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SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee

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To all other Councillors: For information only

A Meeting of the above Committee will be held on

Thursday 4 February 2016 at 7.00pm

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

Graham Blew
Town Clerk

Dated: 27 January 2016

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.

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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 26 November 2015 (*Town Council 17 December 2015*).
6. **SENIOR GROUNDSMAN/GARDENER'S REPORT (p).**

Please see the attached report.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

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

7.1 **TO CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF NEPTUNE PARK IN RELATION TO FIELDS IN TRUST (FiT).**

Further to minutes 509/11-12 and 83/12-13 members are asked to consider applying for a further Deed of Dedication (non-charitable) covering Neptune Park. Members are reminded that the Town Council currently has Swanscombe, Knockhall, Broomfield, Saxon Court, Valley View and Manor Park protected under the QEII Fields Scheme.

To assist members the following are attached:-

- A The plans for Neptune Park indicating the area to be considered
- B The Deed of Dedication already in place for Broomfield Park.

The cost to the Town Council would be approximately £120.00.

Recommended: To agree to apply for Neptune Park to be protected under the Fields in Trust Scheme (non-charitable).

7.2. RECREATION FACILITY CHARGES 2016 – 2017 (p).

Please find attached the proposed price increases; the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) has increased them by 2.5% overall and rounded up to the nearest whole number, as agreed the allotments have been increased by 10%, which was taken into account when agreeing the estimates (*Finance and General Purposes Committee 14 January 2016*).

Recommended: To advise of any changes to the suggested increases for 2016 – 2017 and to approve.

7.3. EXTERNAL SIGN FOR ENTRANCE TO CHANGING ROOMS AT THE PAVILION (p).

In a further attempt to ensure the changing rooms and shower areas are kept as clean as is reasonably possible by the users of the sports pitches members are asked to consider whether the Town Council would like to purchase and install a sign advising that sports footwear should be removed before entering the building (example attached). The cost to the Town Council would be approximately £111.00.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

7.4. QUEENS 90th BIRTHDAY

The Queen celebrates her 90th birthday on the 21 April 2016, with her official birthday on the weekend of 11 & 12 June 2016, both of these dates are being marked with national events and celebrations.

In the budget for 2016-17 (agreed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee 14 January 2016) £1000 was allocated for the Town Council to celebrate / commemorate this event. Members need to begin considering / decide on what the Town Council will propose to do, where and when etc.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

7.5. HERITAGE COMMUNITY HALL AND GROVE HALL WOODEN DOORS.

As part of the Estimate setting process members were previously made aware that the wooden doors to these halls required replacing Cost Centre 16, Cost Code 301 and Cost Centre 17, Cost Code 321. A verbal update will be given regarding this project.

Recommended: To note

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.

7.6. INGRESS PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE.

A verbal update will be given regarding the Working Groups meetings on 15 January and 4 February 2016.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

7.7. COMMUNITY CAFÉ WORKING GROUP.

A verbal update will be given regarding the Working Group meetings on 15 January and 4 February 2016.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE:

- Wild Kent – The magazine of Kent Wildlife Trust – winter 2015/16.

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