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The following decision notices were noted.

DA/0700746/FUL Erection of a first floor side extension.

4 Crest View, Greenhithe.

DA/07/00768/CDNA Approval of details of submission relating to secure covered bike store pursuant to Condition 9 of Planning Permission DA/06/00699/COU.

104a Church Road, Swanscombe.

DA/06/00637/CDNA Approval of details of sound proofing pursuant to Condition 06 of Planning Permission DA/06/00699/COU.

104a Church Road, Swanscombe.

DA/07/00801/CDNA Approval of details of remediation works pursuant to Part 3 of Condition 2 of Planning Permission DA/06/00699/COU.

104A Church Road, Swanscombe.

DA/07/00636/CDNA Approval of details of contaminated land remediation strategy pursuant to parts 1 and 2 Condition 2 of Planning Permission DA/06/00699/COU.

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- 104A Church Road, Swanscombe.
- DA/07/00729/FUL Erection of rear conservatory.
- 2 Empire Walk, Greenhithe.
- DA/07/00728/FUL Installation of a satellite dish.
- 43 Reed Court, Greenhithe.
- DA/07/00053/FUL Demolition of existing unit and erection of 2 No. single storey detached buildings to provide a total of 6 No. industrial units for B1, B2 and B8 use plus associated parking.
- Lake House, Northfleet Industrial Estate.
- DA/07/00736/FUL Erection of 2 public art sculptures (known as Ampersands).
- Roundabouts adjacent A2, Ebbsfleet Junction.
- DA/07/00624/COU Change of use of garage from covered storage to Window Tinting Business (retrospective application).
- DA/07/00277/REM Rear of 4A Stanley Road, Swanscombe.
Approve details of submission of reserved matters relating to design and external appearance pursuant to Condition 1 of Planning Permission DA/98/00664/OUT for the erection of 6 x 3 bed, 46 x 2 bed and 24 x 1 bedroom apartments with associated parking.
- Waterfront Phase 4B Ingress Park.
- DA/07/00735/FUL Erection of a single storey storage building for use as storage/maintenance of plant and machinery (sui-generis use) (change of use application).
- Land adjacent Unit M4/M5, Kent Kraft Industrial Estate, Lower Road, Northfleet.
- DA/07/00647/FUL Conversion of existing property to form 1 No. 2 bedroom house and 2 No. 1 bedroom flats together with the erection of a single storey rear

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extension.

83 Milton Street, Swanscombe.

DA/07/00790/TPO

Application to cut back low branches to give clearance from ground of 4.5M of 2 Lime trees subject to Tree Preservation Order No. 5 1980.

1 Ivy Bower Close, Greenhithe.

274. REFUSED DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED FROM DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

The following refused decision notices were noted.

DA/07/00789/FUL

Erection of a first floor rear extension.

6 Pacific Close, Swanscombe.

DA/07/00707/FUL

Installation of roller shutters on front elevation (retrospective application) and demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension together with details of installation of a n extractor flue on rear elevation and associated noise levels pursuant to Condition 2 of Planning Permission DA/06/00132/COU (Granted on Appeal).

125 Milton Road, Swanscombe.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed: *B. Read*
(Chair)

Date: 17/20/07

MINUTES of the MEETING OF THE HERITAGE / SKULL SITE SUB-COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2007 at 1.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillor B E Read (Chair)
Councillor L J Bobby (Vice-Chair)
Councillor R Lees
Councillor Mrs C Openshaw
Councillor P J Scanlan
Graham Blew, Town Clerk
Sara Stapleton, Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)
Margaret Bull, Friends of the Heritage Park
Lis Dyson, Kent County Council
Suzanne Kemmenoe, Land Securities
Diane Snell, Groundwork
Emma Ventham, Groundwork
Debbie Woodger, Groundwork

275. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received, by email, from Adam Hinkson, Natural England.

276. SUBSTITUTES:

There were none.

277. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

278. TO RECEIVE ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

279. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31 JULY 2007

The Minutes were confirmed and signed as true record.

280. SNAGGING MATTERS FIRST PHASE

Lighting;

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Emma Ventham advised that the lights had been tested and were all working and that they should begin to be operational from 6.00pm to 11.00pm daily from 26 September 2007.

The Chairman asked that Emma pass the Sub-Committee's gratitude on to Peter Greenstreet for his efforts with this issue.

