

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 8TH JULY, 2015**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Georgina Jenks, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair)

R8 Apologies: Cllr. Stephen Carr, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Mike Lyons
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

**R9 Minutes & Matters Arising
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R2, R83, The sale of Tennis Key Fobs has now reached 40 households and is increasing on a daily basis.

R5 v) the applicant responded that £25 per class with no security long term does not suit his business model. Noted.

R5 vii) the Kestrels Friday Night Hoops will now start on Friday 17th July, 2015. Noted.
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

R10 Correspondence

i) David Helps, Club Secretary, Hedge End Town FC makes application for the use of Greta Park for fixtures next season. The Club has strengthened to such a degree that they are now able to start a second side. The second side will be playing in the junior division of the Southampton Saturday league. The club would therefore wish to also apply for the second team to arrange fixtures at Greta Park. The League Secretary has confirmed that he can ensure that the fixtures will be played out so only one of the teams will ever be playing at home. The Club would stress how important it is to them that the second team can play in Hedge End and at the same ground as the first team. This would encourage the two teams to work together, with no divide. It would strengthen the unity between the two teams. The majority of players living in Hedge End and Botley, it would save having to travel to other areas of Southampton. DTC advised that two new teams will be playing on alternate weeks each Saturday morning during the season and providing teams play as described the grounds (with 2 pitches) should be able to accommodate this application, but would advise that there is no priority on either pitch under any circumstances. **The clerk is instructed to approve this application with the proviso that fixtures are played on alternate weeks and that there will be no priority given to any residential team.**

ii) Jonathan Smith, David Ogilvie Engineering, introducing "The Landing" WW2 Commemorative seat, featuring a higher seat, easily gripped, strong arms and horizontal seat bars extending to behind the knees, all to assist with easy rising from the seat. The back rest depicting troop landings and the Dove of Peace. Noted.

iii) Harry Lee, Sport Works Activator, EBC requests the Council's permission to place a Friday Night Hoops Banner and Park Sport banner on the Greta Park fencing. An application has also been submitted to Development Control Services to cover a period of 6 – 7 weeks. **The clerk is instructed to approve this application subject to planning consent.**

iii) Members were advised that a sum of £2055.11p has been received from the CIP

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Programme from Eastleigh Borough Council specifically ring-fenced for the provision of seating and litter bins at the Skateboard Park in Woodhouse Lane. Would the Committee wish the clerk to progress with the purchase of the aforesaid? **The clerk is instructed to purchase 2 Themed Skateboard Benches from David Ogilvie at a cost of £524.00 plus VAT with fixtures and defer the Committee's decision with regard to the provision of a litter bin to the September Agenda, and in the meantime, the Chair will visit the site and seek the opinion of users with regard to the best method to encourage the collection of litter on site. The clerk is instructed to obtain further information with regard to "The Big Can Bin", also supplied by David Ogilvie.**

R11 To discuss the future feasibility of providing football training facilities - Hedge End Rangers. Working Party & Feasibility Study.

As there have been no further developments on this subject the matter will be withdrawn for the time being.

R12 To consider an application for the hire of Greta Park - Happy's Circus a professional all human circus.

An application to introduce a live old fashioned family entertainment over a weekend. The circus only use 3.5 tonne vehicles, no lorries and find that a good proportion of their audience usually walk to the show. Based at Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh the circus was established in 1992 and is fully insured with all risk assessments ready for scrutiny.

They would like to rent Greta Park: Friday 31st July – Sunday 2nd August for performances: Friday 5.30, Saturday 3.00 and 5.30 and Sunday 12.00 and 3.00. They are happy to provide £1500 against damage at confirmation of booking and are happy to an alternative week if necessary.

Resolved: To approve this application with a rent of £250.00 plus VAT for 3 days and £1500 Bond.

R13 To consider reviewing the implementation of a Tree Survey.

2014 Quotations have been updated as follows:

Christopher Hoare Tree Services Ltd.

To visit 19 separate sites to undertake a tree condition survey of approximately 670 individual trees, groups of trees and hedges on Town Council land. All individual trees within an area will be inspected from ground level that may affect footpaths, roads, buildings, play areas, or other amenity structures and plotted on to plans supplied by the Town Council. Trees below 150mm measured at 1.5m above ground level will not be included. Details of each tree will be recorded such as Tree number, species, size, crown spread, age, condition, defects, recommended works related to the defects and a time scale for the works. A brief site report will also be produced for each site. For the approximate cost of £5,360.00.

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Martin Shawyer Group

Providing a Risk Assessment Survey of all trees over 150mm diameter (measured at 1.5m above ground level) owned or managed by the Town Council based on the figure of approximately 600 – 700 trees. If a significant, obvious defect is found (one that causes the tree to pose an unacceptable level of risk) the survey records details and the inspector will conduct a more detailed inspection in order to make a recommendation for remedial action. Remedial action is prioritised to assist management of work and budgets. The first year cost will be £2,250.00. This will be for a report on all of the trees (in effect a tree inventory and a risk assessment survey), but will potentially fall in the price to in the region of £1300 - £1500 in following years, once a cycle of surveys is established and we are only reporting on work required to discharge your duty of care.

The clerk is instructed to defer this subject to the September Agenda and in the meantime members and staff to make enquiries into the provision of a definitive map and the necessary software for this to be digitally recorded.

R14 Exempt Business:

To discuss matters concerning Albert Road Cemetery