

SCENIC Minutes – Thursday 24th July 2025

1. Present:

Cllrs Sharp (AHS)(Chair), Alesi (MA), Martin (AM)

2. Apologies:

Cllrs Melville and Castro (Absent Cllr Pett)

3. Minutes of last meeting:

Agreed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Display Boards

AHS and JM currently liaising. Cllr Melville to be asked how his prototype is progressing.

5. Youth Club

- YMCA will attend local community events (Skate Jam, Blue Light and fete) in order to canvass local interest. After these events we will chase next steps.
- Re YC building roof, Pride Roofing have quoted £5860 + VAT to carry out repair work only, without guarantee. It was discussed and resolved that repairs are urgently required and as a temporary measure, the immediate future of the building will be safeguarded. **ACTION: Scenic to recommend to full council that this quote be accepted. AHS to prepare report.**

6. Surrenden Pavilion

- MBC confirmed that project is within permitted development. JM and AHS liaising re documents to MBC. AHS has asked Hanson to update their quote once drawn plans are available.
- Discussed list of likely users, problems likely to be encountered and solutions to those problems. See attached list appendix A.
- **ACTION: AHS to prepare report to full council re submission of planning permission.**

7. Parade Toilets

- Clerk reports that KCC contact is proving elusive re providing a surveyor (see previous minutes.) **ACTION: AHS to contact KCC Councillor Black re locating correct contact.**

8. Christmas Lights/Trees

- Hawkhurst have used Hole Park to acquire small trees for the shops. However, as the trees lacked quality, they do not recommend. Further research needed.
- Kingswood trees: Re large Parade tree £120 for a 10 ft Norway Spruce or Nordman Fir. Customer can select own tree. Small trees for shops: £40 for a 4 ft and £50 for a 5ft. What do we want to do about this?
- Re storage of lights – safer accommodation is still needed. After this year's display, they should be returned to Jubilee Field Pavilion.
- If we are under budget this year, should we purchase new motifs ahead of planned expenditure next year?

9. AOB

MA reported tree on Surrenden Field may have ash die-back. **ACTION: AHS to contact Clerk**

MA reported that she is still awaiting delivery of key for manning gate.

MA mentioned the recent accident outside the pub in Hawkenbury, further to residents asking her about it. It comes under Headcorn PC not Staplehurst.

10. Next Meetings: 21st August 2025 and 25th September 2025 both at 7.30pm