Fencing;

The Responsible Financial Officer advised that the fencing at the back of Milton Street was now complete and that this meant the whole of the Heritage Park was secured.

281.SITE MAINTENANCE – NATURAL ENGLAND

Unfortunately Adam Hinkson was unable to attend the meeting.

The Sub-Committee suggested that a written update be requested from Natural England.

282. DBC FUNDING FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

Emma Ventham informed the Sub-Committee that the play equipment had been installed although one piece of equipment was still awaiting the delivery of the correct lengthed chain from the supplier.

283.DCLG UNDERSPEND

Emma Ventham explained that she had nothing to report at this moment as the new Operational Manager had been on leave and any information may be with them.

Emma agreed to arrange for the Sub-Committee to be kept up to date on this matter.

284. PARKS FOR PEOPLE FUNDING APPLICATION

The RFO advised that the Project Planning Grant application had been successful and the funding had been received.

Emma Ventham confirmed that, in consultation and on behalf of the Sub-Committee, she would now be proceeding and taking the project forward.

285. PRIORITISED PROJECTS LIST

Members discussed the best way to ensure a sign was installed, at the London Road end of Craylands Lane, directing to the Heritage Park. The Town Clerk confirmed that this issue was already included in the spreadsheet that the Planning, Major Developments, Transportation & the Environment Committee submit to Kent Highways.

The Sub-Committee requested that the old waste bins, oil drums, be removed from the Heritage Park and that a new waste bin be purchased and installed in the picnic area.

Members discussed funding for new leaflets for the Friends of the Heritage Park (FOTHP) and Diane Snell agreed to obtain an estimate/price and to liaise with the FOTHP to submit a bid for funding for the leaflets.

286. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING OF THE PARK

Lis Dyson explained that she had spoken to Chief Inspector Harrison who had expressed his intention to attend the next meeting and that she would pass on the details of the next meeting to him.

Members agreed to include a site meeting of the Heritage Park in the agenda for the next meeting and to help facilitate this the meeting should be held in either The Swanscombe Centre or the Senior Citizens Hall.

287. FRIENDS OF THE HERITAGE PARK REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

The Teddy Bear's Picnic on 23 August 2007 had experienced poor weather although this had not deterred the young children who attended from enjoying themselves.

The Heritage Day had been disappointing with no members of the public attending.

A fancy dress Halloween Party was being held on 26 October 2007 from 6.00 to 8.00pm.

288. ANY OTHER ITEMS RELATING TO THE HERITAGE PARK / SKULL SITE

Suzanne Kemmenoe advised the Sub-Committee that the recent open days (21 and 22 September 2007) at the Observatory had attracted 373 visitors.


289. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 13 November 2007 at 1.00 pm, to be held at The Swanscombe Centre or the Senior Citizens Hall, Craylands Lane.

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There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 2.20pm.

Signed: 
(Chair)
B. L. Read

Date: 18-10-07

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & CRIME SUB-COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2007 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor B E Read - Chair
Councillor L J Bobby
Councillor P M Harman
Councillor P Harris
Councillor S W Johnston
Councillor Mrs C Openshaw
Councillor V Openshaw

IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO Chris Burnett,
Linda Tilley, Senior Housing Officer, Dartford Borough Council
Pam Atherton, Assistant Town Clerk

290. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor P J Scanlan and Pam Kaur, Anti Social Behaviour, Dartford Borough Council.

291. SUBSTITUTES

There were none

292. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

293. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2007

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2007 were confirmed and signed as a true record with an amendment being made to agenda item 148 reversing Councillor P Harris's statement in paragraph 12.

294. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA

There were none

295. MOTOR CYCLE PROBLEMS

Members were advised that at the last Meeting it had been requested that another letter be sent to the Chief Constable concerning the motor bike problems in Southfleet Road and inviting him and a Senior Officer to the Meeting. Members were provided with a copy of the further letter that was sent to the Chief Constable and the response received.

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Councillor B E Read provided Members with a copy of a newspaper cutting stating that the motor cycle videos had been advertised on the internet, showing motor cycles, at the roundabout at the end of Southfleet Road, by the A2 riding dangerously with other cars on the road.

Members were provided with a copy of an email from Mick Mercer PSE 55834 and an email from Colin Newmarch at Dartford Borough Council, Enforcement Team.

