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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

Wednesday 18 September 2024 at 7.00pm

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

Graham Blew

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Town Clerk

Dated: 13 September 2024

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 (*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 27 June 2024 (*full Council 25 July 2024*).
(*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 CRICKET – PITCH ALLOCATION 2025 SEASON (p).

Members are asked to consider the attached report which details the options of possible hirers for 2025.

Recommended: To decide which teams will be allocated a space on the pitch for the 2025 cricket season.

7.2 ROUGH SLEEPERS – KNOCKHALL PARK AND HERITAGE PARK (p).

Please find attached a report on recent incidents of rough sleepers in Town Council parks.

Recommended:

1. To note and endorse, the actions taken to date by the Town Clerk in managing the encampments from rough sleepers.
2. To agree for the Town Clerk to continue to engage with the relevant stakeholders to ensure that the matter is managed to minimise the

potential impact to the Town Council, its parks and neighbouring residents.

7.3 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS (EVCP) (p).

Further to minute 462/22-23 please see attached the statistics, from 2021 to date, for the EVCP's at both The Swanscombe Centre and the Grove Car Park.

These statistics clearly show a progressive increase in use across both sites.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

7.4 BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

A resident of Pentstemon Drive was found to have moved their fence line across the boundary into Broomfield Park. It was arranged for the Town Council Solicitor to write a letter to the resident and the fence line has been re-instated on the correct boundary line.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

7.5. INGRESS PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE – UPDATE.

Further to the update provided at the 27 June 2024 Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting (minute 79/24-25) the Town Council and the Senior Planner at Dartford Borough Council have both emailed the Crest Nicholson Technical Director & Deputy Managing Director – Eastern on 12 August, 27 August and 12 September 2024, seeking an update on:

1. The outstanding items on the snagging list
2. The discharge of conditions 10&11
3. The construction of the bike and bin stores
4. The planning application for the car park. *(We noted that Natural England have raised further comments on the 7 August 2024 and Dartford Borough Council submitted their comments on 11 September 2024)*

To date there has been no response.

Recommended: That the update be noted.

INFORMATION IN THE OFFICE.

- Allotment & Leisure Gardener – Issue 3, 2024



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