

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 17TH FEBRUARY, 2014**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair), Cllr. Ray Worley

Also present: Ms. Sam Steed - Allotment Hirer F4

R67 Apologies: Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Peter Hughes
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

**R68 Minutes & Matters Arising
Meeting of 8th January, 2014**
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

R69 Correspondence:

- i) Sam Steed, (Allotment F4) re Communal Orchard at Spring Field Allotment site.
A suggestion to create a fruit orchard at the lower end of Spring fields where the ground has not been rotovated into allotments due to the wet condition of the land. The Head Groundsman has been consulted and has suggested that although a very good concept, the land is very wet in the Winter and root growth may rot in these conditions. Members agreed that this was a unique concept that could be developed to benefit the community and considered alternatives i.e. a bog garden, or planting in raised beds. This would be a very fine ecological project to take forward to the April Agenda.
- ii) Joseph Marler-Hausen, Activity Co-ordinator, Devon Lodge, a residential setting for young adults with severe autism and learning difficulties requests the Council's consideration of an application for the young people of Devon Lodge to work an allotment. **The clerk is instructed to respond with details of the aforementioned future project in which the residents of Devon Lodge may be interested to assist whilst remaining on the waiting list for an allotment. The Council would wish a member of the management or co-ordinator to sign the agreement which will be free of charge. There are currently 8 members of the community waiting for allotment availability.**

R70 To discuss utilising the income generated from the letting of Turnpike Way Car Park.
Cllr. Keith Day: To fund wildflower planting in Turnpike Way Pavilion grounds and other locations. The Head Groundsman advises an oval shape for the proposed planting with 750 plug plants. An estimate from Meadowmania.co.uk offers 5 mixed packs of wildflower plants for clay soils and woodland/shade at £427.50 and as part of their 25 yr. celebration they offer a Free seed offer running on the Plug Plant Mixtures of a spend over £40.00, of 25 grams of an appropriate wild flower border seed mix free of charge. **Resolved: The clerk is instructed to progress this project with the guidance of the Head Groundsman as to the best season for planting and if required, seek the interest of voluntary participation.**
Chair: To realign and paint parking plots in Pavilion Car Parks and continue improvements to Turnpike Way Sports-field boundary fence. **Resolved: To approve utilising this income to improve Turnpike Way Sports field fencing and car park.**

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R71 To consider applications:

Hedge End Athletic FC: *Sunday morning fixtures at Greta Park with effect from September, 2014.* **Resolved: To approve this application with the proviso that fixtures must be played on alternate weeks to AFC Golf Western, the current resident team.**

LCA Cricket Coaching - Hampshire Cricket: *Easter Holiday course for 3 days to start on 15th April and run from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. each day.* **Resolved: To approve this application with terms as per last year and an increase in the daily hire of 2.2%.**

Dr. Ruth Padday, Hedge End Medical Centre: *An event in support of Percypals to raise money for a portable CT Scanner at Greta Park.* **Resolved: To approve this application providing an appropriate Management & Risk Assessment, Public Liability Insurance and a bond upon the grounds of £1500. The clerk is instructed to offer the use of the HETC Gazebo and Cllr. Margaret Allingham offered the use of a PA System, if required. In recognition of this most worthwhile cause and in memory of the late Dr. Percival, the Town Council would wish Percypals to consider the donation of a plaque.**

R72 Paddling Pool Resurfacing

To consider tender invitations and notification.

To examine the terms of notification to be advertised. **Resolved: With an amendment to remove the intended budget, the clerk is instructed to post the notification with submission date no later than 10th March, 2014.**

Up to nine pool specialists were approached to canvas their interest in tendering for resurfacing, of which four declined, two did not reply and the following three expressed an interest.

To forward tender invitations to the following:

SSP Water & Play, Swimming Pool Finish Ltd., Neptune Swimming Pools

Resolved: The clerk is instructed to invite the aforementioned companies to tender with a submission date no later than 10th March, 2014.

R73 To consider a professional Tree Survey of all Council land and public open spaces in view of recent storms - Shawyers Tree Specialists

Shawyers Tree Specialists have provided a feasibility plan for a comprehensive Tree Survey based on the information provided during a meeting with the Town and Deputy Clerks.

Although not a definitive, an approximate ballpark cost would be in the region of £1600 - £1800 without any obligation to use their services subsequently.

A similar meeting with Christopher Hoare Tree Services Ltd. of Exbury, an example of their style of work in the files provided, and based on a google search of 670 trees - a survey ballpark figure of £5,121.60 plus VAT

The clerk is instructed to defer this matter to the next agenda and in the meantime ascertain whether any further assistance and guidance may be sought from EBC to map Hedge End trees and TPOs.

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R74 Drummond Centre Car Park

To consider specification and quotation provided by Gavin Bourn MIHE, Construction Manager, EBC.

Following a site survey, Gavin Bourn has raised a specification and quotation for carrying out the works at £2,810. EBC Engineering fees to arrange and supervise works at £500.

The clerk is instructed to forward copies of quotations to each member and defer this matter to the next Agenda.