Members were also advised that PC Ridley had telephoned advising that he was working closely with the Dartford Borough Enforcement Team to deal with the problem of the motor cycles.

Councillor P M Harman enquired whether consideration had been given to speed cameras. Councillor B E Read informed Members that the police had advised that the number plates were too small to be picked up by speed cameras.

Councillor S W Johnston enquired whether Ebbsfleet had been informed of the problem. Councillor B E Read advised that there was a security booth at Ebbsfleet and would assume that they were aware of the problem

RECOMMENDED:

That this item be noted, but put on every future agenda.

That Councillor B E Read be kept informed of anything that arose before the next Meeting.

296. SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE ACTION WEEK

Members were provided with a copy of the schedule of the Swanscombe & Greenhithe Action Week.

PCSO C Burdett advised that PCSO S Reece had not passed the statistics to him but there had been a number of motor cycles sectioned 59. He advised that it had been a quiet week.

Councillor B E Read enquired whether it had been felt to be a successful week.

PCSO C Burdett advised that it was not un-successful but was not as successful as it was hoped.

Councillor P Harris enquired whether the Action Week would be repeated? PCSO C Burdett advised that it would be repeated.

Members were provided with an email from a resident of Spring Vale concerning the Action Week.

RECOMMENDED:

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That this item be noted.

297. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR VIA DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Linda Tilley, Senior Housing Officer advised that the anti social behaviour was improving in the area.

The Senior Housing Officer advised they were going to start up twice monthly surgeries. Councillor B E Read advised that the Old Fire Station Café could be used for this purpose. Surgeries would also be set up in all areas during the following month.

The Senior Housing Officer advised that they preferred to hold the surgeries close to Gunn Road as there were many problems in that area.

Councillor B E Read was provided by the Senior Housing Officer with a list of council houses within the Greenhithe area.

Councillor P Harris enquired whether there were any issues in Greenhithe. The Senior Housing Officer advised there were none to her knowledge. However, there could be issues with other Housing Associations, etc.

298. TOWN COUNCIL'S PROBLEMS LOG

Members were provided with a copy of the Town Council's Problems Log of problems reported to the Town Council during July, August and September 2007.

Spring Vale Excavations – Members observed from the Problems Log that youths were digging tunnels in the bank at Spring Vale which caused damage to the bank and was potentially dangerous. This had been reported to the police but unfortunately this kind of damage was not regarded as criminal damage as it was not permanent. It had been logged in a storm log and would be passed to the local community unit. A note from the Council warning residents of the dangers of this activity had been posted to all the houses in Spring Vale.

Councillor B E Read asked whether there could be a reporting mechanism back from the police. PCSO C Burdett advised that this would be something that he would be undertaking.

Councillor S W Johnston updated members on the quad bike incident on the August problems log.

The Senior Housing Officer advised that the police did not telephone very often with details of arrests of any tenants. PCSO C Burdett advised that he would take the matter up with Inspector Steinhouse.

Councillor P Harris reiterated that feed back was important, as if it was advertised that people would lose their homes due to anti social behaviour or other crime it would deter other people.

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The Senior Housing Officer advised that when a tenancy was issued the tenants were made aware of the terms and conditions of tenancy regarding anti social behaviour and the consequences.

Councillor P Harris enquired what the situation was with regard to private property and anti social behaviour.

Councillor B E Read advised that with regard to private property it was difficult to detect which houses were housing associations or council and which were private houses that caused the anti social behaviour.

Linda Tilley advised that people could contact Pam Kaur, Anti Social Behaviour at Dartford to report any anti social behaviour and she would either deal with it or advise who would deal with it.

Councillor P M Harman advised that he was surprised that the digging of holes at Spring Vale could not be logged as a crime as it posed a safety risk.

RECOMMENDED:

That the problems log be put on one sheet with a column added for actions.

299. COMMUNITY POLICING WITHIN SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE

Members were advised that Councillor P M Harman had requested an item be included in the Agenda concerning the "gapping" of PC Hammond's post.

PCSO C Burdett advised that the Neighbourhood Tasking Team, which consisted of 8 officers, were covering this.

RECOMMENDED:

That a letter be sent to the Neighbourhood Tasking Team advising that there had been a significant improvement on anti-social behaviour. Also Members very much appreciated the Neighbourhood Tasking Team being put in place and hoped that they could be available more in the future.

