

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD 10TH AUGUST, 2011**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. David Humby, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chairman), Cllr. Ray Worley.

Also present: Mr. & Mrs. Thoma and Mrs. Fry re Woodhouse Lane Skateboard Park Extension.

R19 Apologies: Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Jenny Hughes, Cllr. Peter Hughes

**R20 Minutes & Matters Arising
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R14 iii), Plot G2 has made excellent progress.

R15, following cultivation warning and termination letters, two appeals were approved by the Chairman. The Chairman also reported that she has selected the winners for the awards “Best Allotment 2011” for each of the Spring and Kanes Field sites, an overall winner and those to be awarded a certificate of recognition at the Annual Parish Assembly next year.

R17, a formal written request has been forwarded to Mr. Tim Lawton, Head of Highways West, Hampshire Highways. Peter Clutterbuck confirms that the Heritage sign is close to completion and that he may store it for a limited period.

R18, order placed and works to commence 26th September, following the completion of the Cricket Season.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

R21 Correspondence:

- i) CPRE, Fieldwork, Summer 2011. Noted.
- ii) Application Hedge End Town Football Club for the use of Greta Park for the Football Season 2011/2012 and Saturday fixtures. **Resolved: Application approved.**
- iii) Application Brigadier Gerrard FC for the use of Greta Park for the Football Season 2011/2012 and Saturday fixtures. **Resolved: Application approved.**
- iv) Circus World Entertainments – a small family circus based in Wickham not using any performing animals. Application for the use of Greta Park from the evening of Sunday 1st April 2012, with two performances on Monday 2nd, one performance on Tuesday 3rd and would then leave the ground on the evening of Tuesday 3rd. **Resolved: Application approved with the proviso that access to the park may only be made on the evening of Sunday 1st April, 2012 only.**
- v) Hedge End Football Club – an application for the use of Greta Park on a Sunday morning during the forthcoming football season, representing Hedge End Social Club. **Resolved: Application approved.**

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- vi) Eastleigh Southern Parishes Older Peoples Forum, via 1 Community have expressed an interest in the Sports Point facility in The Recreation Ground, however, clearer instructions would be useful. This has been a common complaint of prospective users. HAGS Play have quoted £147.00 per information sign, of steel on a steel post. **Resolved: That the clerk purchase signs but to press for a reduction in cost.**
- vii) Max Parr, LTA Competition Organiser, an application for the use of the Tennis Courts to promote tennis within the local community and run regular competitive match-play events. **Resolved: That the clerk invite Mr. Parr to the next meeting and ascertain whether the application is for Senior or Junior players. The clerk to forward details of average public use plus Summer Season income and current annual fees of the Club via Email to each member.**
- viii) Ms. M. Sweeney makes application for a commemorative seat in memory of her late father Jack Denyer to be located in the highway grass verge in front of 23 Lower Northam Road. **The clerk is instructed to forward this request to the appropriate highway authority expressing the Town Council's support of such an installation with the preferred style of bench as per those in Albert Road Cemetery (a copy of which should be forwarded to Ms. Sweeney).**

R22 To discuss the feasibility of acoustic fencing to prevent noise nuisance to neighbouring residents of Woodhouse Lane Skateboard Park.

Mr. Thoma agreed the recorded minutes of the last meeting but felt that an acoustic barrier would not address all matters of concern and reminded members with regard to issues of overlooking, the obstruction of cars parked on the highway, noise emanating from the Bowling Green Car Park and a reasonable time for closure. Furthermore, he would still wish to challenge the location of the site and realising that it was too late with a contract of installation in place, asked whether he could approach an Ombudsman, and was advised to speak to the Town Clerk on this subject.

Members considered various boundary sound/acoustic barriers designed for application where a significant reduction in noise penetration and sound absorption is required and gave further consideration to managing and policing a reasonable time of closure. An acoustic fence to the residential side of the site with the remaining three boundaries in chain link, would enable the site to be gated and closed each night. Furthermore, during development of the Groundsman Store it may be possible to consider a car park barrier to the entire site to alleviate disturbance. **Resolved: The clerk is instructed to arrange a Saturday morning site meeting with a representative of a Fencing Specialist to advise upon installation, effectiveness and height of a suitable enclosure. Defer to next Agenda.**

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R23 To discuss regulations to protect newly refurbished changing rooms at Greta Park Sports Pavilion. Resolved: To implement the following regulations to all teams hiring the facilities with immediate effect:

