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SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee

Vacant position (Chairman)
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Councillor P A Read
Councillor P J Scanlan

To all other Councillors: For information only

A Meeting of the above Committee will be held on

Thursday 28 November 2013 at 7.00pm

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

Graham Blew
Town Clerk

Dated: 22 November 2013

A G E N D A

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 16 September 2013 (*Town Council 17 October 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 TREES TO TREASURE SCHEME – SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION.

The Trees to Treasure Team had sent confirmation that the Town Councils applications had been successful and as a result 154 mixed varieties of whips had been allocated. These would be planted at the Swanscombe Heritage Park, site in the usual manner, to give them the best chance of maturing.

Recommended: To note.

7.2 RIGHT OF ACCESS TO REAR OF HERITAGE COMMUNITY HALL AND CRAYLANDS LANE ALLOTMENTS – UPDATE.

Further to minute 163/13-14 the owner of the former Stanley Ackers Hall site had supplied a key to the gate on 18 October 2013. When we tried to get keys cut from this the locksmith advised that it was not possible due to the specific type of key.

A letter was sent to the land owner advising him of this on 29 October 2013. On 31 October 2013 the land owner rang to inform that he had received our letter and would be fitting a new padlock and supplying us with keys.

Recommended: To note.

7.3 DOG CHIPPING.

The Town Clerk has been liaising with the Campaigns & Education Assistant of the Dogs Trust to try to arrange sessions of free dog chipping. This would entail the Dogs Trust setting up a gazebo, if outdoors, and the public can then turn up (no appointments necessary) to have their dogs chipped free of charge. Due to the popularity of this scheme the earliest dates available are in March/April 2014.

Recommended: To delegate the Town Clerk to confirm the details and proceed with these events at the earliest available opportunity.

7.4 PROJECT TO COMMEMORATE WW1 IN SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.

Further to minute 169/13-14 the attached quotations (A, B and C) have been received regarding the possibility of re-instating the old flag pole in Swanscombe Park.

The cost for a new 8 meter (7.15 meter above ground) flagpole would be £139.95 exc. VAT with flags costing approximately £60.00.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

7.5 ESTIMATES FOR 2014 – 2015.

Members are informed that officers have begun work on the estimates for 2014 – 2015 and that they are invited to contact the RFO, outside of this meeting, and inform her of any suggestions and/or items they feel should be included. The draft Annual Estimates 2014 - 2015 will need to be approved and endorsed by the full Council in January 2014 before setting the Council Tax Base for the 2014 - 2015 financial year.

Attached is a copy of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Chairman's Briefing regarding the possibility of principal authorities (DBC) not passing on the Council Tax Benefit Support Grant.

Recommended: To note.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE:

- Southern Water – South East Water Resources Update – Autumn 2013
- Southern Water – Statement of Response (Summary) – Draft water resources management plan 2015 – 2040 – 18 November 2013
- Allotment and Leisure Gardens – Issue 4 2013

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