

SCENIC Meeting Notes – 19th March 2025

1. Present:

Cllrs. Sharp (Chair), (AHS) Pett (AP) and Martin (AM)

2. Apologies:

Cllrs. Riordan and Castro

3. Previous Minutes:

Agreed as a true reflection of the meeting on 6th February 2025

4. Display Boards

- AHS has researched various designs and possible sitings throughout the village. Cllr Rhodes will be asked for his input re airfield.
- All Saints PCC and Staplehurst Society reps to be asked to the Scenic meeting on 22nd May to discuss content and viability.
- AM suggested that further work on this project should be delayed until later in the year, as we have more pressing items/projects under consideration. This was agreed in principle, although research will be ongoing in the background.

5. Youth Club

Work on the disabled toilet has been completed and noticeboards have been relocated.

Cllrs Alesi and Melville have checked computer equipment and matched leads, cables and plugs and some are now in working order, despite being old. Other rubbish can be added to that being collected by MBC following the Litter Pick on 5th April.

PR is meeting with LPR and one other on Monday 24th March for Youth Club Leader pilot update.

Further discussion re possibility of directly employing a youth leader.

6. Bell Lane Toilets

Whilst latest repairs have been completed, it was reported this week that further ASB has occurred (excreta smearing), which has been reported to the police.

Suggestion that such ASB should be mentioned in the next Village Update, alerting residents to be vigilant, as this is costing SPC unnecessary expense and is unacceptable.

7. Christmas Lights

It was noted that the new lights have been put in the air raid shelter in such a way that they are at risk of being damaged.

ACTION: AHS to ask the Clerk if the lights can be moved to a safer position in the shelter.

8. Disabled Toilet in Parade

ACTION: Surveyor to review settlement of ground outside of the services channel.

AHS to chase. (See last minutes)

At this point, a decision will need to be made about whether the non-disabled toilet should be opened for use, or be used for storage only.

9. Surrenden Field Pavilion

SCEG has now replied to email, following some confusion re email address of recipient. All future correspondence must go to Dee Fry.

SCEG have indicated acceptance that they need to vacate the current pavilion and that SPC will dispose of anything left.

Re planning application – **ACTION: AHS to liaise with Clerk to obtain pre-planning.**

Discussion re VAT and the fact that the new pavilion will be a community asset and not a business venture, AP explained how it might be worth considering limited company status. **ACTION: AP will speak to the Clerk in this regard.**

10. Merit Awards Sponsorship.

Cllr Hotson has secured £150 sponsorship from Homeleigh Timber.

Other local businesses were mooted and for possible sponsorship of the Xmas lights.

11. Next Meeting Dates:

24th April and 22nd May 2025.