

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE
9 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Councillors Present: Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Georgina Jenks, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair)

R15 Apologies

Cllr. Stephen Carr

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

**R16 Minutes & Matters Arising
Meeting of 8 July 2015**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

R17 Correspondence Received

a) Application from Paul Thorpe of Hedge End Tigers Youth FC requesting pitch availability for a Sunday Morning as the club has entered the Winchester District Sunday Morning League and need a home ground. Members agreed to the application for play on a Sunday morning at Greta Park subject to evidence of public liability insurance and details of forthcoming fixtures submitted;

b) Request received from a Rob Eyres (Allotment Hirer H5) to place a small 8' x 6' greenhouse standing on a wooden footing. Members agreed to the request of a greenhouse being erected on allotment H5;

c) Appeal request from a Glen Gregory for a bespoke memorial to replace the wooden cross of Grave Space H10 and using a company, Chesney's, who are not on the Town Council approved list of stonemasons. Members considered this request and agreed to refuse permission on the basis that Chesney's are not dedicated stonemasons and to uphold the rules of only permitting stonemasons who formally appear on the approved list of stonemasons.

d) Letter received from a Mr. Harnett who seeks permission from the Council to allow him and his family to take dogs into the Cemetery following the Town Council notice that no animals may be brought into the cemetery except working dogs or by express permission of the Town Council. Members refused permission, upholding the rules of the cemetery in only allowing guide dogs in the cemetery.

e) Countryside Voice, Summer 2015;

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f) CPRE – Field Work, Summer 2015;

g) ICCM – Notice of Annual General Meeting and Financial Statement with the 2015 Journal

R18 To consider an application for the hire of Greta Park – Happy's Circus

The Town Clerk advised members that he has received an application from Pat Holmes (Director of Promotions) to bring Happy's Circus to Hedge End for a second season in 2016. They would wish to perform over 29th July 2016 to 31 July 2016 at Greta Park. The intention is to set up on Thursday 28 July 2016 and vacate with the toilets on 31 July 2016.

RESOLVED:

To allow the use of Greta Park for Happy's Circus for the period 29 July 2016 to 31 July 2016

R19 To consider application for the placement of a memorial bench at Albert Road Cemetery

The Town Clerk advised members that he is in receipt of a letter of application from Mrs. M. Miley seeking permission to place a bench in the memory of her late husband at Grave G118. She would purchase the bench and sets out three suggested locations for potential citing of the bench.

RESOLVED

That the memorial bench application be approved at Grave G118 subject to agreement with the groundstaff to ensure the correct location for the placement of the bench in accordance with the suggested locations made by the applicant.

R20 To consider provision of litter bins at Skateboard Park

The Town Clerk advised members that two surface mounted benches have been ordered from David Ogilvie at a cost of £1,048 against the CIP amount paid from Eastleigh Borough Council of £2,055.11. The matter of appropriate litter bins was discussed and examples from the latest Ogilvie catalogue were circulated. Members felt that given the current high level of rubbish at this site and that litter bins are being abused, it would be prudent to site two upturned oil drums at the site. Young people can then be asked to graffiti the oil drums as a street art project and this would introduce a sense of ownership and encourage thoughtful waste disposal.

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RESOLVED

That two upturned oil drums be prepared for citing at the Skateboard site at Woodhouse Lane and that young people are asked as a street art project to graffiti the bins as part of an ownership concept.

R21 To provide an update to reviewing the implementation of a Tree Survey.

This agenda item was deferred from the meeting in July pending research into the provision of a definitive map and software to allow for digital recording.

The Town Clerk demonstrated to members a Website, which would allow for the downloading of segments of maps for any area at a reasonable cost. The site www.mapserve.co.uk allows for a wide variation of options to be downloaded and printed at a considerably reduced rate to that of the Ordnance Survey and is formally licensed. Members discussed in some depth how to move forward regarding mapping trees and obtaining definitive data on the number of trees in the Town Council's ownership prior to the placement of any contract. It was felt appropriate on a trial basis only to identify a sample area, download the relevant map for that area, to map the trees and identify ownership of the trees and mark them on the map in consultation with the Town Clerk to define the trees. Cllr. Paul Carnell volunteered his services on this project. Members requested that this trial with the results be discussed further at the October meeting of the Recreation & Amenities Committee for evaluation.

R22 Exempt Business – Albert Road Cemetery Appeal

Matters regarding an appeal relating to the Albert Road Cemetery were discussed.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.25 hours.