

Swanley Town Council

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ESTATES AND FACILITIES

7.30pm – ZOOM Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday 21st October 2020

Present: (Chair) Cllr J Tuckfield, Cllr C Barnes, Cllr J Domigan, Cllr M Foster, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr T Searles

Also Present: Cllr J Barnes, Cllr G Darrington, Cllr P Darrington, Cllr L Dyball, Cllr M Horwood, Cllr C Lee, Cllr A Skipper, Cllr V Letchford

Officers: Assistant Town Clerk – Toni Roast
RFO - Steve Innes
Parks Director – Ryan Hayman
Democratic Services Officer - Barbara Playfoot
Sales & Marketing Manager – Suzie Barnbrook

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Sarah Andrews, Cllr L Ball

Cllr J Tuckfield to chair meeting as agreed by committee members.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

11073 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2020
APPROVED

11074 PARKS DIRECTORS REPORT

To comment on the report and ask questions of the Director.

- STC will collect shopping trolleys around town. Aldi have confirmed they will pay for this service and we will invoice them. ASDA are yet to come back to us, Cllr P Darrington confirmed he had spoken to Matt Feathstone, who is the branch Manager of Swanley ASDA and he has referred this onto the head office.
- Cllr J Tuckfield is very proud with the results of the Green Flag Awards.
- Cllr J Tuckfield congratulated the entire parks team on attaining the Green Flag Award and suggested it be displayed in a prominent position in the park. The Parks Director has suggested we place the flag by the kiosk overlooking the lake.
- Cllr M Horwood showed his concerns regarding the anti-social behaviour at the park, and asked whether there is anything we can do? Parks Director responded that the local PCSO's and Police Department have been amazing this year.
- Cllr L Dyball confirmed Swanley Park was one of the hotspots, which is a good thing as this brings in amore patrols to the park.
- Cllr M Foster asked whether the Parks Director had thought of barriers to stop the mopeds/motorbikes. Parks Director said that since we have had the dog trainers in,

they do tend to leave us alone. We did install chain fencing but they seem to be lifting them to confirm access.

- Cllr J Domigan asked about the mini goal posts at the Elephant Park, we had 2 and that 1 had been vandalised and was we looking to replace it? Parks Director confirmed we have it, we are just waiting for the welding machine to be prepared then it will be installed.

11075 SOUTH & SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM REPORT

Assistant Town Clerk reported on South & South East In Bloom.

- Cllr J Tuckfield asked whether this was in the Town Crier. Assistant Town Clerk confirmed it is and certificates are on display in the Civic office.
- Cllr M Horwood congratulated the Assistant Town Clerk and her team.

11076 SANTAS GROTTO

To approve the new location of Santa's Grotto to Swanley Park for 2020.

Assistant Town Clerk explained that for this year we would like to move the Grotto to the hard standing area in Swanley Park. Due to the current pandemic this will allow us to run the event safely in a bigger space.

APPROVED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 20th January 2021

MEETING CLOSED AT 20.47

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