

SCENIC MEETING NOTES – 15th JANUARY 2026

1. Present

Cllrs Sharp (Chair)(AHS), Melville (JM), Alesi (MA) and Martin (AM)

2. Apologies

Cllr Castro

3. Agreement of last notes and Matters Arising

- Notes agreed as a true reflection
- Re Churchyard – noted that Val Wallis is not the Chair of the PCC (note amended). Also, All Saints has Public Liability Insurance for groups or events organised by the PCC.

4. Christmas Lights/Tree Feedback

- Group felt that the lights and motifs looked good.
- Disposal of tree (in the absence of previous tree shredding at Parade) 2 options: 1) to cut and put in skip at back of Community Centre or 2) cut and add to AM's garden bin collection on 20th Jan.
- Noted that replacement bulbs will be needed for string of lights outside shops at Parade. JM has costed replacements – approx. £130. Street Lights to be asked to access switch via lamppost cabinet in future.
- New rechargeable battery-operated lights on Christmas tree worked well and were replaced weekly.
- **ACTION: Audit required of motifs for next Xmas + check budget + consider storage arrangements.**
- Discussed future use of a projector to illuminate buildings. Further research needed.

5. Youth Club

- Replacement heater has been fitted.
- **ACTION: JM to check how the Youth Club membership is progressing**
- **ACTION: Request for WiFi to be upgraded. AHS to liaise with Clerk.**

6. Surrenden Field

- We believe Caretaker has dealt with squeaky swing on play area, reported by MA.
- Caretaker will re-fix bench (currently stored in old pavilion) once weather is suitable for cementing.
- **ACTION: Quotes for matting still needed (re RoSPA report). Check with Clerk/RFO.**
- Re Consultations – JM has prepared a report re analysis of survey responses (see attached) – all very positive with ideas for new pavilion use and playground area.
- New playground equipment, especially some children with disabilities. Need to research dedicated companies.
- Need to develop a plan for shading for playground.

- **ACTION: JM to write a report for council, to include costs/quotes for 4 – 6 picnic tables/benches + fixings and 2 x canvas sails.**
- Pavilion use well supported via respondents. Possible consideration of an extra toilet.
- Storage inside the pavilion needs careful planning, to enable users to store items on a temporary basis, whilst their event/activity is taking place.
- **ACTION: AHS will resurrect previous quotes to compare with Hanson for up-to-date costings.**

7. Parade Toilets

- KCC still needs to carry out a survey and effect necessary repairs. Possibly ask Cllr Black to expedite this matter. Check also with Clerk.

8. Display Boards

- Ongoing project. JM needs some content for design of top. He will build a demonstration model for the Community Centre. A 2nd board will go on Jubilee Field eventually.

9. Summer Fete

- JM keen for this to be called 'Party in the Park' as opposed to 'fete'.
- Need to liaise with SCEG to ascertain whether they would support a joint venture.
- Feedback from last year suggests a later start time and later finish would be preferable.
- Discussion re suggested format (stalls/ acts such as magician or juggler/music with Big Bands/food and drink) **ACTION: JM to speak to Dave Kenny re music.**
- **FUNDING will need to be secured (via for example a Community Events SPC refundable budget line) and other donation sponsorship. Still need to chase Cllr Black's £400 from last year, promised but as yet unpaid. Speak to Clerk/RFO.**
- An early event-specific meeting to be booked asap.

10. AOB

- SEHT would like permission from SPC to erect a radio mast at the Youth Club, in order to improve their radio outreach capability.
- MA to research with Clerk the Guides' ability to provide a poppy display at the Parade.

11. Next Meeting – Wednesday 18th February at 7.30pm

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