- 1. The Cleaner/Caretaker will check showers and changing rooms for any damage prior to the teams vacating the premises.**
- 2. The Cleaner/Caretaker must ensure that all drains are cleaned and cleared.**
- 3. No football boots are to be worn in the shower and a notice to this effect to be placed NO BOOTS BEYOND THIS POINT.**
- 4. All mud to be removed in the Boot Boxes provided only.**
- 5. Any club responsible for damage will be invoiced.**
- 6. The resident Club will remain responsible for the condition of the opponents changing room and it is therefore in their interest to check the opponents changing room prior to vacating the site.**
- 7. The Cleaner/Caretaker will report all damage or unsatisfactory conditions to the Town Clerk who is authorised to write immediately for compensation.**
- 8. The Town Council reserve the right to cancel all fixtures for the resident team, if either their changing room or that of their opponents has been abused.**

R24 To discuss a suitable barrier to be placed at the entrance of Turnpike Way Sports Field from Thistle Road to prohibit vehicular entry.

Members considered suitable Motorcycle Barriers that could be easily and quickly installed but prove effective to prohibiting access to Motor Scooters, Motorcycles, Quad Bikes and Horses whilst allowing access to pedestrians, single and double buggies, wheelchair, motorised wheelchair, mobility scooters and bicycles. **The clerk is instructed to cost the proposed provision of Standard K Barrier, with floor panel to be installed by the grounds staff with suitable fencing to close the remaining aperture and refer to the next meeting.**

R25 To discuss a suitable surface to surround proposed bowling end extensions to Practice Nets at Turnpike Way, to prevent further wear and tear.

S & C Slatter Ltd.:

Geotextile membrane in order to prevent the aggregate mixing with the sub-soil, thus preventing the drainage from becoming clogged in later years and also to prevent any future weed growth from under the aggregate. With consolidated non frost susceptible aggregate to provide solid, free draining base. 11mm open-pile, sand-dressed NottsSward to provide clean-standing area, replacing all grass areas in facility, removing requirement to mow in between cage and ends and preventing grooves developing from bowlers' follow-throughs.

To surround and infill new bowling ends only: £950.00 plus VAT
4m extension as per Notts Sport/Hedge End CC Aug. 2010 £2,457.00 plus VAT

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Star Rubber Environmental Ltd.

Supply and lay 50mm thick, 41 square metres of TigerMulch to previously prepared ground and edges, based on easy access to within 30m of the work area for a 7.5 ton lorry. Site preparation work will be provided by the client. £2,419 plus VAT.

Resolved: With the proviso that HEJCC will match fund this further installation, the Town Council will accept the quotation of S. & C Slatter Ltd. to supply and install a 4m extension as per Notts Sport/Hedge End CC Aug. 2010 at £2,457.00 plus VAT.

R26 Hampshire League Pitch facilities:

The Town Council is in receipt of four complaints with regard to alterations to Norman Rodaway Sports Field to accommodate Hampshire League Status:

- A member of the public, vehemently remonstrated the affect of the installation and its interference on his hobby as a Model Aircraft enthusiast.
- Objections from a Dog Walker
- a resident of Bergen Crescent remarked that there had been little notice to the public or opportunity for the community to express objections
- Letter from Mr. M. Taylor of Mapleton Road, on behalf of many individuals, objecting to the installation on the grounds of Health & Safety, claiming that the construction is illegal, spoiling the view for those that have donated commemorative seats, claiming it looks like a race course and that there is a covenant on the grounds preventing building. And suggests that the Council should charge a small fee for the use of the Car Park to raise funds. The latter having also written to the Health & Safety Executive, who, in turn forwarded the matter to Dave Bowen, EBC who comments "*as long as everything is in accordance with FA regulations/guidelines it should be a straightforward reply to the HSE*"

Members agreed that the response of the Council should reflect the need to encourage and support the progress of the Norman Rodaway facilities as a Sports Field and it's designation to the game of Football. The Town Council would wish to promote the future of Football at this site and in so doing fully support the requirements of a Hampshire League pitch. Hedge End Rangers FC is known to have over 350 members. The land purchased for the purposes of a Sports Field and does not breach any covenant, as suggested, and under the provisions of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (No.2) (England) Order 2008, Schedule 2, Part 12, Class A, a planning application will not be required for the proposed pitch perimeter barrier, hard-standing and dugouts, provided the dugouts do not exceed 200 cubic metres in volume or exceed 4 metres in height.