

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 9TH MAY, 2012**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair), Cllr. Ray Worley

Also present:

Mr. Richard Bauck	-	Chairman, Hedge End Rangers FC
Mr. N. Dewey	-	Allotment Committee
Mr. R. Turner	-	Eastleigh News

R97 Apologies: Cllr. Peter Hughes
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

**R98 Minutes & Matters Arising
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R90ii) an application for Discharge of Conditions has been submitted. An example of materials has been delivered to Development Control and suggested landscaping of Forest Flame to give all year round colour. Noted.

R95, new signs for the Sowden Close entrance to Greta Park and both Allotment Sites have been erected today. All Notice Boards are now serviced for business advertising and removal of out-dated literature.

The clerk is instructed to progress an information board to be located at Bridget Mary Gardens, providing a synopsis of the land bequeathed by the late Alderman Dr. Ephraim Sakoschansky, together with appropriate photographs, in-house drawn map and reference to further information being available on the Council website. The clerk to ensure that a website article is published providing recently researched archive material.
The Chair requested that Aldermen Dr. Ephraim and Mrs. Bridget Mary Sakoschansky should be recorded in the Town Council's Book of Remembrance. Mr. Dewey suggested that the site could be considered for the planting of wildflowers.

The Head Groundsman confirms that Wildflower Meadows have been incorporated in the landscape of Dowd's Farm Urban Park. These should be mowed once a year, preferably in Autumn, with appropriate machinery, collecting cuttings. Currently HETC would have to rent machinery at approximately £200 per day.

Two Bee Hive areas have been created in Spring Field Allotment Site, within allotment plots that proved too water logged for cultivation. Mr. Dewey pointed out that there are already some Bee Hives on Allotment plots and, furthermore, up to 6 Bee Hives on the land adjacent to Spring Field Allotments, and fears that if there is insufficient pollination available, the bees will swarm. The clerk is instructed to contact Solent Bee Keepers for guidance as to the upper limit for the number of Bee Hives to a specific area.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

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R99 Correspondence:

- i) Hedge End Hawks CC provide a copy of their Public Liability Insurance Certificate. Noted.
- ii) HEJCC provide a copy of LCA Cricket Coaching Ltd. Risk Assessment and Public Liability Insurance Certificate with regard to Coaching Schools during the Summer Holidays. Noted.
- iii) Mr. N. Wise, Chairman, Carnival Committee requests use of the village centre green for the performance of a band during the carnival procession. They will perform from the back of a pick-up truck and to make it easier could plug equipment into the electricity supply on the green. He will ensure that all work is carried out by a competent person. **Resolved: Approved - providing all works and usage are fully compliant.**
- iv) A request from Paul Behan of Hedge End Social Club FC for the use of Greta Park for a charity football tournament on 3rd June. The requirement would be for two pitches, with games to be played at 11.00 a.m. and completed by 14.15. The services of the Caretaker would be required. **Resolved: Approved free of charge.** The Chair requested that the Head Groundsman is instructed to inspect Greta Park Pavilion on a regular basis to ensure a good standard of cleanliness as well as surveying any damage caused by misuse.
- v) Janine Pickering, Sports Development Officer, EBC, seeks HETC approval for the use of the following sites for Park Sport this summer. Park Sport is a FREE summer programme for 8 – 16 year olds at Eastleigh Boroughs Parks Open spaces. It is mainly funded by the Police and First Wessex Housing Association as a way of offering a positive alternative to young people to try and divert them away from anti-social behaviour (maximum 2 hours each session): Greta Park, Woodhouse Lane, Norman Rodaway, Dowd's Farm Urban Park. Turnpike Way is not listed, however, there will be the LCA Summer School there this year. **Resolved: Approved – subject to all pre-booked events such as Scouts Fun Day, Music Festival, Charity events, Carnival and LCA Summer School dates.**

R100 To discuss the feasibility and use of floodlights for football matches at the Norman Rodaway Sports Field - Presentation – Richard Bauck (Hedge End Rangers).

Firstly, Richard thanked Council for the use of facilities for a Charity Match on 6th May, at which the Club raised £400.00. He then delivered an account of the Club's achievements, success and ambitions in the future. The Club has been awarded, by the FA, a Charter Standard Community Club status in recognition that the club has levels of coaching, management, child welfare and administration at, or above, the levels required and it also recognises that the Club offers a pathway for players from Youth into Adult Football. It is in pursuit of the latter, that the Club have acquired floodlights from the former first team training pitch of Southampton FC, worth £25,000, and the purpose of this presentation is in the hope that the Council will assist and support the Club in going forward with a Feasibility Study to install up to 6 x 15m high floodlights, with a light spill of 5 metres each, in the public open space of Norman Rodaway Hampshire League Pitch, with the

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proposal to use said lights during six months of the Football Season for one match per week. Richard assured members that the Club would not require the facilities and/or floodlighting for the purposes of training and would not be asking the Town Council to finance any part of the project. Similar projects have been undertaken on public open spaces in Locks Heath and by the Hythe & Dibden Council. Finally, Richard, praised and wished to thank the Head Groundsman and his team for their work throughout the season to achieve a highly complimented football pitch standard. The Club nominated Paul Snelgrove, Head Groundsman, for the FA's Hampshire Premier League Groundsman of the Year and he came third out of eighteen entries. The Chair instructed the clerk to ensure that Paul is congratulated on this achievement and details of the award to be placed on the Council website.

Members agreed to assist and support the Club in a Feasibility Study and Cllrs. Day and Pretty volunteered their time to represent the Council in a Working Party, which will hopefully also include two members of Hedge End Rangers and wherever possible the guidance of Paul Snelgrove.

R101 Matters to be Resolved:

- Approve location of a Textile Collection Bin. Application of Hants. & IOW Air Ambulance – deferred from Minutes R91. **Resolved: That the location of the Drummond Centre Car Park is offered to the applicant to be placed adjacent to the existing, “Make a Wish” Textile Bin. However, if there is insufficient space to accommodate two bins, the Committee recommend that the existing Charity is asked to remove the collection bin as it has been in situ for 12 months and the Council would wish to give equal opportunity to all charities.**
- Determine colour of poppies in War Memorial Garden Gate. **Resolved: RAL 3020 Bright Red.**
- Approve Charity Football Match at Greta Park for 3rd June, 2012 – Application from Hedge End Club FC. The requirement would be for two pitches, with games to be played at 11.00 a.m. and completed by 14.15. The services of the Caretaker would be required. **Resolved: Approved free of charge.**
- Approve use of football pitch at Greta Park for forthcoming season for Hedge End Club FC. **Resolved: Approved.**

The Chair requested that a spot check of the facilities at Greta Park Pavilion is conducted by the Head Groundsman to ensure cleanliness and that the premises are not abused or damaged by hirers.

Diary Note: The next meeting of the Working Party to Review Hire Fees will take place on Friday 25th May in the Town Council Offices at 10.00 a.m.