

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE HELD 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2014**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Sheila Baynes (from 19.05 hours), Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair), Cllr. Ray Worley

**Also present:** Ray Turner

**R30 Apologies:**

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

Cllr. Val Houghton

**R31 Minutes & Matters Arising  
Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

In pursuance of R20, Cllr. Derek Pretty enquired as to the matter of the paddling pool and when the points raised will be debated again with suggestions to address the issues raised in depth. The Chairman confirmed that the matter will be debated and agreed it be deferred for debate at the December recreation & amenities committee meeting.

By way of update under Minute R27, the Chairman stated that she hand delivered an advisory letter to retailers in the village centre and received a positive response with the help of Cllr. Derek Pretty.

**R32 Correspondence:**

- i) Quotations received for the potential installation of an outdoor floor standing drinking fountain ranging from £628.00 ex VAT to £695.00 ex VAT. In addition, a one year drinking fountain contract would be an additional £150.00 ex VAT. Members noted the detail and agreed that this should be considered as a capital project for the financial year 2015/2016.
- ii) Heidi Burford (Stepping Stones Pre-School) advised that due to a fall in numbers at the Pre-School, they will be closing on a Friday afternoon. Hire will therefore only be required until 12.15pm on Fridays. Noted.
- iii) CPRE Hampshire requesting a donation towards the continued work. Noted but declined as a membership fee is paid annually to them.

**R33 To consider the purchase of a memorial as to be placed in unconsecrated land of Albert Road Cemetery – Exempt Business 10 September 2014**

Members considered the recommendation of the Exempt Business Paper of 10 September 2014 and **RESOLVED** the recommendation to purchase for the supply and installation of a

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former exhibition memorial, a dark grey all polished granite headstone with an angel carved insert at a cost of £1,200 with letters cut and gild (gold leaf) at £2.10 per letter. Members considered appropriate inscriptions for inclusion on the memorial based on examples and suggestions obtained from Sands. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the inscription 'For All Babies Born Asleep 1931 – 1983' with no additional wording.

**R34 Dowd's Farm Park – To consider the purchase and replacement of 14 mature trees.**

The Town Clerk advised members that following a discussion with the groundstaff, 14 trees have died and 4 trees appear sick. The trees were planted in thick clay soil and far from being 'dry', would have taken the drainage off the field and remained very wet in the root ball. It has been suggested these should have a thick layer of stone at 18" deep and give the trees a better chance of survival. A 20 cm girth would require a 1m. square hole x 18" depth of stone. This equates to approximately £300 to the total cost of trees. The unit cost per acer with a 20cm girth is £141.00 x 18 = £2,538.00 plus £300 gives a total cost of £2,838.00. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase 18 replacement trees exclusively for Dowd's Farm at the costs prescribed.

**R35 Hedge End Community Tennis Update**

The Town Clerk advised members that the Town Council has invoiced the Hampshire LTA for the £4,000 grant donation towards this project. He has received an e-mail from Duotech regarding the installation of the gate and Salto locking system. It is not possible to get the gate manufactured, supplied and installed by JB Corrie for less than the price quoted by Chiltern Sport Contractors. As a result, there is a shortfall of £228.12 plus VAT. A further e-mail was received from James Deem, stating he would look into whether the LTA could make up the shortfall.

**R36 Greta Park CCTV – an update from PCSO Mark Vincent**

There being no further update on this matter, this agenda item was deferred to the November meeting.

**R37 To approve Green Flag Application – Albert Road Cemetery & War Memorial Garden 2015/2016 @£312.00**

The Town Clerk advised members that the cost for application of the Green Flag for the Albert Road Cemetery and War Memorial Garden for 2015/2016 amounts to £312.00. Members considered the application and **RESOLVED** to approve Green Flag Application for the sites referred to for 2015/2016.

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**R38 To consider the purchase of a WW1 Bench to be located within the War Memorial Garden to commemorate the Centenary**

The Town Clerk circulated an example received from David Ogilvie Engineering of a new WW1 Memorial Bench newly in stock quoted at £560 plus VAT and £95 carriage. Members debated the feasibility of installing such a bench at the War Memorial Garden. It was felt that this would look excessive and potentially garish. It was **RESOLVED** to decline the purchase of a WW1 bench within the War Memorial Garden and consider deferral to 2018 to celebrate the Armistice and the end of World War 1 in 1918.

**R39 To consider the installation of an internet line at Drummond Community Centre at the request of Little Drummers Pre-School**

The Town Clerk advised members that Little Drummers Pre-School have requested access to a telephone internet line to allow them to implement a new system called tapestry. The system is designed to help children within the setting to learn and develop and for staff to keep an interactive journal that can be shared with their parents. Members understood the reasoning for the installation of an internet line and agreed the installation but felt as this was not a Town Council responsibility, it would not be paid for by the Town Council. It was **RESOLVED** that an internet line could be installed at the Drummond Community Centre for Little Drummers Pre-School but entirely at their cost and not the Town Council.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.20 hours.