

FULL COUNCIL 19th June 2019
7:30PM THE CIVIC CENTRE

MINUTES

Present: Deputy Mayor Cllr J Barnes, Leader Cllr M Horwood, Cllr S Andrews, Cllr L Ball, Cllr C Barnes, Cllr G Darrington, Cllr P Darrington, Cllr J Domigan, Cllr M Foster, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr C Lee, Cllr V Letchford, Cllr T Searles, Cllr A Skipper, Cllr J Tuckfield

Officers: CEO - Steve Nash,
Democratic Services Officer - Barbara Playfoot

Blessing: The Deputy Mayor invited Father Dane Batley-Gladden to say a prayer in memory of the Mayor of Verrieres le Buisson who had very recently lost his battle with cancer.

Public Session: The Deputy Mayor asked Mrs C Hudson to say a few words about the Mayor of Verrieres le Buisson, Monsieur Thomas Joly who had met him several times both in France and UK with the Swanley Twinning Association. She said that he was a very inspirational man, strong environmentalist, good company and he would be a hard act to follow.

A resident from Kettlewell Court spoke about the proposed development of 4 x 2 bedroom houses to be built on disused garages adjacent to 20 Kettlewell Court and the 6 x 1 bedroom flats on the site of Garages 40 – 48 Northview. He gave a brief history of previous plans to develop the 2 garage sites and the problems the builds would cause to his property and the other residents of Kettlewell Court.

Cllr J Barnes thanked him for his statement and said that the planning applications are on the Development Control agenda and would be discussed at that meeting following Full Council.

10722 To receive Apologies for Absence
Cllr L Dyball

10723 To receive Declarations of Interest
None

10724 To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 and Wednesday 19th June 2019
APPROVED

10725 To receive Minutes of Committees and approve recommendations contained therein:

Development Control – 22nd May 2019
Policy & Finance – 22nd May 2019

AGREED

10726 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990 – Section 99

To request that Sevenoaks District Council adopt this power and delegate to Swanley Town Council (Report B)

The CEO explained that SDC (Sevenoaks District Council) can adopt the power to remove abandoned shopping trollies from the roads in the district. The CEO wishes them to adopt the powers to do this and delegate the power to STC (Swanley Town Council) so that the trollies can be collected by STC and then in turn charges can be applied to the companies for failing to control use of their trollies. He went on to say that there will be further reports and discussion on the subject once the powers have been delegated to STC.

RESOLVED

10727 GRANT AID APPLICATION

To consider a request for Grant Aid from Citizens Advice Bureau in North & West Kent

Approved Grant Aid application of £211.16 be awarded to Citizens Advice Bureau. Cllr Horwood said that there is a budget set aside for Grant Aid and was aware that there had been 3 other requests made in this financial year. He had ask the RFO to give an update on the spend so far at the next Policy & Finance meeting.

RESOLVED

Mayors Communication

To receive such communications as the Town Mayor may desire to lay before the Council (Councillors are reminded that no decision making may take place as a result of this item)

The Deputy Mayor said that there had been no update from the Mayor on her engagements since the last Full Council two weeks ago.

He added that along with other councillors he had attended Armed Forces Day at the weekend which he thought was very good however, the attendance he felt was down due to the +30C temperatures as it was too hot for young families.

Cllr C Barnes thanked the Civic Manager Toni Roast for her quickly re-arranging the displays following the cancellation of the planned Parachute drop, she managed to replace this with a motorcycle stunt team.

Cllr Foster gave credit to the Army and the Air Cadets as they performed an excellent parade considering the heat.

Dates for the diary – 23rd August 2019 – 1812 Night – Swanley Park
24th August 2019 – Folk Festival – Swanley Park

Report from County and District Councillors

Cllr Horwood reported that following the extensive flooding in Swanley particularly in the Pinks Hill area there has been a distinct increase in gully cleansing in that area along with both White Oak and St Marys Wards. He went on to say that he had not managed to arrange a meeting with the Highways agency to discuss the lagoon that captures water runoff from the A20, to ask for preventative measures to be put in place to prevent that overflowing.

He also reported that Swanley Lane including the Army Cadet Hall had been subject to sewage flooding, which Thames Water is responsible for. He had contacted Thames Water and they have agreed to thoroughly cleanse Swanley Lane and the Army Hall and he suggested to Thames Water that they might make a goodwill donation to the Cadets.

Cllr Horwood went on to inform the members that SDC Development and Conservation Committee are meeting next Thursday 11th July 2019 to discuss the proposed change to the Conservation area in Swanley Village which affects seven properties and will prevent residents from changing the appearance of the property without planning permission.

Cllr Andrews gave an update on the White Oak redevelopment and that 16 groups will be displaced if the proposed plans go ahead. If the Sevenoaks SUNS development at the Olympic site is built then some can be relocated to that facility. Focusing on the swimming pool she has been approached by the Bexley Water Polo club who are currently trying to obtain funding from either the Lottery or Swim England to have an extending depth floor built into the new pool as White Oak is the only deep water pool in Kent which is required to play water polo but the new pool will be required for swimming lessons in shallow water. Cllr Andrews is currently liaising with Peter Fleming (SDC) who has acknowledged this requirement. Also there will now be a 100 seat spectator gallery for viewing potential galas etc. and the pool will be made slightly bigger with touch pads for swimming competitions. They are also considering the open space to hold 2 badminton courts but Cllr Andrews thinks that the original footprint of the site will not be extended.

Date of next meeting – 4th September 2019

Meeting closed at 20.12

Council Members:

Mayor Cllr L Dyball

Leader Cllr M Horwood

Deputy Leader Cllr L Ball

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