

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE HELD 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2013**

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

**R91 Apologies:** Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Jenny Hughes, Cllr. Peter Hughes.

**R92 Minutes & Matters Arising  
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The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**R93 Correspondence:**

- i) Smiles Pre-School application for the hire of the Norman Rodaway Pavilion for pre-school hours Monday to Tuesday 8.15 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., Wednesday Thursday and Friday 8.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. from Autumn 2013 to Summer 2014. **Resolved: To approve the application.**
- ii) Gloria Osmond, General Secretary, Hedge End Bowling Club, an application to erect a Summerhouse within the grounds of the Bowling Green, at a size of 14' x 6'. **Resolved: No objection. However, it would be advisable to check with Development Control Services with regard to planning permission, as the proposed location can be seen from the highway.**
- iii) Jon Riddell, EBC, re Berrywood Park – Update on developing this informal open space. Noted.
- iv) Hedge End Junior Cricket Club provide a copy of their Public Liability Insurance Certificate. Noted.

**R94 Party in the Park**

*A Report from the Chair.*

On Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, following consultation with the multi-agency Safety Advisory Group (SAG), Hedge End Town Council rejected a request from David Algate to organise Party in the Park on Council ground at Greta Park, on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>. It was the unanimous view of all SAG members that:

- The venue is an inappropriate public location
- There is no substantive traffic management plan
- There is no dedicated staff to consider public safety and site security
- The organiser shows no experience of environmental health matters

SAG members were particularly concerned that the organiser has had almost one year to put forward meaningful plans for the event, but has failed to address matters which would ensure public safety.

**The clerk is instructed to ensure that with regard to item 1 of the abovementioned note of refusal, it is not to infer a precedent or preclude any public event, it remains specific to this application only. The Committee fully support this decision and remain disappointed, but must be absolutely confident that public safety is paramount.**

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**R95 Artificial Cricket Wicket**

*To report upon recent vandalism and action taken.*

Vandalism and damage was incurred on the evening of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, at which time witnesses saw young people using a portable BBQ on the Artificial Wicket. The damage was discovered by the Chair of Hedge End Junior Cricket Club, Graham Elliott, at 9.30 a.m. the following morning and reported to Council on Monday. The incident has been reported to the Police and a Crime No. issued. The Town Clerk is in the process of investigating insurance and the supplier has examined photographs of the wicket in its current condition and would advise that the carpet will have to be completely renewed and it is not possible to do a patch repair. The area of damage affects the play of a left arm bowlers length.

Following a report that the perimeter fence has been damaged by those gaining access to the Cricket Practice Nets, the clerk is instructed to ensure that the fence is repaired with a metal bar strip used to reinforce and protect the top and the threshold to the nearby gate improved to make easier access. It would appear that cricketers would prefer to leap over the fence than cross the muddy threshold of the nearby gate.

**R96 Paddling Pool Season**

The pool mechanisms will be commissioned Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May and the Pool Season is expected to commence Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May and close 15<sup>th</sup> September. A kiosk tender is imminent and the Town Clerk will be interviewing a potential employee for the position of Pool Caretaker.

**R97 Albert Road Cemetery Roadway Improvement**

*To consider quotations.*

Blaze Construction Ltd. have confirmed the following quotation dated 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2013. Clean off, sweep off and weed kill entire area, saw cut where necessary, tack coat and lay regulating tarmac to sunken and defective areas, apply tack coat, supply and lay 25mm/6mm dense wearing course tarmac. Clean up and leave area clean and tidy. Main access road from archway at entrance to end of road including turn-about area to the right @ £11,794.40 plus VAT.

Should the Council require 10" x 5" kerbs to avoid overriding of verge to left hand top corner of turn-about area (estimated approximately 15m required). There would be an e/o charge of £562.50.

**Total: £12,356.90**

Mackoy Ltd.

This quotation has been revised and dated 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.

Preliminaries: £2,930.00 For the roads to be overlaid with 25/30mm wearing course tarmac Areas 2 and 5 at £9004.50. Allow for cutting in to existing road and other areas

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around the cemetery where needed £306.00. Allow provisional sum for regulating areas £500.00. Allow for sweeping down areas/scraping sides at £750.00. Plus to allow for reinstating soft spots through-out, excavate, reduce level, concrete blinding and base course patching £2,754.90.

**Total: £16,245.40**

**Resolved: To accept the quotation of Blaze Construction Ltd. at a total of £12,356.90.**

#### R98 Allotments

##### *Cultivation Inspections*

The Chair explained that during her most recent inspection she was able to identify quite a few allotments that have remained uncultivated, whilst others were first class. Warning letters will be forwarded where necessary. Some renewals have been returned and there are currently up to 10 plots that can be re-let. There are currently 10 applications on the Waiting List.

The Chair outlined an application for the hire of an allotment which would require a dispensation of Council Policy. **Resolved: The Committee agreed that in exceptional circumstances, such applications must be considered upon their individual merits. With this particular application a dispensation is granted on welfare grounds and an allotment issued as soon as feasible.**

#### R99 Applications

*Peartree Cricket Club - to continue home fixtures at Turnpike Way Sports Field.*

**Resolved: To approve this application.**

*Hedge End Breakfast Rotary Club - Storage.* To house the Christmas Float.

The clerk is instructed to defer this matter until such time as the Committee have conducted a site visit to the new Grounds Store.

#### R100 Grounds Store

*To arrange a Site Meeting*

A Site Visit will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 at 10.00 a.m.

*Update on Carnival Requirements.*

Nick Wise, Hedge End Carnival Chair, confirms that it was the Committee's intention to buy a couple of tents, similar to those owned by Council, the storage of which would take minimum space. It was assumed that the tents would become public property and be available for community events. The Senior Groundsman confirms that current storage for the Carnival Committee consists of ropes and posts only.