

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2013**

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

**Also Present:** Mr. N. Dewey, Allotment Committee.

**R30 Apologies:** Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Peter Hughes, Cllr. Val Houghton  
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

**R31 Minutes & Matters Arising  
Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2013**

R20i), Cllr. Derek Pretty was able to report that maintenance is to be conducted with an agreement of a contribution from the house owner of 50%.

R22, commemorative seats have been ordered and delivery imminent. In the meantime new litter bins have been purchased to be installed adjacent to each seat for convenience. Noted.

R24, surface drainage improvements will be undertaken during the course of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> October. Noted.

R25, at the request of Good Companions Club and their agreement to pay the difference, the Town Clerk has ordered a 10 litre capacity counter top Hot Water unit which should be in operation very soon. Noted.

R26, the minutes to be amended to record 9<sup>th</sup> November for the Carnival Committee Firework Fiesta. Noted.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**R32 Correspondence:**

- i) Mr. Paul Miller reports the poor condition of the car park surface entrance to the Drummond Community Centre and reports 2 sizeable depressions/pot holes on the car park side of the speed bump. Cllr. Derek Pretty reported that he had examined the condition of the road surface during a site visit and agreed that attention is required. Clearly there has been an historic trench that has been repaired and gradually sunk to a depth of at least 4 inches. He strongly recommended that works would require a contractor to excavate and reinstate and that this would not be a patchwork remedy. **The clerk is instructed to obtain quotations to be considered at the next meeting as an Agenda item.**

**R33 Village Centre Improvements**

*Public Conveniences*

**The clerk is instructed to contact the Contractor and seek his guidance with regard to the durability of paint used during renovation and his report referred to the next Agenda.**

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*To consider an application from Hedge End Carnival Committee to fund the provision of a seat and to determine proposed location. Resolved: To approve this application providing the location, within the village centre green, is approved by HCC. Siting to be determined by the Head Groundsman.*

**R34 Report from the Chair as a result of a meeting with Richard Cutler, Serving Tennis - Community Tennis Provider.**

The Chair reported upon a recent meeting and informed members that a Feasibility Study will be conducted in order to fully inform members at the November meeting. The study will cover the progression and potential to improve facilities and management of hire at Woodhouse Lane courts, and will include proposals for a Community Schools Tennis Programme and coaching school to include training for adults.

**R35 Skateboard Park**

*A request for drainage and an extension - Cllr. Jenny Hughes on behalf of the Youth Partnership.*

Cllr. Jenny Hughes represented matters raised during a Youth Partnership meeting and wished to ensure that members were aware of reports concerning drainage. A domed area in the centre of the park has very poor drainage and enthusiasts have to sweep the area to clear the surface water. It was agreed that within the concrete section it would be extremely difficult to make remedial works. However, the due care and diligence of those using the facility was appreciated.

The Chair added her impressions of a very successful EBC organised "Sports in the Park" day, when up to 70 young people enjoyed the skateboard park. The Chair made enquiries during her visit to canvas users opinion and without exception, they were more than satisfied with the facilities.

**R36 Allotments**

*To receive complaints concerning Bonfires.*

The Council is in receipt of complaint that three bonfires were conducted on site during the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> September, 2013. Only one hirer's plot was identified. A regulation prohibiting the burning of materials on site remains within the Agreement signed by each hirer.

**The clerk is instructed to amend the 2014/2015 Allotment Agreement with a suitable term to lift the stipulation with regard to the lighting of bonfires during the months of November to February henceforth, in order that defined non-compostable or diseased produce can be disposed of on site. In the meantime a notice to be placed to this effect.**

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**R37 Budget 2014/2015**

*To discuss projects.*

The Committee discussed and proposed the following projects to be discussed for the forthcoming 2014/2015 Budget:

Paddling Pool resurfacing (early Spring 2014)	£21,000
Tennis Capital Project – match funding application for a grant	£2,000
Land at The Recreation Ground	£10,000
Re-paint interior – Public Conveniences	TBC
Beattie Rise Pond - attention to fences etc.	TBC
Grounds Works Equipment	TBC
Litter Bins	TBC
Tree works at Dowd’s Farm Park*	£10,000

\*This item to be investigated for Borough funding.

Cllr. Derek Pretty and Mr. N. Dewey left the meeting.

**R38 Exempt Business**

*To discuss deferred matters concerning the Cemetery.*