

## SCENIC Minutes – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Sharp (AHS), Alesi (MA), Melville (JM), Castro (JC), Pett (AP)
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Martin (AM)
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed as a true reflection of the meeting – proposed by JM, seconded by MA.
4. **Display Boards Update**

JM confirmed that construction of the prototype is ongoing. Discussion was had about other possible boards around village creating an information trail with a central overview one, maybe at the Library.

### 5. Youth Club Building

- Re roof – Pride Roofing quote has been agreed by Council. Was meant to be this week but other work took longer – hopefully w/c 29.9.25

- Youth Club – YMCA Youth Service - We have a start date at last after October Half Term, Mondays 2025 2 sessions 4pm and about 6.30pm. Some discussion about times, as secondary pupils in Staplehurst have to travel home, so 4pm will be too early. Report for 6<sup>th</sup> October Meeting

**ACTION:** Keep in contact to check times and advertising

### 6. Surrenden Field –

**Outdoor Gym** - repairs are being done next week

**Children’s play area** – Following ROSPA report, the group discussed play equipment and the possibility of disabled access swings as 2 parents have requested it. Agreed to put a mini questionnaire link in the update to ensure we look at the correct items. Also looking at repair costs for matting areas tbc



**Pavilion** – plans being finalised to be agreed at full council.

**ACTION:** Report with plans to be agreed at full council then office can apply.

## **7. Parade Toilets**

Clerk previous liaison with KCC confirmed that the new KCC contact is Lisa Johnson who was trying to locate key/code. Most recent contact though we already had keys and codes. Seems unlikely a survey has been organised.

**ACTION:** Ask Clerk to contact again and emphasise that they still need to have a survey of the toilets done first, to enable SPC to reopen and run the disabled toilet.

## **8. Xmas Lights**

AM and AHS have had 2<sup>nd</sup> planning meeting with JT. Still awaiting quote from Streetlights re installation and dismantling for this year + re-stringing motifs.

Report to council agreed to spend up to the budgeted £1500 for this.

**ACTION:** Ask Clerk to contact Wisperole again re permission for permanent siting of Xmas tress stand.

## **9. Allotments – A.P.**

- General observation –good. No enforcement issues. Plot 3 seems a bit waterlogged. Plot 4 and 8 good with limited cultivation. Plot 5 very good BUT fencing and temporary structure (poly tunnel) installed. These need a retrospective request from resident to SPC.

- “Grass crete” working well but white plot dividers need a bit of a weed / spray

- Suggested £50 deposit when taking on a plot for any work required if left not in a good state was discussed and agreed – recommend to full council.

- Updated letter amendments agreed. Recommend to full council.

## **10. AOB**

Tree survey received with recommendations for tree work – **agreed** needs to be done for health and safety.

## **11. Next meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm**