

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2011**

**Cllrs. present:** Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Jenny Hughes, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh ( Chairman), Cllr. Ray Worley.

**Also present:**

Mr. Dewey	-	Allotment Committee
Steve Watson	-	Detached Youth Worker
Lesley Dowley	-	Detached Youth Worker
Emily Weekes	-	Youth Town Council

**R57 Apologies:** Cllr. Louise Bloom, Cllr. Pearl Hicks

**R58 Minutes & Matters Arising  
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R52, Mr. Dewey wished to point out that the Council's Grounds staff had, in the past, lit bonfires and the Chairman assured him that this will not be the case now that a policy is in place.

R54, arrangements have been made for the pavilion facilities at Greta Park to be surveyed on 15<sup>th</sup> March for a Refurbishment Specification to be raised. Noted.

R55, Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge - as Dowd's Farm Urban Park does not form part of the corporate property of the Council a Deed of Dedication cannot be undertaken at this point in time. Noted.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**R59 Correspondence:**

- i) Wildern Opportunity Group, Chairman Jim Mitchell requests permission to erect easily assembled and disassembled barrier fence to enclose the area beneath the canopy so that Wildern Opportunity Group will have 100% free flow outside canopy area during the playground time for the Village Hall Pre-school. **Resolved: After due consideration members agreed that the purpose of the canopy was to provide both shade and shelter to children during outside play and, at this point in time, it is essential that both pre-schools are able to use this facility. Therefore, it was resolved that consent for the erection of a temporary barrier is refused.**
- ii) Andy McGhee, Pinnacle Performance & Training Ltd. re the use of Dowd's Farm Urban Park to run two circuit classes once a week. Client's will be charged £3 - £5 per class. Defer for further information and to expedite a decision as quickly as possible, the Clerk is instructed to contact Mr. McGhee and verify the following:
  - Length of time for each class

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- What part of the Dowd's Farm Urban Park would be required, taking into account timing for those using the pathways to access Hedge End Railway Station and mothers and children travelling to Wellstead Primary School. Also due consideration given to wildlife and the environment as far as the lake is concerned.
- Public Liability Insurance - what is the cover?
- What equipment is being used and how it would be attended on site and what consideration has been given to personal possessions of those attending the class.

In the meantime the letter is to be scanned to each member for their consideration prior to Full Council, at which time it is hoped that this application may be resolved.

- iii) Mr. N. Wise, Chairman, Hedge End Carnival Committee application for the use of Greta Park from June 26<sup>th</sup> until July 5<sup>th</sup> and the car park on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Together with the use of the Recreation Ground on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This year marks the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Carnival for the people of Hedge End. The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest and withdrew from discussions. **Resolved to approve the application.**
- iv) Rita Elsey, Allotment Hirer, congratulates the Council on the condition of the flower beds in the village centre and also thanks Council for works undertaken to improve boundary fences and gates at both Allotment fields. Noted.
- v) Sue Humphrey, Animal Welfare Officer, EBC have the authority to implement the Hampshire Act, s. 9, seizure of horses, with regard to tethered horses or horses which are illegally grazed on HETC land, EBC can deal with this but HETC would be required to pay all costs incurred. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukla/1983/5/pdfs/ukla>. Noted but at what cost?
- vi) James Stanley, hirer of Allotment Plot Yellow 5a. An application for permission to keep 2 or 3 Pekin Bantam Chickens on his plot. **Resolved to approve the application.**
- vii) Privy Council Office enclosing a copy of the Final Order in Council dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 relating to burials in the churchyard of St. John the Evangelist Church, Hedge End. Noted.

**R60 To approve specifications for Tender:**

*Skateboard Park Extension, Woodhouse Lane*

**Resolved to approve and despatch the specification for tender.**

*Skateboard Replacement, Greta Park*

**Resolved to approve and despatch the specification for tender.**

**Tenders will be opened during the next Consultation Meeting to take place Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 at the Town Council Offices, 11.30 a.m.**

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The committee agree that the replacement of Greta Park skateboard should form Phase I of the project and Phase II of Woodhouse Lane be arranged with a minimum disruption to the continued use of the Skateboard Park. Steve Watson thanked the Council for the brilliant reception given to young people during the recent consultation process.

**R61 Allotments:**

Mr. Dewey on behalf of Allotment Hirers wished to thank the Town Council for the installation of palisade boundary fencing and gates to the Allotment fields, they are considered to be of a high standard and this provision has raised the confidence of hirers who have experienced vandalism and theft in the past.

**R62 Stubbs Drove Access**

Issues regarding the legal access from Willow Close via Stubbs Drove are being examined by the Council's solicitor. The Town Clerk has instructed that the full EBC files regarding the history of this area are deposited with the Solicitor for his perusal. Clearly the access has been used as a route to the village and in particular Wildern and Shamblehurst schools for the past 20 years, which may result in restrictions being contested and the legal owner of the access boundary has been approached and would not support restricted access.

The Council should also be aware that there is a very important water course running through the open space for which an environmental affidavit was signed in 1955.

The clerk is instructed to ensure that this matter appears on the next Agenda.

**R63 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Royal British Legion**

With all proceeds to be donated to The Royal British Legion in celebration of their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a proposal to promote small envelopes of Field Poppy seeds for a donation of £1.00. The envelopes can easily be promoted by the Council via councillors, perhaps to their workplace or families, advertised in the Parish Gazette, and transported to events, such as the Dowd's Farm Urban Park event "The Big Lunch Open Day", local businesses, Youth Council, offices, shops etc. where the community can be encouraged to donate a minimum of £1.00 and take pleasure in and celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this remarkable organisation and the outstanding achievements of the Legion over the last 90 years and is a chance to acknowledge its value to communities, individuals over the past nine decades and well into the future.

With an initial outlay of just £143.00 the Council can purchase 1 kilo of Field Poppy seeds, 1,000 envelopes and a special stamp to mark each envelope for the occasion, this proposal has the potential to raise £1,000, and a target to raise this

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sum by the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 “The Great Poppy Party Weekend”.

Cllr. Derek Pretty suggested that another fund raising event would be a concert at the Berry Theatre, perhaps with a big band such as Norman Brown / Spitfires and the Chairman volunteered to make enquiries.

**Finally, Cllr. Derek Pretty, asked the Chairman to consider an item for the next Agenda on the subject of Dog Control at Dowd’s Farm Urban Park. The Chairman agreed and asked Cllr. Pretty to speak directly to the clerk with a suitable title for the Agenda item.**