

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 8TH MARCH, 2017.**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Cliff Morris (until 7.30 p.m.), Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair).

Also present: Heather Jones - Allotment Hirer

R53 Apologies: Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya

With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

**R54 Minutes & Matters Arising
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R47, Dowd's Farm Park, the Town Clerk will discuss the poor growth of the Field Maple trees with the Borough Tree Officer, Matt Strand, and report back to the Committee. **The clerk is instructed that this enquiry must take priority. In addition the clerk is instructed to ascertain what will happen to the remains of a felled tree at Dowd's Farm park.**

R49, The fence on the boundary of Morant Copse with the Allotments will be repaired today. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

R55 Correspondence:

i) The Town Council offices have received a number of telephone enquiries and Emails from Mr. Raymond Barnes. Mr. Barnes has been able to furnish the Council with additional information concerning his late aunt, Gladys May Martin the mother of Kenneth Martin who were both amongst those killed in the WWII bombing of Elnathan, the home of the Morant Family in 1941. The information he provides will effectively alter the report that has been the account of the tragic circumstances within HETC archives and website. The article will be temporarily removed from the website and will be annotated to reflect this additional information. Noted.

ii) ICCM Spring Issue, The Journal. Noted.

R56 Allotments:

The Chair reported upon her recent inspection of the Allotment Fields.

To provide an update on preparation of vacant plots.

The Head Groundsman reports that all available plots have now been strimmed in readiness for landscape covers. This work is ongoing and will include new identification for each plot.

Current waiting list:

There will be up to 18 plots prepared for new hire and eight applicants on the waiting list, to whom plots will be released in due course.

Removal of Communal Compost collection points:

Unfortunately the offices have been unable to ascertain the person/s using the former communal compost waste area, for the delivery of farmyard manure. There are three heaps located in the Kanes Field and a further huge communal composting heap in Spring Field that has developed to such an extent that it now forms part of the landscape. The Head Groundsman has started work upon the removal of these former compost areas, with the heap close to the Kanes Field entrance. So far approximately half of this heap has been removed, however, it is a long process using several pieces of plant machinery and manpower. The collection necessitates the use of the Mini Excavator to drag out the

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compost to be collected with the Plough Digger to lift and place in the trailer/tipper which can take up to 3.5 tons. The Tractor then tows and transports to the landfill site at which point, with the inclement weather it has had to be dug out of severe muddy surface on two occasions. Therefore, completion of this operation is expected to take at least another month, together with the grass cutting season imminent, manpower and hours are very limited. **The clerk is instructed to ensure that signs to Prohibit Tipping are installed without delay and the Committee will extend their deadline for the completion of these works to 28th March, 2017 and action matters raised by Heather Jones: i) the notice board in Kanes Field has become unstable and the one in Spring Field is no longer in use as it has collapsed, ii) to insure that a skip is provided over a Bank Holiday weekend Spring/Summer, iii) investigate why, following a Water Board repair to a water main outside the boundary of the Kanes Field Allotment site, the water supply to service White Section plots has been impeded.**

The Chair extended compliments and appreciation, on behalf of the Town Council, to Heather Jones for her dedication to voluntarily maintaining and cleaning the Allotment site WC and following her recent visit was able to report that hirers are delighted with the much improved facility. Heather Jones elected to mail a posting on the Allotment Facebook informing hirers of the facilities on site. Members responded to a question regarding Bonfires and referred to the Allotment Agreement Appendix.

R57 Paddling Pool

To provide an update on the provision of pumps and features.

H2O Servicing Limited provide the following quotation:

Feature Fitting Pot Replacement	£6148.00
Water Brella Solenoid Valve	£1649.00
Leak on Jet Way Solenoid Valve Connection	£138.00
The valve and pipework may require a manifold	£1168.00
To modify the pipework and incorporate brackets	£954.00
Feature Pump Replacement	£7998.00
	£18055.00

The new pump is 9.2kw whereas the existing is 5.5kw and it was recommended that an Electrical Engineer review and confirm whether the control panel would require alterations or an upgrade to incorporate increased rating. HETC employed the services of an Electrical Engineer who was able to confirm that the current control panel was inadequate and advised that the new panel would need to be customised and it was not something that he could undertake. This would be under separate contract and arrangements are in process for a Sussex based company to assess and provide a further quotation.

Resolved: That the H2O Servicing Limited quotation for the provision of pumps and repair of features is accepted and that a further quotation for a customised Electricity Panel be accepted within the assigned budget, at the Town Clerk discretion, in order to expedite this essential upgrade without delay, and have a fully functioning paddling pool for the forthcoming start of the season on 19th May.

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The clerk is instructed to ensure that umbrellas, purchased to provide shade in the paddling pool arena, are erected this year on a daily basis.

R58 To consider applications:

Mr. Laurence Dowding - Memorial Seat, Albert Road Cemetery.

Mr. Dowding's application is to place a Memorial Seat in memory of his late son Jack. If successful, he hopes that it will be a place for Jack's friends and family to sit and remember Jack and this is especially important for his grandma who is disabled and can only stand for a few minutes. Mr. Dowding has been informed that the location of a bench is pre-determined by Council and that there is an available site on the 'H' Section.

Resolved: That this application is approved.

An application has been received from Suzy Smith, who would like a regular weekend hire of a hall for 2 fitness classes, both 55 minutes each to run back to back, ideally starting at 10.30 a.m. The classes starting after the Easter holidays, commencing Saturday 22nd April, 2017.

Resolved: That this application is approved should a suitable hall become available.