

## Notes on Scenic Meeting – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Agenda

#### 1. Present:

Cllrs. Sharp (Chair)(AHS), Melville (JM), Castro (JC) and Martin (AM)

#### 2. Apologies:

Cllrs Pett and Alesi

#### 3. Minutes of last meeting:

Agreed as a true record of the meeting

#### 4. Display Boards:

- JM will design and build a 1m x 1m prototype on a 2 x post stand, to be erected in the front garden area of the Community Centre.
- Discussion re information it will contain, possibly the history of the building.
- **ACTION: AHS to ask Staplehurst Society members for input and photos.**

#### 5. Youth Club:

- Since last meeting Clerk has met with YMCA re possibility of them running a youth club at no cost to SPC. If agreed they plan to run outreach over the summer, to start the Youth Club in September.
- **ACTION: Remind Clerk to chase for a firm decision.**
- Re building roof – 2 quotes have been obtained one from Staplehurst Roofing to replace with slate tiles at a cost of £22K + VAT. The 2<sup>nd</sup> from Pride Roofing, 2 options comprising (1) felt roof just over £14K + VAT and (2) slates £25K.
- Group feels slates would be inappropriate in terms of material being too heavy and cost.
- Chris from Pride Roofing is attending next week to look at patching only as emergency work.
- **Recommendation to full council to spend bare minimum to maintain the building and save money for future long-term decision re this building.**

#### 6. Surrenden Field Pavilion:

- MBC pre-panning advice is that the new building will fall under permitted development
- Proper plan needs to be prepared ready for planning permission submission
- Dimensions discussed.
- **ACTION: AHS to check with Hanson's definitive dimensions of their buildings and updated costs.**
- **ACTION: JM to prepare new plan**
- **ACTION: JC and JM to check what estimated footprint would look like.**
- **ACTION: AM to make list of possible users of a new pavilion and likely problems to be encountered and solutions to those problems.**

#### 7. Disabled Toilet at Parade

- New contact at KCC

- £500 quoted for surveyor to attend and prepare survey prior to any handover. KCC expected to pick up this cost and MBC would be expected to carry out any repairs highlighted. **ACTION: Ask Clerk to chase.**

#### **8. Christmas Lights**

- Review meeting (AM + JT + DJ) has had to be rescheduled due to staff holidays
- JM has secured sponsorship of a rooted tree from JBH – group cannot identify a suitable planting area.
- Research ongoing re asking local shops if they would be interested in paying towards small trees attached to their premises, similar to those displayed in Hawkhurst and Cranbrook high streets. **ACTION: AHS to check with Hawkhurst PC and JM with Cranbrook and Robert Strutt to ascertain how theirs work.**
- **Recommendation to purchase a rootless tree for the Parade, with a permanent base installed.**
- Re light motifs – need to check whether motifs can be refurbished. **ACTION: AM to check previous planning minutes.**

#### **9. AOB**

- Re planters in need of repainting. Suggestion that a competition could be organised for Guides/Scouts etc to design and paint planters. This could include the bus shelter opposite Church Green, which belongs to SPC, which could be repainted in the future.

Need to reconnect with GSG **ACTION: AHS to contact members of the GSG**

- Re Boot fair planned for 9<sup>th</sup> August – as this item was unable to be discussed at this week's full council meeting due to lack of time – JM will email councillors to gauge views and agreement that it can go ahead.

#### **10. Next meeting dates:**

**24<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm and 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm**