

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE, 2010**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Pearl Hicks, Cllr. Jenny Hughes, Cllr. Nathan Khan, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chairman), Cllr. Ray Worley.

**Also Present:** Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Peter Hughes.  
Richard, Andrew and Annette Bauck on behalf of Hedge End Rangers FC.

**R1 Apologies:** Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Louise Bloom, Cllr. Lisa Hollis  
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

The Chairman moved, with the agreement of members, that Item 5 of the Agenda be brought forward:

**R2 Hedge End Rangers Power Point Presentation  
Application for Hampshire League Status**

Richard and Andrew Bauck presented a proposed plan for pitch development at Norman Rodaway Sports Field to enable Hedge End Rangers FC to enter Hampshire League status.

Qualification criteria for the grounds:

1. Fixed Barrier - made from steel or UPVC, must be fixed and secure. At a recommended height of 1.1 metres with a minimum width of 1 metre hard standing on one side.
2. Dugouts/Team Shelter - two dugouts clearly marked 'Home' and 'Away'. Situated equal distance apart either side of the halfway line a minimum distance of 3 metres apart. Each box to be able to accommodate 8 persons on fixed seats or benches. A Technical Area, as defined within the Laws of the Game, should be marked out around each Dugout area.
3. Hard Spectator standing - made from concrete, tarmac or slabs (*on one side of pitch only*)

Richard Bauck provided a brief summary of the Club's history, development and the importance of retaining players of a high standard. Many players have moved to Hampshire League sides to progress their sport. He also covered aspects of timescale, health and safety, together with a map and photographs of proposed developments.

In his closing remarks Mr. Bauck assured members that Hedge End Rangers are committed to providing football in a safe environment whilst striving to manage the players expectations and achieve Charter Standard Club Status. They hope to increase the clubs profile and retain more players.

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Richard Bauck gave the following responses to questions raised by members:

- An estimate of the proportion of club members living within Hedge End, would be 75%
- Clarified the qualification procedure to enter Hampshire League
- Hedge End Rangers will fund the development and would hope to see installation for the 2011/2012 season
- Public use of the Hampshire League pitch will be maintained at all times other than when a game is in progress.
- Confirmed that he would fully accept the feasibility of other teams hiring this pitch, however, he would be applying for a further Hedge End Rangers Reserve team next season and the chance of availability will be limited.
- There are three girls' teams within the Club and a forthcoming Ladies Team.

**Recommendation: Cllr. Keith Day proposed that to encourage the expected growth of Hedge End Rangers FC and promote the game of football, the Town Council support this application in principle, subject to a detailed plan, permitted development rights and that public access is maintained. Seconded Cllr. Derek Pretty and motion carried.**

**R3 Minutes & Matters Arising  
Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2010**

R92, Cllr. Keith Day reminded members that as a result of his amendment made at Full Council 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, the Committee should discuss alternative arrangements. Members agreed that for the moment, hirers be invited to use the inner lock to the premises should they not wish to be disturbed and entry to the premises for any other purpose should be at the hirers discretion.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**R4 Correspondence:**

- i) Mr. R. Yates of Compton, Winchester re Plot BK14, Albert Road Cemetery. An appeal for the Town Council to consider special dispensation, to permit Mr. Yates to employ the services of a Stonemason to renovate the memorial placed on the aforementioned grave space, for which he does *not* hold the Deed of Exclusive Right. Mr. Yates explains the circumstances and his relationship to those interred and explains that his wishes are not contested by those who would naturally inherit the Deed.

**Recommendation: Cllr. Derek Pretty proposed special dispensation be given to Mr. Yates application to renovate the memorial of Plot**

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**BK14 with the caveat that there will be no claim whatsoever to the Deed of Exclusive Right and that if the memorial is contested by the rightful Deed Holder it will be removed. Seconded Cllr. Pearl Hicks and motion carried.**

- ii) Jon Miller, Miller Entertainments re Jay Miller's Circus - an application to return to Greta Park this year for three days 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July. As in previous years the Circus will arrive on the night prior to opening, 18<sup>th</sup> July and depart on the night after the last performance. Mr. Miller adds a request to be added to the "Whats On" page of the Town Council website section.

Cllr. Jenny Hughes reported that she had noted visitors being invited to park their vehicles on the grounds of Greta Park, last year. DTC confirmed that the Council did not sanction the use of the grounds for car parking.

**Recommendation: Cllr. Nathan Khan proposed acceptance of this application subject to the hirer being informed that the use of the grounds for public parking will be strictly prohibited. Seconded Cllr. Pearl Hicks and motion carried.**

- iii) An Email from Mrs. Rachel Stammers and her observation that the second exit from the Drummond Community Centre play area gives easy access for young children to the car park, which she considers a high risk. In the meantime the gate has been padlocked.

**Recommendation: The Chairman proposed that the gate remain closed subject to the latest Rospa Report and the aforesaid guidance as to whether two gates are necessary. Seconded Cllr. Nathan Khan and motion carried.**

Cllr. Derek Pretty added that if the Rospa Report deems that two gates should remain open at all times, a barrier preventing immediate access to the car park may be a good solution to this problem.

- iv) The Chairman explained that she had received an enquiry from a parishioner whose late husband had hired an allotment plot. The lady had explained that her family would wish to inherit the allotment. The Chairman suggested that she make a site visit to the allotment in question and that this matter is deferred to the meeting in July.

**R5 Questions not addressed on this Agenda**  
None recorded.

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**R6 Updates:**

Green Flag Application - Inspection

Albert Road Cemetery was examined by Green Flag Inspectors on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The grounds remain an outstanding example and very much appreciated by visitors. Inspection results should be issued in early July.

