

# Swanley Town Council

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## ESTATES AND FACILITIES

### MINUTES

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020

**Present:** (Chair) Cllr S Andrews, (Deputy Chair) Cllr L Ball, Cllr C Barnes  
Cllr J Domigan, Cllr M Foster, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr T Searles

**Also Present:** Cllr G Darrington, Cllr P Darrington, Cllr M Horwood, Cllr C Lee,  
Cllr V Letchford

**Officers:** CEO - Steve Nash  
RFO Steve Innes  
Parks Director – Peter Goddard  
Assistant Town Clerk – Toni Roast  
Democratic Services Officer - Barbara Playfoot

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Tuckfield

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 10891 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**APPROVED**

### 10892 PARKS DIRECTOR

To comment on the report and ask questions of the Director – Report A  
The Parks Director gave an update on further progress:

- Splash Pool – This is on plan, pump house build material is being delivered on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. The work on the build will commence on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, the pipe work has already been laid to the pool and pump area.
- Nerf Wars – They are in high demand with bookings almost full for February Half Term. The Park is planning to introduce laser wars and the equipment has been sourced. An arena feel has been created to the party area with community paybacks help.
- Doggy Day Care – The building has been delivered as well as the slabs which will act as a base it is planned to install as soon as possible. Once the area has been completed a licence will be applied for.
- Great Outdoors – 3 banners have been placed around the park, one has pricing information, one has party information and the third provides information for visitors to find the activity. Toys have been collected from a local nursery school and they have been introduced into the outside area. It is hoped that these will attract new visitors and keep the old customers interested.

- Café – The café has begun work on expanding their premises, they have come up with some brilliant new ideas and improvements. The work is looking fantastic and excited to see the finished project.
- Trees – Three new pear trees have been planted to fill in the gaps between the existing line of pear trees.
- Green Flag awards – The application forms and payments are being sent this week.

Cllr Ball asked why there are 2 Park managers employed. The Parks Director explained that with increased activities each manager has specialist areas of responsibility and provide deputy cover for himself and the other manager so the Park has constant management presence.

Cllr Ball also asked about the suggestion to introduce battery cars. The Parks Director said that he was looking into a shared agreement with the battery car supplier to provide the cars with a view they would receive part of the income from the activity.

Cllr Andrews asked if both Nerf Wars and Laser Wars are both needed, the Parks Director said that it does provide a choice for customers and will be very popular.

Cllr Horwood noted that the Nerf Wars was generating a considerable profit and with the introduction of the Laser Wars activity would only increase the income.

Cllr Darrington asked why there was a projected loss of profit for not having Mini Golf, the CEO said that he was unsure whether to introduce a new mini golf facility as the Park was offering more choice this year. The old mini golf was passed repair so it would need investment to replace both the site and the design were both in obsolescence.

#### **10893 PROPOSAL FOR VE DAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020 – Report B**

To approve the proposal for VE day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 activities

The Assistant Town Clerk explained that STC would like to celebrate VE Day by installing three benches of different designs opposite the WW1 silhouettes on Bartholomew Way.

It was generally felt that the suggested location was not ideal and other areas of the Town were suggested. It was agreed that the benches could be purchased with the location sites to be agreed at a later date.

**APPROVED – Proposed benches to be purchased**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**MEETING CLOSED AT 19.55**

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mr Steve Nash, on 01322 665855 or [snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

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