

SCENIC MINUTES – 4TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Present:

Cllrs Pett (AP), Sharp (AHS), Castro (JC), Alesi (MA), Martin (AM)

Apologies:

Cllr Riordan (PR)

Confirmation of last minutes: Agreed

Matters Arising:

- AHS has researched that all PC reports should, in law, actually be written by the Clerk. This will be further researched in the Clerks' Yellow Book of Regulations. **ACTION: AHS** However, it was agreed that this would add considerably to the Clerk's workload, therefore an acceptable route would be for a report to be presented to the Clerk for him to agree/amend and then sign.
1. **Youth Club**
 - Discussion re where do we stand with re-opening the YC. The pilot scheme being promoted by Lottie Parfitt-Reid may still be some way off being actioned and we need a plan in place in the event the pilot falls through.
 - JC will contact Rob York again for further advice.
 - **ACTION: Clerk to be asked to contact Bill Best, as soon as possible and before the next PC meeting in order that this can be fed back, to ask if he would be willing to operate the YC in the short term with other Scout Leaders. The aim is to be able to meet the legal requirements for running a YC.**
 - **ACTION: Office to be asked to check current DBS rules, as we believe DBS forms remain relevant for more than one place.**
 - **ACTION: Office to be asked to advise councillors of legal cover and necessary licences for the YC.**
 - Suggestion that we set a date for a meeting for anyone interested in running the YC.
 - **The pilot scheme would then be the fallback position.**
 - Discussion re some of the furniture in the YC, with the decision that the large table should be retained. Similarly, the table tennis table – ask Men's Shed to carry out any repairs needed. **ACTION: JC to check condition of table tennis table.**
 - **ACTION: JC and AHS to check electrical items and cables and liaise with office re licences.**
 2. **Surrenden Field Pavilion**
 - AHS reported that MBC has advised that we should move straight to planning permission. **ACTION: AHS to expedite this, as we believe all paperwork is now in place.**
 - Re SCEG letter, Clerk believes that its tone will offend SCEG members. **ACTION: AHS will contact Tania to explain the PC's view, in advance of the formal letter going out.**
 3. **SEHT & STORAGE**
 - Insurance still unavailable. MA continues to research
 - Storage of SEHT's equipment is now of paramount importance. It is hoped that the Parade toilets can provide a solution and as agreed at PC meeting: **ACTION: Office to be asked to**

secure quotes for new door/entrance to replace the boarding-up, in order that SEHT can use the non-disabled toilet to store equipment.

- Discussion re the preference to provide disabled toilet facilities, rather than rely on the public toilet at Gregg's, which is only open during shop hours.
- **ACTION: AHS to further research the possibility of re-instating the disabled toilet for radar keyholders and report to next PC meeting.**

4. Christmas Lights

- Re installation of lights on lamp posts, KCC only allow certain companies. The last installer is likely to charge circa £3000 this year.
- Licences to be purchased immediately
- Replacement motifs need to be purchased as soon as possible: the following were agreed from catalogue provided: 3 x multi-star motifs and 3 x snowflake motifs, all @ £200 each + VAT. Purchase dependent on the weight being the same and appropriate.
- **ACTION: Office to be asked to purchase licences and new motifs as soon as possible and book a contractor to install.**
- Re Christmas tree for the Parade – it was hoped that a more prominent tree could be installed this year. **ACTION: JC to liaise with PR.**
- Re sponsorship for next year's lights. **ACTION: Clerk to be asked to write to local businesses to seek sponsorship for 2025 lights.**

5. Phone Box Update

- Question – who is going to install the defibrillator and background? **ACTION: JC to ask PR**

6. AOB

- Cranbrook U3A have offered a PA system to the PC for a donation, amount to be clarified.
- Mr Gavin O'Dea has donated a defibrillator to SPC, which has never been used, is about one year old and just requires a battery.
- AM has been asked about a cracked boundary wall in Chapel Lane, which a resident is concerned could fall on a car or passer-by. Advised to report to MBC Health and Safety.
- AHS has researched display boards to be used at various vantage points around the village, giving historical background information to visitors. AP also suggested purple plaques, as sited around Frittenden. It was agreed that this might be a project for future consideration. **ACTION: Group asked to research individual items/points/places of interest and report back.**

Next meeting:

October 1st reverting to 7.30pm time