

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 9TH JULY, 2014**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair), Cllr. Ray Worley.

Also present: Cllr. Rupert Kyrle

R9 Apologies: Cllr. Emma Norman, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jenny Hughes.

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

**R10 Minutes & Matters Arising
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R2,R96 a site meeting has now taken place and the decision to install a rafted path of decking.

R5, the installation of the Goal End sports facility at Turnpike Way Sports Field is expected to commence Wednesday 16th July.

R11 Correspondence:

- i) Barry Osmond, on behalf of Hedge End Rotary Breakfast Club requests the consent of the Town Council to apply to The Woodland Trust to plant 100 trees as part of the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Taking part in a project of a once-in-a-generation tribute to all those who gave their lives by creating a growing legacy that will stand tall for centuries to come. The trees have to be planted on a publicly accessible site, with permission to plant from the legal landowner and have the support of the community. **The clerk is instructed to respond with the Committee's appreciation, support and approval of this application, however, the location of planting to be deferred and decided during the meeting of September.**

R12 Community Tennis Project

A Progress Report

Following a further meeting with James Deem of the LTA and Richard Cutler, Serving Tennis. The Council still awaits details of recommended specialists, in order to issue a specification and invitation to tender. Invitations to tender should be despatched before the end of July, with a submission date within the first week of September and commencement of works in October, 2014.

Early indications suggest that the project expense far exceeds the envisaged budgets that were initially discussed and an air of caution must be applied as there are no further monies available from the Town Council, especially as the council has already committed additional funds from the Solar PV income. The Budget must not exceed £24,000. In the meantime Richard Cutler, at the request of the Finance & Administration Committee, has produced a revised Business Plan, a copy of which is issued to each member this evening.

R13 To determine a suitable date for the Annual Open Spaces Tour.

Members agreed upon 6th August, 2014 meeting at Turnpike Way Sports Field at 2.00 p.m.

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R14 To approve retrospective application for the use of HETC grounds - EBC Park Sports throughout the Summer 2014, together with a Skate & BMX Jam on 4th August, 2014.

An Email from Fintan Healy, Park Sport Co-ordinator, dated 7th July apologises for the delay in this information reaching the Town Council and assures the Committee that a note has been made to give at least two months' notice next year, and provides a schedule of activities taking place running between 28th July and 29th August. There will also be two one-off events: Skate Jam at Woodhouse Lane Leisure Park on Monday 4th August and Bikeability Level 1 at Greta Park on Tuesday 5th August.

At the Chair's invitation Cllr. Rupert Kyrle raised potential issues concerning the Bond Policy, in that whilst it was essential to protect public open space during commercial use and vehicular activity on the grounds, he asked whether members would consider an amendment with a view to giving more flexibility where charities are concerned and events that do not include a commercial influence or any kind of potential disruption of the grounds i.e. vehicles. Whilst an appropriate Management & Risk Assessment together with Public Liability Insurance is essential, the additional Bond of £1500 could discourage a simple charity event.

Resolved: To permit the use of Woodhouse Lane Leisure Park, Dowds Farm Park and Greta Park for the Park Sport scheduled events as submitted. The Committee will require two months' notice in the future. The Clerk is also instructed to raise new terms and conditions, retaining the £1500 Bond, but with more flexibility to encourage small charity events, and ensure that this is an Agenda item for the September meeting.

R15 To consider applications:

Smiles Pre-school - to extend hours from September 2014, Thursday from 8.15 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. **Resolved: To approve this application.**

Allotment Plot Green 9a - to erect an 8' x 10' Polly Tunnel. **Resolved: To approve this application.**

R16 Exempt Business

To discuss appropriate recording and identification of Cemetery grounds that remain unconsecrated.