

ESTATES AND FACILITIES
7.30pm – ZOOM Meeting

MINUTES
Wednesday 21st April 2021

Present:

Members	Present	Apologies	Absent
Chair: Cllr S Andrews	✓		
Deputy Chair: Cllr L Ball	✓		
Cllr C Barnes	✓		
Cllr J Domigan	✓		
Cllr M Foster		✓	
Cllr J Griffiths	✓		
Cllr T Searles	✓		
Cllr J Tuckfield	✓		

Also Present: Cllr J Barnes, Cllr G Darrington, Cllr P Darrington, Cllr M Horwood, Cllr C Lee.

Officers: CEO & Town Clerk – Ryan Hayman
Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) - Steve Innes
Assistant Town Clerk – Toni Roast
Parks & Open Spaces Manager – George Brooker
Venues Manger – Kerina Keir
Sales, Marketing and Democratic Manager – Suzie Barnbrook

Public: Cllr Perry Cole – Sevenoaks District Councillor

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr M Foster

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

11233 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 20th January 2021.

APPROVED

11234 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES MANAGER REPORT

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

Parks and Open Spaces Manager gave update that the Astro Turf in the play park is currently being fitted and is expected to be finished by Monday. Once works are completed an email will be sent round with photos and update.

Cllr M Horwood – Great report well done! Cllr M Horwood asked if George could brief all the Park Rangers that Swanley Residents do not pay for the Splash Park.

Cllr S Andrews - Thanks George for his excellent work and a huge well done for implementing all the new play stations at the park.

Cllr S Andrews – Asked whether there was a start date on the new pathways and have there been any more parking issues. Parks and Open Spaces Manager confirmed the works on the pathways will be starting next month. We are still having reoccurring issues with fines from the car park, although there have been less issues with the phone app. As we get into the busy season we will be able to tell if the newly installed paying machine will have helped.

Cllr S Andrews – wanted clarification that all fees for the Splash Pool will be removed once restrictions are fully lifted – Parks and Open Spaces Manger confirmed yes fees will be removed, they are currently in place to cover cleaning and staffing costs.

11235 THE OLYMPIC AND THE ALEXANDRA SUITE VENUES MANAGER REPORT

Cllr M Horwood – asked do you think customers are hoping lockdown will end and all things will go back to normal and that this will show in terms of Christmas bookings? Venues Manager responded that the general consensus is that yes it will be a great Christmas, 70 tickets currently have been sold for the School's Out Party Night in July and customers wanted to book New Year's Eve last year so we know this year will be good for both venues.

Cllr S Andrews – Thanked Kerina and congratulated for her report and is delighted that The Olympic has re-opened for outside drinking and eating. Cllr S Andrews is pleased the Party Nights are selling well and let's hope we have a full diary of events going forward.

Cllr S Andrews – Visited the snooker room a year ago and asked whether the holes in the ceiling, scoreboard was fixed and a light bulb over a table was replaced. Venues Manager confirmed that lights are all done and Kerina was unaware of the scoreboard and will check.

11236 LITTER AND FLY TIPPING UPDATE

Cllr J Griffiths gave update and discussions and questions were asked.

- Cllr J Griffiths is receiving lots of complaints with regards to fly tipping. There is a Zoom meeting with Sevenoaks District Council next week to go through ideas in trying to get the community involved.
- Cllr J Griffiths shared ideas on Eco Friendly litter/dog bag stations. CEO confirmed that they do sell them at a reduced cost to Town and Parish Councils.
- Cllr S Andrews, Cllr G Darrington and Cllr P Darrington are co-ordinating a site meeting in Hollytree Avenue with Sevenoaks District Council, West Kent Housing, and residents to try and tackle the ongoing problem and solve it once and for all.
- Toni Roast, Assistant Town Clerk updated that there are teams of people litter picking in all of the Wards including young children.
- Cllr M Horwood wanted to ask whether as the Town Council do we need to seek a meeting with West Kent Housing regarding Hollytree Avenue regarding the fly tipping as it is their land. Cllr S Andrews agreed and this is why they have called a site meeting.
- Cllr J Tuckfield asked whether we can contact local schools regarding awareness. Cllr J Tuckfield is also concerned regarding the fly tipping on New Barn Road and lack of road sweeping. Cllr J Griffiths took photos/videos of the area on New Barn Road and took this up with Sevenoaks today. Parks and Open Spaces Manager confirmed that the last road sweep was January/February it was in agreement that this was not regular enough and the Parks and Opens Manager will contact Sevenoaks District Council. CEO confirmed the fly tipping on New Barn Road is actually on private land and we have cleared it all before. The CEO went on to say that it is gutting that this is the first impression you get when you drive in to Swanley Park. CEO

had discussions with a CCTV company regarding installing cameras down New Barn Road and Beechenlea Lane who are currently preparing a quote. Toni Roast, Assistant Town Clerk confirmed we run a Just Bin Campaign in Schools and when we run litter pick campaigns, the Assistant Town Clerk went on to say that we do this with the schools so the children are involved and educated about litter.

- Cllr P Darrington confirmed Environmental Health have been involved many times concerning Hollytree as well as the residents, they have tried putting combination locks on the waste store which has not worked.
- Cllr C Barnes made a point that unfortunately by charging people and booking slots at the local dump this was not helping, due to financial difficulties people are facing, this is encouraging people to fly tip.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 21st July 2021

MEETING CLOSED AT 20:05