

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2010**

**Councillors Present: Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Jenny Hughes, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chairman), Cllr. Ray Worley.**

**Also present:** Mr. A. Othen - Allotment Committee  
Mrs. E. Maddox - Allotment Plot Yellow 8B  
Allotment Hirers

**R84 Apologies:** Cllr. Louise Bloom, Cllr. Peter Hughes, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jenny Schwausch.  
With effect from the end of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

The Chairman moved to suspend the Agenda in order to learn the views of Mrs. E. Maddox regarding a transfer of hire for Allotment Plot Yellow 8B. DTC read a letter from Mrs. Sarah Carter:

Mrs. Sarah Carter former hirer of Allotment Plot Yellow 8B appeals to the Council to permit her sister Mrs. Eileen Maddox to renew the Allotment Agreement for the aforementioned plot. Mrs. Carter explains the reasons for compassionate consideration, together with confirmation that her sister has joined her in cultivating the allotment over the past three years. Mrs. Maddox is currently listed as the third person awaiting an allotment plot. Mrs. Sarah Carter has now relocated to Carlisle and would therefore appeal to Council to allow Mrs. Maddox to continue the hire of Yellow 8B.

Mr. Othen wished to add his personal support of this application together with at least 15 other allotment hirers who were sympathetic to Mrs. Maddox's appeal and appreciated the good cultivation of Yellow 8B.

**Recommendation: The Chairman proposed that Mrs. Maddox be offered the renewal Agreement for the Hire of Allotment Yellow 8B. Seconded Cllr. Jenny Hughes and motion carried.**

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R74, Paris Smith Solicitors have checked documents forwarded by the Town Council and the legislation and there seems little doubt from what they have seen at this stage that the land was purchased for the purpose of allotments and therefore is effectively statutory allotment land, but will confirm this formally in due course. They also checked over the title from a property perspective so that the Town Council is aware of any other issues on the land that there might have

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been, but this has not thrown anything up other than a recommendation that the land is registered with the Land Registry as soon as possible. Noted.

R79, arrangements for the official opening of the Artificial Wicket at Turnpike Way on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 6.00 p.m. are underway. However, all invitations to officiate have, to date, been turned down. A plaque recognising sponsors and grants has been ordered. An allotment hirer informed members that her brother-in-law was a member of MCC and that he may be able to influence a personality to attend. The Committee very much appreciated this assistance and asked her to liaise with DTC.

R81, an order has been placed for palisade security fencing. The site has been examined by a Southern Water Inspector and mains and valves identified. A Building Over Notice is not required in this instance, however, installers are advised to trench and identify the location of a 30" mains pipe. The Head Groundsman has been on site with Barker & Geary Ltd. and highlighted the importance of the palisade providing sufficient distance to maintain the Southern Water Valve, 30" mains pipe and the Southern Electricity Wayleave. Installation is expected within the next few weeks. The neighbouring Grazier has been notified in writing, but has not responded to date. Noted.

R82, re Asbestos Register, the Town Clerk has arranged for a complete review of all sites. Noted.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**R86 Correspondence:**

- i) Peartree Cricket Club provides a copy of their Public Liability Insurance Certificate. Noted.
- ii) Mr. N. Wise, Chairman, Hedge End Carnival Committee application for the use of Greta Park and the Recreation Ground on the usual terms and conditions for the Carnival. Greta Park from June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup> and the car park on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Use of the Recreation Ground is only required on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Recommendation: Cllr. Sheila Baynes proposed approval of this application. Seconded Cllr. Jenny Hughes and motion carried.**

- iv) Hedge End Hawks Cricket Club provides a copy of their Public Liability Insurance Certificate. Noted.

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- v) Carol Mason, Manager, Smiles Pre-school submits application for the hire of Norman Rodaway Pavilion commencing Autumn Term 2010 with Spring Term 2011 through to Summer Term 2011. Times of hire for each term are supplied with an increase of hours during the Summer Term.