300. BEAT OFFICER REPORT

Members were advised that PC Hammond had now taken another post. PCSO C Burnett advised that the new PC would be PC James Hensman who would be taking up his post towards the end of November. Councillor B E Read asked PCSO C Burnett to pass on an invite to PC Hensman to come and meet with the Town Clerk.

Councillor P Harris advised Members that there did not seem to be a format for the Beat Officer report. He felt there could be a formulated report that was prepared before the Meeting then if the police officer could not attend a meeting the PCSO's could pick up a report from the Beat Officer to produce at meetings.

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RECOMMENDED:

That the Assistant Town Clerk asked the Town Clerk to construct a report of areas to be looked at the Anti Social Behaviour & Crime Sub-Committee Meetings and discuss this with the new Beat officer when in post.

301. PCSO REPORT

PCSO C Burnett advised that there had been 2 arrests over the previous week, one had been a quad bike and one a mini bike.

Car crime had increased and they had leafleted cars in the area warning of leaving articles in cars etc.

A car had been discovered with ringed number plates that had been involved in burglaries. However there were still car number plates going missing in the area.

Councillor B E Read advised Members on an incident involving copper piping.

302. LIGHTING POLLUTION

Members were advised that Councillor L J Bobby had raised, on behalf of a resident, the issue of light pollution in Southfleet Road, from Swan Valley School. Tom Micklewright from Kent County Council had been contacted and had responded to the resident explaining that Kent County Council were waiting for their contractor to provide firm proposals on this and that he would contact the resident again when this moved forward.

RECOMMENDED:

That this item be noted.

303. STEELE AVENUE

Members were advised that a complaint had been received from a resident concerning the path/old road leading under the bridge that ran across the beginning of Steele Avenue. It was a popular place for young people to hang out, which was not a problem to the resident, but glass was smashed on a regular basis. Therefore a dog could not be walked, a bike ridden or children go down there, the resident felt that patrols did not appear to be frequent.

RECOMMENDED:

That this item be passed to Stone Parish Council.

304. SIGNS IN PARKS

Members were advised that complaints had been received from Members of the public concerning dogs and ball games in the Parks.

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It had been reported that dogs were running loose in Swanscombe and Broomfield Parks causing problems with members of the public and other dogs

It had also been reported that large loose dogs were in the play area of Broomfield Park.

There had been a request to put up the following signs:

- a) "NO BALL GAMES"
- b) "ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS"
- c) "NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE PLAY AREA"

RECOMMENDED:

That this matter be referred to the Park's Foreman to check signage in the parks and play areas and report back any additional signs needed to the next Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting.

305. PRESENTATION ON NIEHGBOURHOOD POLICING

Members were provided with a copy of the notification of a Meeting being held by Chief Superintendent G Beautridge on 10 October 2007 at 7pm in the Council Chamber.

Members were advised that this Meeting clashed with the Planning, Transportation & Environment Committee Meeting that was to be held on the same day.

RECOMMENDED:

That a list was compiled outside of the Meeting of any Members that would like to attend Chief Superintendent G Beautridge's Meeting for passing to the Chairman of Planning, Transportation & Environment Committee to consider as a quorum would be required for the next Planning Meeting.

306. MOTOR BIKE/CAR PROBLEMS SOUTHFLEET ROAD

Members were provided with a copy of an email that had been received from Mick Mercer PSE 55834 apologising for the lack of response to the letter that had been sent on 19th July 2007 and advising that the matter had been passed to the Area Commander's office for an early response.

Members were also provided with a copy of an email that had been received from Colin Newmarch advising Members that a representative of the Council could attend the twice weekly meetings that were held at Dartford Borough Council at 10am. He also advised that there had been another meeting regarding this problem and a further meeting was planned to be held shortly.

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Members were advised by the Assistant Town Clerk that she had received a telephone call from PC Ridley on 24 September 2007 advising that there were plans in the pipeline to deal with the motor cycles and they were working with the Dartford Borough Council Enforcement Team to look into a short term fix then look for a longer term solution which would happen over the next couple of weeks.

RECOMMENDED:

That this item had been dealt with previously in the Meeting and was therefore noted.

307. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting was due to be held on 5th December 2007 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business to transact the Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed.....*V. Dyson*.....*18-10-07*
Chairman Date
BE Read