

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD 8TH DECEMBER, 2010**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Louise Bloom, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chairman), Cllr. Ray Worley.

Also Present:

Mrs. Vera Blunt	-	2000 Centre Users Group
Mr. N. Dewey	-	Allotment Committee
Miss Emily Weekes	-	HEWEB Youth Council
Mr. Steve Watson	-	Detached Youth Worker

R35 Apologies: Cllr. Jenny Hughes, Cllr. Pearl Hicks
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

**R36 Minutes & Matters Arising
Meeting of 10th November, 2010**

R31, the installation of palisade fencing commenced Tuesday of this week.

R32, Mr. Collins will start trading in the New Year.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

R37 Correspondence:

- i) Wildern Opportunity Group provide dimensions of a proposed outside storage box, as per R30 x) at 8' long x 2' wide x 2' 3" high and the same height and width dimensions for a 5' long box. The containers have a flat top but with an upturned top, when the lid is folded over so rain cannot get into the box. The lid slides along the top with guides to open and close.
Resolved: To approve the installation of an 8' long storage box.
- ii) ICCM, The Journal, Winter 2010, including a three page article describing Albert Road Cemetery's journey from a £700 site purchase in 1929 to the accolade it received earlier this year and it's vision for the future.
- iii) Mr. N. Wise, on behalf of C. Burnett & Sons, explaining the need to apply for the Firework Fiesta to take place on 12th November, 2011 and to appeal against the Council's recommendation for a weekend closer to 5th November. **Resolved: To approve the application for 12th November, 2011.**
- iv) An application for the use of Greta Park next year on Saturday 16th July, 2011 for the purpose of a Dog Show with proceeds to the Moon Bear Rescue in aid of Animals Asia Foundation. **Resolved: To approve the application for 16th July, 2011.**
- v) The hirer of Allotment Black 5 informs the Committee of the installation of a shed and asks in addition for approval to erect a greenhouse of polycarbonate construction. **Resolved: To approve the application for a polycarbonate greenhouse.**

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- vi) Mrs. Vera Blunt on behalf of 2000 Centre Users Group complained that the electronic hatch to the Main Hall kitchen had not worked for some time and asked the Committee to instigate its repair as soon as possible. Furthermore, if it is a question of funding, the 2000 Centre Users Group would be happy to contribute to costs. **The clerk is instructed to expedite the repair without further delay.**

R38 HEWEB Youth Council

Skateboard Improvements Report

Steve Watson informed members of the latest developments and enquiries of the Youth Council with regard to the 2011/2012 Skateboard Park Extension. Further designs and quotations have not been forthcoming due to the recent inclement weather. However, Emily Weekes has arranged to attend meetings with Botley and West End Parish Councils to seek their interest and input to this project, in the true spirit of HEWEB. The meeting with West End Parish Council will coincide with the February meeting of this Committee, and if possible Steve and Emily will try to report back to HETC on the day. It is suggested that a further Street Meet takes place at Greta Park during the Half-Term in February, 2011 and Cllr. Derek Pretty asked that this meeting takes place during a weekend so that members can attend. Steve Watson was asked to liaise with the clerk in the New Year to arrange the aforesaid meeting. It is hoped that discussions for this project will step up early in the next financial year.

R39 Allotments

Pest Control Update

The Town Clerk has terminated the pest control contract and arranged for full training of all grounds staff on a One Day Lantra Awards Rat & Mouse Control course. This course is targeted at persons wishing to undertake pest control predominantly in the land based and related industries or wishing to provide a commercial pest control service. Candidates will receive a Lantra Awards Certificate of Training and a Skills Identity Card. Lantra Awards state this qualification should be renewed/refreshed every 5 years.

To consider Fruit Cage Construction

The Chairman explained her site visit to examine a Fruit Cage on the Allotment Site and sought the committees' approval of such construction. **Resolved: To permit the construction of a Fruit Cage.**

R40 To consider revised Terms & Conditions for the use of Bouncy Castles during hire.

Members considered a draft copy of terms and a copy amended by Cllr. Keith Day for consideration. **Resolved: To adopt the amended Terms & Conditions, subject to these being acceptable to the Town Council's Insurer.**

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R41 Letting of land for Small-Holding/Grazing Fields.

DTC has applied to Jonathan Watts, EBC, with regard to the potential commercial value for letting and awaits a response. In the meantime the Head Groundsman has examined the current condition of the land and reports the following:

- In general the field is not good pasture land as it has been heavily ploughed and deep ruts would put livestock at risk
- The former small-holding is full of brambles
- Fly-tipping is a problem
- Gates and A27 boundary fencing needs strengthening and replacing in areas.
- The fence to the M27 boundary is poor and the boundary to Mr. Crawford's farm has one poor area close to the M27.
- Two shooting hides were found on the M27 boundary and were removed - this will be monitored and if any further evidence found a report to the police.
- One of the former small-holding plots would be suitable for grazing and would provide a medium sized field, however it would require an extensive boundary fence to secure livestock.

Finally, the Town Clerk, would wish to remind the Committee that there is definitely no budget for any works whatsoever.

The clerk is instructed to investigate the viability of utilising the land for arable cultivation, such as Sweet Corn, with the potential to letting for this purpose.