

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2013**

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

**Also present:** Mr. N. Dewey - Allotment Committee  
Mr. A. Duell and members of the Hedge End Horticultural Society  
Mr. & Mrs. A. Robotham - residents of Albert Road.

**R9 Apologies:** None recorded.

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

**R10 Minutes & Matters Arising  
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R4, a notice has been placed today. Noted.

R8, the Artificial Wicket repair has been implemented and is reported to be an excellent installation. Noted.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**R11 Correspondence:**

- i) letters concerning a boundary encroachment by hirers of Town Council property: Mr. & Mrs. A. Trist, landowners re land at Netley Firs adjacent to Town Council's grazing field off Kanes Hill, reporting the encroachment and use of their land by the grazier for the purposes of a children's play area, storage, bonfires and the removal of boundary fencing. Requesting the Council to ensure that its tenant cease trespass with immediate effect and for the Council to re-establish the earth banking and for expedience in the absence of the hedgerow, erect three strand barbed wire fencing as a means to substantiate the boundary condition which would prevent the horses roaming freely over the adjacent private land.
- The Grazier, Kate Northey, apologises for the misunderstanding which came as an assumption that the wooded area was part of land rented from the Council and confirmation that she has cleared brambles, dead branches and rubbish from the area as it was very overgrown. She also removed a strand of barb wire, which was more of a trip hazard than a fence, believing that it was a fence between the land in question and Peter Sheridan's next door. The reason for the innocent encroachment was to provide a lovely area for three children to play, consisting of a trampoline, swings etc., the storage of hay in one of the existing sheds, as well as a wood store for building shelters for the horses and a newly built shed. As soon as she was made aware of the land encroachment she removed all the aforementioned from site. She is very sorry for the inconvenience, hurt and upset that this has caused and assures Council and the Landowner that she will no longer make use of the land. Burning had taken place when the Grazier took delivery of foul hay and all necessary fire hazard precautions were taken. **The clerk is instructed to inform the hirer, that in the interest of a satisfactory compromise to all parties and to ensure that horses do not stray on to private land, the boundary fence should be**

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**reinstated to the satisfaction of the landowner, at the hirer's expense.**

- ii) To record copy of Public Liability Insurance Certificate AFC Gulf Western FC. Noted.
- iii) For information, Olivers Battery Parish Council have expressed a keen interest in the Outdoor Gym facility provided by HETC at The Recreation Ground, as they look to improve facilities to improve a play area and enhance a newly installed MUGA. Noted.
- iv) Andy Duell, Hedge End Horticultural Society. There has been an expression of interest in sponsorship for the village centre flower beds. Mr. Duell was advised that sponsorship interest should be directed to HETC. **The clerk is instructed to defer this matter to the September Agenda and in the meantime ascertain whether planning permission is required in the event of sponsorship advertising.**

**R12 Albert Road Cemetery Ditch**

*Committees' observations and to determine feasible long-term solution and consider estimates.*

Members discussed their observations and the feasibility of redirecting surface drainage by kerbing a route away from the ditch, this method would also ensure that the established hedgerow would not be damaged or removed, and is also necessary due to the gradient and erosion of the tarmac abutting the ditch. Clearly, a full specification is required for such works. Mr. Rowbotham agreed that he did not expect an imminent long term solution but reiterated his request that close monitoring and clearance of the ditch would be necessary in the meantime. **The clerk is instructed to defer this matter to the September Agenda.**

**R13 Drummond Centre Inventory**

*To consider application R3ii) minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.*

An inventory of facilities records the following currently on site: 12 no. 6' x 27" trestle tables, 3 no. 3' x 27" small tables and 1 2.5 litre Kettle. Whilst there is good storage space, it should be noted that the demand for such facility is extensive and hirers currently requiring storage space are Dance Academy, Brownies, Little Drummer Pre-school and 4 Children. Also the Good Companions Club use the Gas Meter Cupboard to store second-hand sales goods. **The clerk is instructed to request that all unauthorised storage within the Gas Meter Cupboard is to be removed immediately. Resolved: The inventory meets the capacity and safety level of requirement for tables and, therefore, application for additional tables is refused. However, the clerk is instructed to obtain estimates for the installation of Hot Water systems to three pavilions and defer the provision of a Hot Water facility to the September Agenda.**

**R14 Grounds Store**

*To consider applications for storage from outside bodies.*

The Chair declared a disclosable interest, remained and spoke on this Agenda item but did not vote. This Agenda item was chaired by the Vice Chair, Cllr. Peter Hughes. Cllr. Sheila Baynes declared a disclosable interest and withdrew from discussions. **Resolved: Members agreed, following a site visit and examination of the premises, that in**

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consideration of the current available space together with future plans, it is with regret that all applications from outside bodies will be refused.

#### R15 Proposed Teen Shelter - Turnpike Way Sports Field

*To approve a Consultation Letter.*

**The clerk is instructed to defer this matter to the September Agenda.** In the meantime members will examine the feasibility and location of additional facilities during the August Tour of Open Spaces.

#### R16 To consider applications:

*Memorial Seats to be located within Greta Park.*

Cllr. Keith Day declared a disclosable interest and withdrew from discussions.

Joanne Marsh requests permission to erect a memorial bench in Greta Park in memory of the late Ryan Perks, where and how he is best remembered, by friends and family who are such a large part of the Hedge End community. It was a location he loved and where his friends and family can reminisce and share good memories of him.

**Resolved: To approve this application, however, specific location within Greta Park to be determined during the August Tour of Open Spaces.**

John Boyt would like to place a bench in memory of his late brother, Derek, who lived in Allen Road. When suffering poor health, and whatever the weather, would walk his two dogs in Greta Park. He was very well known in the park and the area as his dogs were a deer hound and a small Pomeranian who rode in her own pushchair.

**Resolved: To approve this application, however, specific location within Greta Park to be determined during the August Tour of Open Spaces.**

*Kings Community Church FC fixtures to be played at Greta Park.*

Tom Williams on behalf of Kings Community Church FC – an application for fixtures to be played next season 2013/2014. The Head Groundsman has been consulted and confirms that both pitches should be playable next season.

**Resolved: To approve this application.**

Mr. Dewey suggested that the provision of a seat next to Peter Bryants Dry Cleaners, would be very useful, however, the Chair explained that this is private property and the clerk is instructed to inform the landowner of this request.

#### R17 To agree a mutually convenient time and date for the annual Tour of Open Spaces with the Chair during the month of August.

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 at 6.00 p.m. meeting at Turnpike Way Pavilion.**