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SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee

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Vacant Position

To all other Councillors: For information only

A Meeting of the above Committee will be held on

Thursday 26 September 2013 at 7.00pm

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

Graham Blew
Town Clerk

Dated: 19 September 2013

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence.
2. Substitutes.
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda.

At the Chairman's discretion the meeting will be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.

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 Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 June 2013 (*Town Council 10 July 2013*).

6. **SENIOR GROUNDSMAN/GARDENER'S REPORT.**

Please see the attached report.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

7. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.**

7.1 **REGISTRATION OF PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENT – RIGHT OF ACCESS TO REAR OF HERITAGE COMMUNITY HALL AND CRAYLANDS LANE ALLOTMENTS – UPDATE.**

Further to minutes 527/12-13 and 84/13-14 Members are advised that Land Registry have confirmed that the objection to the Council's application (by the purchaser of the former Stanley Ackers Hall) has been found to be groundless and that the Council's application has been completed. There is no right of appeal in respect of the Land Registry's decision although the objector could consider challenging the decision by applying to the court for judicial review which has strict time-limits applicable.

- Appendix A – Land Registry letter to owner of the site / the Objector
Appendix B – Town Council's Solicitors letter and details of the completion of Registrations for:
- Land lying to the south west of Craylands Lane (K927482)
 - Stanley Ackers Memorial Hall, Craylands Lane (K786411)
 - Heritage Community Hall, Craylands Lane (K948904)

All of which include "a right of way on foot and with vehicles over the accessway.

A letter has been sent to the purchaser of the site advising *"that the Town Council has successfully registered a prescriptive easement in order to obtain access to the rear of the Heritage Community Hall and the Craylands Lane allotments. This right is by foot and by vehicle. As owner of the burdened land, I am writing to you to*

request that the Town Council is provided with a key to the gate in order for access to be gained. I would therefore be grateful if you could either hand deliver or post a key to me at the council's offices. Thanking you in advance of your co-operation."

Recommended: To note.

7.2 REQUEST TO INSTALL A DOG FOUL BIN IN ALKERDEN LANE.

We have received a request to install a dog bin on Alkerden Lane as *"there is an issue with dogs fouling the pavement and grass there."*

The cost of purchasing and installing a dog foul bin would be approximately £155.00 and the cost of emptying it weekly would be approximately £8.00/week. The Town Council currently has 23 dog foul bins.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

7.3 REQUEST FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL TO ERECT CRICKET NETS (OR A SUITABLE EQUIVALENT) AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE PAVILION.

The Pavilion Community Sports & Social Club submitted the attached request which the Town Clerk responded to as shown. No further correspondences have been received regarding this matter.

Recommended:

- 1 To endorse the actions of the Town Clerk in dealing with this matter to date.
- 2 To decline the request.

7.4 POSSIBLE PLANTING OF NEW TREES IN BROOMFIELD AND SWANSCOMBE PARKS.

The Town Clerk has been liaising with The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) regarding tree planting at the sites as part of their successful 5 year Heritage Lottery Fund Scheme. A meeting was held on 5 September with TCV and the Chairman of Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee, the Town Clerk and Senior Groundsman/Gardener to discuss exactly what was involved/available and to show the TCV the sites. We are currently awaiting further correspondence from TCV.

Recommended: To note.

7.6 THE SWANSCOMBE LEISURE CENTRE (GRAVESHAM COMMUNITY LEISURE LIMITED (GCLL) – UPDATE.

GCLL recently contacted the Town Council seeking permission to use the council logo on the glass at the entrance doors of the centre (as part of the refurbishment). These would be to be 15cm x 15cm in size and probably 6 in number. In consultation with the Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee the Town Clerk agreed to this request. GCLL have also advised that they hope to re-

open the centre on 16 October 2013 (noon) and would welcome as many members as possible to attend (formal invitations were to be sent by GCLL to the council).

Recommended: To endorse the actions of the Town Clerk in agreeing to this request.

7.7 PROJECT TO COMMEMORATE WW1 IN SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.

The Full Council (10 July 2013) requested that the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee consider further ways that the Town Council can commemorate the Centenary of WW1 and all the residents that had fallen in conflicts (minute 112/13-14).

Recommended: To endorse the actions of the Town Clerk in agreeing to this request.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE:

- Allotment & Leisure Gardener, Issue 3, 2013.
- Wild Kent – The magazine of Kent Wildlife Trust – summer 2013

Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council Website:
<http://www.swanscombeandgreenhithetc.kentparishes.gov.uk/>