

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECRETION & AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2012**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Val Houghton (left 1950 hrs.), Cllr. Peter Hughes, Cllr. Derek Pretty (arrived 1918 hrs. ), Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair), Cllr. Ray Worley

**Also present:** Cllr. Louise Bloom

**The Chair and members were delighted to learn the announcement of the birth of Kahlan Maisy Snelgrove and wished to send their very best wishes and congratulations to father Head Groundsman, Paul Snelgrove and mother Louise.**

**R32 Apologies:** Cllr. Jenny Hughes

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

**R33 Minutes & Matters Arising  
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R25, a draft specification has been forwarded to each member. **The clerk is instructed to defer this subject to the next Agenda and forward a copy to Cllr. Louise Bloom.**

R26, Barbara Clayton MA, Western Area Tasking & Co-ordination Directorate, Hampshire Constabulary responds *"whilst professional graffiti walls/fences etc. are seen to bring ownership, especially to young people within a location frequented by them which deters unwanted damage, as far as I'm aware the last school of thought was that Hampshire Constabulary do not support the use of them for fear of them being used as a platform for posting racial or offensive language. However my professional opinion is that if the work is organised and young people have some involvement in the design and the surfaces is treated to resist sabotage, it can in some cases, depending where it is sited it can deter graffiti being sprayed elsewhere or on the fence if its left blank. However, before I give a definitive answer I will consult our force solicitor in order to get an opinion in regard Hampshire's Constabulary current view on the matter"*. We are advised to contact the Chief Inspector, who is given a very small budget for Crime prevention, community safety initiatives and approach the Community Safety Partnership and Local Area Co-ordinator for funding. Alternatively consider engaging with the local colleges and launch a competition to design the mural with their art students and get the local young people to do the graffiti. Noted.

76 x Pieris 'Forest Flame' plants have been purchased and planted today on the residential side of the Acoustic fence to meet with planning conditions. Noted.

R29, perhaps a further location may be considered and if the Donator makes contact, the option of the village green should be offered.

R30, two quotations have been received with regard to the supply of a Timberwolf TW150DHB Towable Wood Chipper and both at the price of £13,600.00 plus VAT. Noted.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

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#### R34 Correspondence:

- i) A request from Hedge End Town FC for approval to rope the pitch at Greta Park to meet with League requirements. Plans are in process to acquire the necessary ropes from Hedge End Rangers FC and if agreeable at no cost to the Council.  
**Resolved: Approved providing there is no cost to the Town Council.**
- ii) Mr. Andy Duell, Hedge End Horticultural Society, confirms that 12 of his members will join the Community Tree Planting scheme at Dowd's Farm Park on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2012. Very much appreciated and noted.
- iii) Jon Riddell, Local Area Co-ordinator confirms that a second grant of £5,000 has been agreed with the Leisure Programme Board to enable HETC to ring fence works at Dowd's Farm Park specifically for a number of projects in hand which aim to enhance application for a Green Flag and the Town Clerk confirms that Council is in receipt of these funds. Noted.
- iv) Ms. Jackie Emon, Allotment Plot X4, requests approval for the installation of a 6 x 6 greenhouse, consisting of metal frame with plastic windows. **Resolved: Approved.**
- v) For information, the Daily Echo published a small article on the Community Planting Scheme giving details. Noted.
- vi) Sales literature introducing The GreenTek Group and sale of used Ground-Guards and offers of Packs containing 12 used 8' x 4' Ground Guards at £1700, with additional packs becoming cheaper, i.e. up to 5 packs of 12 @ £1300 per pack. A rapid solution to site access problems, creating car parks and for protecting sensitive ground. Noted.

#### R35 Allotments:

Defer.

#### R36 To discuss Village Centre improvements:

Members discussed a strategy of improvements for the village centre over the next five years, which would include replacing the Public Conveniences with a modern and maintainable facility and agreed to encourage the assistance of EBC with a regeneration/urban renewal scheme. A site meeting should be incorporated with the pre-event site meeting day at Dowd's Farm Park, at which time the grounds staff can advise on the best way forward to improve the village green and surrounding trees.

#### R37 To discuss matters concerning Dowd's Farm Park

*Community Planting Day 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 and to agree a pre-event site meeting.*  
Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012 meeting at the Play Area, at 10.00 a.m. and subsequently moving on to the village centre as per R36.

##### *Information Board*

To be edited by Cllr. Louise Bloom. The clerk is instructed to find an alternative photograph depicting the play area.

##### *Maintenance Compound*

**The clerk is instructed to obtain quotations for the installation of a tarmac surface car park**

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**and apply for the support of EBC in funding and signage with a view to a Safer Routes to School, park and stride scheme. No vehicular access directly into the park, pedestrian only.**

*Green Flag 2012*

Members agreed to defer the next Green Flag Application to 2014, to allow sufficient time for the grounds to reach the required standard.

Works to be effected at Dowd's Farm Park:

- To remove pro-grow mound placed in front of the gate from the compound to the park - the gate is now rotting.
- Banks of the pond require cutting back and clearing
- Do not replace "NO FISHING" signs, the area is patrolled by the Licensing Officer

### **R38 New Cemetery - an Update.**

An estimate to establish the effect of regulations introduced in 2009 to slow the demand upon Albert Road Cemetery from both parishioner and non-parishioner reservation and the first interment of non-parishioner, together with placing cremation plots in rows/back to back and to determine the approximate length of time before new grounds will be required to remain as a Burial Authority - an average of cremation plots based on 13.25 per year and full burial at 18.25 per year would provide a further 37 years/Cremation and 10 years/Full Burial. **Defer to next Agenda with regard to saving within the budget.**

### **R39 Bridget Mary Gardens Woodland Walkway**

*Small Grants Scheme Countryside Access*

The project is likely to cost in excess of £2,000 and the terms of the grant will require match funding. An inspection of the path in its current condition will be required by the Rights of Way Officer, who will assess the appropriate access for the less able and cyclists. The severe gradient of access to Bridget Mary Gardens from Upper Northam Road will need to be made suitable for wheelchair users and also the gate. The Town Clerk advises that there are no funds set aside to match fund such a project. **The clerk is instructed to abandon application for a grant and obtain quotations for a compacted gravel path from the end of Bridget Mary Gardens at the junction with Thistle Road, through to Goodalls Lane.**

### **R40 Green Lane**

Green Lane is a Bridleway (No.503 Bursledon Parish). County Guidance explains that motor vehicles can legally be driven on many unsurfaced roads and Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATS) – provided that such use is not prohibited by a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). A BOAT is a route that is recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement and carried rights for pedestrians, equestrians, horse-drawn vehicles, cycles and motor vehicles, but which is used mainly by the public for the purposes for which a footpath or bridleway is used. You may also encounter vehicles on footpaths, bridleways or restricted byways that are being driven

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by the landowner, or with the landowners permission. In this case they are exercising a private right and not a public right. The Guidance recommends that before using motorised vehicles on such a route, it should be checked for its status and whether or not there is already a Traffic Regulation Order in force on it.

It is likely that the residents of Green Lane have the right to use it and/or have the Landowner's permission.

**The clerk is instructed to write to Bursledon Parish Council to inform them of regular fly-tipping of builder's detritus that is becoming a nuisance to those using the bridleway and residents.**