Allotment Security Palisade Fencing

Work commences Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Jon Riddell, Local Area Co-ordinator, has recommended that HEWEB issue a grant of £8,000 to HETC using unallocated developer's contributions, to assist in the creation of further allotments plots and erection of security fencing, to be determined 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

Cemetery Archway Entrance

Three designs have been sought with a specification supplying dimensions to make allowance for the grave digger's trailer/mounted excavator and grounds staff vehicles, together with a specified budget of £5,000 and additional note that the cemetery is not Victorian and therefore the design reflect circa.1930.

It will be necessary for the Town Council to seek permitted development rights.

Members examined designs from Peter Clutterbuck, Designer Blacksmith, known for his work to Southsea Bandstand and Garden of Reflection, Fareham and Colin Phillips whose projects include Romsey 1607 – 2007 Commemoration and entrance to Cowes Yacht Haven, Cowes High Street. A third designer declined to tender.

**Recommendation: Cllr. Nathan Khan proposed that the design submitted by Peter Clutterbuck be accepted subject to permitted development rights and a 50% reduction of "sun rays" within the design illustrated. Colours to be confirmed once the committee have had the opportunity to examine examples. Seconded Cllr. Ray Worley and motion carried.**

Cllr. Derek Pretty offered to provide RAL Colour Code Card.

Proposed New Cemetery

Paris Smith Solicitors confirm that Kanes Hill was purchased for the purpose of providing allotments and therefore Section 8 of the Allotments Act 1925 would apply. It is suggested that the land is registered with the Land Registry as soon as possible.

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Meanwhile, a further allotment area is being developed, which may accommodate up to 75 further allotment plots is being prepared, 22 of which have already been allocated with 45 remaining on the current waiting list.

**Recommendation: Cllr. Derek Pretty proposed engaging the services of the Town Council Solicitor to make necessary application to the offices of Secretary of State for a change of use. Seconded Cllr. Keith Day and motion carried.**

The Town Clerk advises that further legal counsel is sought to establish a complete Land Charge position.

**R7 Norman Rodaway Sports Field**

*To discuss the feasibility and location of a proposed Goal & Cricket Sports Wall – Jon Riddell, Local Area Co-ordinator.*

As a result of a recent consultation undertaken on the proposal to install a permanent goal post on Cranbourne Park Green. Thirty-six letters were distributed to householders immediately overlooking the Green. There were 27 pro-formas returned, of which 20 householders were “against” and 7 were “for” the proposal. In addition a petition was received signed off by 24 householders with 23 being “against” and 1 householder being “undecided”.

As part of the Local Area Co-ordinator’s conclusion he proposes to provide a goal post to be located to benefit children in the Hedge End area and to approach HETC to consider locating said facility at Norman Rodaway Sports Field.

The Head Groundsman has considered an area close to the newly installed Teen Shelter and adjacent to the Kings Copse Avenue boundary and agrees that there is just sufficient room for such an installation, without interfering with the football pitches.

In view of the forthcoming application for facilities to be developed to meet Hampshire League status Cllr. Keith Day suggested that a site meeting be arranged between Richard Bauck, Jon Riddell and Paul Snelgrove to discuss feasibility and location.

**Recommendation: Cllr. Nathan Khan proposed an agreement in principle subject to a mutually agreeable location. Seconded Cllr. Derek Pretty and motion carried.**

**R8 Human Sundials**

DTC represented the concept of Human Sun Clocks, researched and suggested by Cllr. Sheila Baynes. Instructions for installation are only £35.00 and can be

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reduced a little by paying on order, having it sent by Email and by supplying accurate latitude and longitude. The space needed is level ground (or grass or gravel) 6 metres (20ft.) east to west by 4 metres south to north. It is elliptical in shape. Any suitable materials can be used - paint, bricks, carved in concrete, set in grass or gravel, raised or flat. There are many variations. Locations such as Dowds Farm Urban Park, The Recreation Ground, Woodhouse Lane, or Beattie Rise may be suitable.

Members agreed to defer this concept for future reference.

**R9 Councillors Questions**

Cllr. Ray Worley noted that a new Teen Shelter had been installed at Woodhouse Lane but reported that youths spent more time sitting on the roof rather than inside.

Cllr. Derek Pretty returned to R92 of minutes and his understanding that the Town Clerk had given permission for the installation of a Clothes Recycling Unit at Drummond Community Centre, however, he had asked the Clerk to seek a relocation of the unit.

Cllr. Pearl Hicks questioned the condition of the Skateboard located at Greta Park. The Chairman was able to report that it had suffered vandalism on at least three occasions in the past week and that the Town Clerk had decided to repair it just one more time before its removal, and added that this may be a project for next year's Budget. Cllr. Pearl Hicks added that from discussions she had with young people, it would appear that they would prefer to see a dual purpose facility for both Skateboarders and BMX enthusiasts.

Cllr. Jenny Hughes reported that damage to the Turnpike Way veranda roof had left a sharp piece of wood at head level and should be repaired as soon as possible.

The Chairman was pleased to report upon a very successful official opening of the Artificial Wicket at Turnpike Way Sports Field. The event, fully organised by David Clouting included an invitation to a Leicestershire Junior Colts team, managed by a former Hedge End resident, who would be spending up to three days of their tour in this area and staying at Marwell Hotel. All sponsors were represented, together with guest appearances of two Hampshire Cricketers. Hedge End Junior Cricket Club now boasts over 130 members and coaches.