**Recommendation: Cllr. Sheila Baynes proposed approval of this application. Seconded Cllr. Ray Worley and motion carried.**

**R87 Questions not addressed on this Agenda.**

Mr. Othen presented his Allotment Report: The groundsmen have completed a very good job on the perimeter and paths. In his opinion 95% of the allotment plots were being very well cultivated, however, with a just a few exceptions - four plots that he identified on the New Site and three plots on the Old Site.

The WCs on site are in urgent need of repair.

The water point by Yellow 3a/Red path requires a new tap fitted.

The Chairman raised the subject of one of the Old Site plots, named by Mr. Othen as not being cultivated, as she was aware that a very long standing hirer had difficulty in maintaining the ground, due to infirmity. Furthermore his family had appealed upon compassionate grounds for the Town Council to renew his Agreement. Mr. Othen agreed that the plot had not been fully cultivated for some considerable time and suggested that Council consider a compromise that the plot should present good cultivation within two months of the renewal.

**Recommendation: The Chairman proposed that a caveat should be placed within the Agreement, that the plot must be fully cultivated within two months of the renewal date and, if not, the Agreement will be terminated. With the current waiting list of 67 applications it would be most unfair to allow a further year to pass for compassionate reasons, when the plot has not been worked for some years. Seconded Cllr. Sheila Baynes and motion carried.**

**R88 To receive the sum of £5,000 bequeathed to the people of Hedge End in memory of the late Maurice Wilfred Allen and his sister Greta Hindmarch.**

The Chairman explained the circumstances of the inheritance and members discussed a befitting and recognisable feature with which a commemoration could be made to the late Maurice Allen and his sister Greta Hindmarch.

**Recommendation:**

**Cllr. Jenny Hughes proposed a befitting feature of a wrought iron archway to the entrance of Albert Road Cemetery, as a lasting memory to the benefactors, with a commemoration plaque. The Clerk instructed to seek suitable designs and, most importantly, ensure that a letter of appreciation is**

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**forwarded to the Executors. Quotes and ideas to be presented at the next meeting. Seconded Cllr. Sheila Baynes and motion carried.**

**R89 To consider the fee proposal of Rund Partnership for taking this project up to tender level and administrating the work through to completion.**

*Review proposals and Budget Costs.*

Members examined proposals and agreed that security suggestions of “Floodlighting and CCTV” at a budget sum of £8,000 should be excluded from External renovations and replaced with Piped Classical Music, the latter having been tried and tested as a successful deterrent at the Norman Rodaway Pavilion.

**Recommendation: The Chairman proposed that subject to the aforementioned proviso and the exclusion of “Floodlighting & CCTV” at the Budget cost of £8,000 from the general survey, and replacing with the security measure of Piped Classical Music, the Town Council engage the services of Rund Partnership for taking this project up to tender level and administrating the project work through to completion at a revised fee, taking into consideration the aforementioned and reasonable disbursements. Seconded Cllr. Jenny Hughes and motion carried.**

**R90 Refurbishment of Public Conveniences**

**Recommendation: The Chairman proposed that all external renovations are undertaken by the Grounds Staff during the winter months. The clerk instructed to obtain three quotations for the internal improvements specified. Seconded Cllr. Sheila Baynes and motion carried.**

**R91 Green Flag Up-date.**

The Green Flag inspection will take place on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2010. Colleagues at EBC have been extremely generous in their time and attention to assist HETC in their first Green Flag application and have visited the site with tips and guidance for improvements.

**R92 Councillors Questions:**

Cllr. Jenny Hughes queried the location of a Clothes Recycling Bin in Drummond Community Centre car park. In her opinion it did not look very nice and degraded the area. Who gave permission for this location?

Cllr. Jenny Hughes having reported an interruption of hire at Norman Rodaway Pavilion, some weeks ago, by footballers wishing to use the toilet facilities, reported another similar incident when a model aircraft enthusiast insisted on using the facilities and if not threatened to relieve himself at the rear of the premises, outside! DTC suggested that it may be appropriate to place a Notice at the entrance to the effect “DO NOT ENTER FOR THE USE OF WC FACILITIES”.

