

HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 8TH FEBRUARY, 2012

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair), Cllr. Ray Worley.

Also present: Mr. David Humby - 13th Itchen North Scout Group
Mr. Ray Turner - eastleighnews.co.uk

R72 Apologies: Mr. D. Clouting, Hedge End Junior Cricket Club
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

R73 Minutes & Matters Arising
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R66i) applications have been submitted for the supply of a free Oak Tree from HCC to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and 450 saplings from the Woodland Trust 'More Trees, More Good' free community tree planting pack for Autumn 2012 to create a Jubilee Arboretum at Dowd's Farm Urban Park.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

R74 Correspondence:

- i) David Humby, Assistant Group Scout Leader, 13th Itchen North Scout Group, re approved use of Woodhouse Lane Leisure Park to hold a Fun Day on 22nd September, 2012. Requesting permission to use the putting green and tennis courts. Tennis Courts for fun football event, in order to keep stray balls within the football stall area. Putting Green for the use of fun activity for the period of the fun day opening. These activities will be free for 13th Itchen North members. However, would it be acceptable to request a small donation from the public for use of these activities? **Resolved: That subject to Hedge End Tennis Club fixtures, the Committee approve the use of Tennis Courts and Putting Green for the purposes described and public use be charged by donation only. Furthermore, the Committee approve the use of a gas operated Hot Water Urn to be used to provide coffees and teas, providing the appliance is compliant with Health & Safety requirements.**
- ii) Sophie Povah, Chair, Pavilion Pirates. An application seeking permission to place a fire resistant shed outside of the Lodge to store outdoor play equipment and informs Council that they currently have a purpose built outdoor play area outside the lodge and would wish to put the shed on this land to help with storage issues. The Town Clerk reminds members that this footprint was awarded to Pavilion Pirates on the strict understanding that it was a Dog Free Zone that Pavilion Pirates could utilise as a Freeflow play area within the conditions prescribed by Offsted. The Town Clerk would recommend that this request is rejected and that Pavilion Pirates are reminded that this footprint remains Public Open Space and is not exclusive. **Resolved: That the Committee fully support the Town Clerk's**

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recommendation and refuse consent in this instance.

- iii) Ray Turner of Newcliffe Gardens gives his view that Street Snooker may only be “a fad. There’s plenty of recreational equipment around Hedge End already, for people of all ages.” Noted. **The clerk is instructed to publish a closing date for consultation on this subject.**
- iv) Sue Hunter, Allotment Hirer, requests the Council’s approval and comment with regard to proposals to conduct a Plant Swap Day on Saturday 16th April, when hirers could offer seedlings and seeds to be swapped. Also sell tea, coffee, muffins and cupcakes and the monies collected would be donated to charity. **Resolved: The Committee fully support this proposal and wish Ms. Hunter every success with this event.**
- v) David Gates, DGI Media Marketing, submits proposals for the use of Greta Park for a Party in the Park 2012 in celebration of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 2nd June, 2012. The Town Clerk recommends that this proposal is deferred in order to raise an item of Agenda at the next meeting, to give members sufficient time to consider this major event. **The clerk is instructed to defer this application to the next Agenda and invite Mr. Gates to the meeting.**

R75 To receive guest: David Clouting, Chairman, HEJCC re proposals for 2012 Cricket Season
Deferred to the next meeting.

R76 The Recreation Ground - Green Flag Community Award application.
Resolved: That an article prepared by DTC be published in the next Gazette to encourage public participation and interest in the creation of a Wildflower and Bog Garden.

R77 Survey - Stubbs Drove/Willow Close Access
Resolved: That whilst there was an excellent response to the survey conducted there is insufficient evidence of nuisance and disturbance level to warrant the expenditure at this time, the matter will, therefore, be deferred to Autumn 2012 and in the meantime a request be referred for PCSO monitoring of the location together with an advisory to residents that reports should be made to the 101 service in order that the situation can be appropriately assessed and form a basis of evidence.

R78 To discuss the placing of notices at Dowd’s Farm Urban Park and other sites to the effect that “Dogs should be kept on a Leash”.
Resolved: Until such time as legal enforcement is available to the Council and the forthcoming Borough wide Dog Control Orders, signage would only be advisory and whilst members understand and sympathise with the source of complaint, it is not possible to approach irresponsible dog owners on the basis of a sign. Furthermore, there are signs in Dowd’s Farm Urban Park stating that dogs should be kept under control.

R79 To discuss HETC policy with regard to residential garden gates giving access to Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation, which is of local value for biodiversity.
Resolved: The Clerk is instructed to write to all residences on the boundary of Hogsty

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Copse to make them aware that the land beyond their property is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, explaining the principles of protecting its wildlife and biodiversity , the legality of access, the serious consequences of tipping and that any instances of encroachment will be challenged. The Grounds Staff to be instructed to walk the boundaries of all SINC sites on a regular basis and Councillors of this Committee will also undertake this exercise to maintain definitive boundaries and make observations with regard to tipping and access.

R80 To discuss the Village Centre Clock

Referred by the Highways & Planning Committee

Resolved: That the Clerk seek the services of a new Contractor to assess and quote for an effective and sustained repair together with guidance as to whether it would be feasible to move the clock to a more accessible location.

R81 Exempt Business

To discuss matters concerning Albert Road Cemetery