

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2010**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Louise Bloom, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chairman)

**Also present: Mr. D. Clouting - Hedge End Junior Cricket Club
 Mr. Othen - Allotment Committee**

R16 Apologies: Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Lisa Hollis, Cllr. Ray Worley, Cllr. Pearl Hicks.

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

R17 Minutes & Matters Arising:

The Chairman explained the circumstances of 11th August meeting, that was abandoned due to a quorum not having been achieved. Indeed the meeting only just being quorate this evening, she hoped that this would not happen again and appealed to members of the Committee, who are unable to attend the meeting on a regular basis to withdraw, in order to reduce membership to a level where a quorum may be reached. If two members would like to volunteer to withdraw a quorum may be reached with three members.

R6, expected installation October, 2010.

R12 ii) meeting to be arranged.

R13, the Council celebrated their success in achieving the Green Flag Award at Albert Road Cemetery with an announcement on 28th July, 2010. We are in receipt of a Feedback Report, designed as an aid to help improve the site application by providing strengths and recommendations for both the desk and field assessment. Application for the installation of a flagpole is ongoing.

R15, Wildern Opportunity Group plans for the development of the playground are progressing with the successful installation of a canopy, play surface and new gate.

Turnpike Way Pavilion renovation works were sufficiently completed for the premises to return to regular hire on 6th September. Renewal of the referee's changing room external door is outstanding. **The clerk is instructed to request that their Agent re-address the mountings of the newly installed roll bar and record the Committees' concern that the brackets are vulnerable to vandalism. Also to instruct the Caretaker that the enclosure to the front of the building must be open at all times, other than during Pre-School hire.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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R18 Correspondence:

- i) David Rudland, Allotment hirer, reports access made by motorcyclists and advises that fencing and gate arrangements need improvements. Noted.
- ii) Mr. B. E. Wyatt of Ascot Place congratulates the Council in ordering the removal of the skateboard in Greta Park. **The clerk is instructed to respond that this is only a temporary measure and the skateboard, which is a very highly used facility and appreciated by enthusiasts, is likely to be replaced in the next financial year.**
- iii) Principal Planning Officer, Dev. Control, EBC re proposed pitch perimeter barrier to include hard standing on one side of pitch only, and two dugouts. A planning application will not be required provided the dugouts do not exceed 200 cubic metres in volume or exceed 4 metres in height. Noted.
- iv) Ministry of Justice, Coroners and Burials Division – re Burial Act 1853 – application for the proposed closure of the churchyard of St. John the Evangelist. The notice of closure includes: **Maintenance of closed churchyards.** Under Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972 a parochial church council is liable to maintain closed churchyard by keeping it in decent order and its walls and fences in good repair. A PCC may serve a written request on the Parish or Community Council, or if there is not one, the District Council, to take over the maintenance of the churchyard. Where the request is served on the Parish Council, the Council have the option of transferring the responsibility for maintenance to the District Council provided that they resolve to do so and give written notice of their resolution to the District Council and to the PCC within three months of service of the originals request, then at the expiration of the three months the District Council must take over maintenance. Noted.
- v) Mrs. S. Marsh, Thistle Road reminds the Committee of their assurance that the drainage to the path within Turnpike Way Sports Field (a regular school route) will be addressed when car park surface improvements are implemented. **Resolved: To respond that unfortunately more pressing demands upon the budget have superseded that of resurfacing the Car Park and ultimately any drainage or surface work to the said path. Therefore, this project has been deferred to the next financial year 2011/2012. In the meantime any further works will be undertaken by the Grounds Staff.**
- vi) Notification from Hedge End Social Club FC will no longer require the hire of Greta Park for football fixtures. Noted.
- vii) Application for the use of Greta Park for Saturday afternoon fixtures from Brigadier Gerrard FC. Ten of sixteen regular players are residents of Hedge End. Enclosing a copy of Public Liability Insurance Certificate. **Resolved: To approve hire of Greta Park for the 2010/2011 Season.**
- viii) ICCM Journal Autumn Issue - “Albert Road Cemetery officially one of the best” re Green Flag Award. A further feature is planned for the

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December Winter Issue focusing on the Cemetery's, history and future plans. Noted.

- ix) Pestkill Report - Allotments. Noted.
- x) Stepping Stones Pre-School - an application for continued hire of Turnpike Way Pavilion for the next school year. **Resolved: To approve continued hire.**
- xi) Mrs. Margaret Hilton a request for permission to take a small dog into the Cemetery grounds. **Resolved: To refuse permission in accordance with Cemetery Regulations, as this would be setting a precedent.**

R19 Sports Improvements

Hedge End Rangers - Hampshire League Pitch Plans

DTC represented a report from Richard Bauck, Chairman Hedge End Rangers FC seeking Council's approval to progress the development of a) two block built dugouts (Christmas 2010), b) steel permanent fixed barrier (2010 – May, 2011) and c) path of tarmac/concrete construction (Summer 2011). **Resolved: To approve items a) and b), however, the Committee defer their approval of hard standing until such time as further information is made available.**

Hedge End Junior Cricket Club - extension to Practice Nets.

Resolved: To approve Hedge End Junior Club's application to resolve problems with the Tension of the Practice Nets and repair Divets at their expense and to secure the sum of £3,000 in the 2011/2012 Budget to match fund with the Club to extend Practice Nets at a total estimate of £6,000. The clerk is instructed to ensure that a severe area of wear to the surface in front of the nets is treated during the closed season and sewn with strong grass.

Cricket Report as a result of a meeting to consider Cricket Improvements.

The wicket has been inspected by Chris Westbrook, ECB Pitch Advisor with a full report of recommendations and guidelines. **Resolved: The Cricket Report and aforementioned report's proposals, recommendations and guidelines are approved together with necessary actions and staff training.**

R20 Allotments:

A report from Barbara Clayton, Crime Prevention Officer with recommendations.

Mr. Othen informed members of recent and perhaps the worst spate of vandalism experienced to date. There has been a first class response by the Police.

Resolved: That in the interest of improved security, the Upper Northam Drive boundary to the Allotments is completed with 1.8m palisade fencing with gates to each site and the clerk instructed to obtain three quotations to be considered at the next meeting.

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R21 Future Projects:

Update - Village Centre Public Conveniences

Work commences 13th September, 2010 and is expected to be completed in 3 – 4 weeks.

Greta Park Skateboard

The Town Clerk has arranged a Street Meet date to discuss this matter with young people at 6.00 p.m. 23rd September, 2010.

Hackworth Gardens

All play equipment and associated fencing etc. has been removed, the ground levelled and seeded.