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SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee

Councillor Peter Harman - Chairman
Councillor Emma Ben Moussa - Vice-Chairman
Councillor Anita Barham
Councillor Lorna Cross
Councillor Ann Duke
Councillor Linda Hall
Councillor John Hayes
Councillor Lesley Howes

To all other Councillors: For information only

A Meeting of the above Committee will be held on

Thursday 23 March 2023 at 7.00pm

**at: The Council Offices, The Grove, Swanscombe,
Kent, DA10 0GA.**

Graham Blew

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Town Clerk

Dated: 16 March 2023

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Press and Public will be excluded from the Meeting from item 9 onwards.

Should any member have any questions regarding the content of the agenda or attached papers, please put them to the clerk's office 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence (*Local Government Act 1972, s.85*).
2. Substitutes.
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda (*Localism Act 2011, s.31*).

* ***As per Standing Order 34 c), and at the Chairman's discretion, the meeting will be adjourned at this point to allow any members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at the meeting. Members of the public are allowed to (i) make representations, (ii) answer questions and (iii) give evidence relating to the business being transacted.***

4. Items as Deemed Urgent by the Chairman / matters arising from previous minutes and their position on the Agenda (for discussion/information only, not for decision).
5. To confirm the of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 January 2023 (*full Council 9 February 2023*). (*Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Para 41(1)*).

6. **SENIOR GROUNDSMAN/GARDENER'S REPORT (p).**

Please see the attached report.

Recommended: That the report be noted.

7. **TOWN CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT.**

7.1 **"MEMORIAL" IN HERITAGE PARK (p).**

At the previous meeting, minute 385/22-23, Members agreed for this item to be deferred, and the memorial left in situ, whilst final attempts were made to get the family concerned to submit a request/application for a memorial as per the Town Council Memorial Policy.

Councillor Lorna Cross has confirmed that she spoke to the family who advised that the Memorial had been removed on 29 January 2023 (*this has subsequently been checked by the Parks Department*).

The attached completed "Application for a Memorial" form was received on 21 February 2023 and is for members consideration.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

7.2 REQUEST FROM SWANSCOMBE TIGERS FC – FOLDING METAL GOALS FOR JUNIOR PITCHES (p).

Please find attached a report on the details and implications of the request submitted by the Swanscombe Tigers FC.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

7.3 INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE GATES AT REAR OF GROVE HALL COMPOUND.

Quotes have been obtained for the installation of a double gate at the rear of the Grove Hall compound (a section of fence would be removed, and a double gate installed). Not only would this be utilised for sports activities on Broomfield Park but these gates would enable the area to be a viable option for the storage of equipment during, and post, the Pavilion project.

Members are asked to select which of the following quotes to use for the works:

Quote A – £2,011.20
Quote B - £3,228.53

This project would be funded from the fencing budget for 2023 – 2024.

Recommended: That one of the quotes be selected to undertake the works.

7.4 GANG MOWING.

Further to minutes 166/20-21 and 272/21-22, and in accordance with Financial Regulation 11.1 (iv) (and in consultation with the Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee) a continuation contract for gang mowing in 2023 has been signed.

❖ The increase on the contract was approximately 7 to 8%

Recommended: That, in accordance with Financial Regulation 11.1 (iv), the contract for gang mowing of the Town Councils areas for 2023 be endorsed/approved.

7.5 UNAUTHORISED CUTTING OF TREES – BROOMFIELD PARK, SWANSCOMBE (p).

The Town Council were recently made aware of unauthorised work having been undertaken on x4 healthy Wild Cherry trees within Broomfield Park.

This incident was reported to the Police and allocated reference number: DP-9982-23-4646-01. A PCSO visited houses in close proximity to the trees and it was established that x2 houses had arranged for the work to be undertaken as they felt the trees were interfering with their TV signals.

The attached letter was sent to both houses to advise them that no works were allowed to be undertaken on Town Council property/trees without the written consent of the Town Council and failure to adhere to this may result in legal proceedings.

Recommended: That the actions taken in dealing with this matter be endorsed.

7.6 UPDATE ON ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINT (EVCP) USAGE AT THE GROVE AND THE SWANSCOMBE CENTRE CAR PARKS (p).

Attached are the updated usage figures from Kent County Council.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

TO RESOLVE: Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public leave the meeting during consideration of the following item.

9. INGRESS PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE – UPDATE (p).

If there is any further news a verbal date update will also be provided at the meeting.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

INFORMATION:IN THE OFFICE:

- Allotment & Leisure Gardener, Issues 1, 2023.



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