

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE HELD 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2012**

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

**Also present:** Mr. & Mrs. Abraham - re proposed access control from Stubbs Drove to Willow Close.

**R64 Apologies:** None required.

The Chair declared there would be a period of Exempt Business following the conclusion of the ordinary business of the Committee.

**R65 Minutes & Matters Arising  
Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011**

R56, Dave Clouting has requested that this item of the Agenda is deferred to the meeting in February. Noted.

R58, a Green Flag Application has been submitted, however, the subject of The Recreation Ground and Green Flag Community Award application was missed from tonight's Agenda. An article for the next issue of the Gazette has been prepared by DTC. It will feature the history of the grounds and include an invitation for volunteers to create a Wildflower & Bog Garden. Members were issued with a copy of the article for their comment.

R60, an amended planning application has been submitted.

R61, a consultation process has been set up, using HETC website.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**R66 Correspondence:**

- i) Cllr. Ken Thornber, Leader of HCC, re delivering a broad programme of tree planting in Hampshire as part of celebrations planned to mark Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The County Council would be pleased to arrange for the supply of a free Oak Tree, including delivery to your area, utilising its procurement arrangements. **The clerk is instructed to make application for the supply of a free Oak Tree and in addition the Committee would wish to consider the planting of a Jubilee Oak Tree in each of the Town Wards. An application should also be made to the Woodland Trust for a Community Tree Planting Pack of 420 trees that the Committee would wish to be planted as an Arboretum in Dowd's Farm Urban Park. The clerk to liaise with Cllr. Margaret Allingham with regard to planting three Oak Trees that she has kindly donated. Locations to be a subject of the next Agenda.** To share information on events and projects in connection with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at <http://www.hants.gov.uk/diamondjubilee>.
- ii) The Chair is in receipt of an application from Mr. David Gates to use the facilities and grounds of Greta Park on 2<sup>nd</sup> June from midday to midnight to hold a Family Event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, with all profits going to his chosen charity. Application deferred. **The Chair will respond with a request for a full programme of events, management plan and risk assessment to be reported to the next meeting of this Committee.** In view of the growing interest in Jubilee events, all

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applications must be carefully co-ordinated.

iii) CPRE publication: Fieldwork Winter 2011

**R67 To resolve the recommendation of the R & A Working Party conducted 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2011: To agree a 5.2% increase for all hire and services provided by the Council, subject to the caveat that the Working Party will determine a necessary review, during the next six months, to Standardise Fees.** Cllr. Jenny Hughes and Cllr. Keith Day expressed non-prejudicial interests and withdrew from discussions. **Resolved: That the annual increase in hire and services of the Council will be at 5.2%, with Allotment Fees rounded to the nearest 50p and Burial Fees to nearest £1 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2012. All clients to be forwarded a letter of notification in advance. And the next meeting of the Working Party to be arranged in February.**

**R68 To consider the request of Wildern Opportunity Group to install kitchen wall units to the Small Hall, 2000 Centre.**

The Chair advised that members of the Committee had taken the opportunity to examine the proposed requirement for kitchen units and felt that the room appeared to have quite normal use and not cluttered. **Resolved: That the clerk respond with the Committees' view that if a cupboard is required it will be fitted by HETC as Landlord and in consideration of the kitchen's general use as a benefit to all hirers so that there may not be any risk of loss or question of exclusive use.**

**R69 Proposed gate closure of Stubbs Drove access**

*To widen consultation process to ascertain public demand for opening times*

Members examined a Questionnaire/Survey prepared by DTC. **The clerk is instructed to make two amendments to the document and arrange a hand delivery to residences in the immediate area, a notice on site and publication on the HETC Website.**

**R70 To discuss Allotment Awards 2011/2012**

Cllr. Keith Day declared a non-prejudicial interest and withdrew from discussions. The Chair reported that during the main cultivation months she had examined the allotments on several occasions and determined a clear winner of "Best Allotment" for each field, together with a separate prize, for an outstanding and most innovative plot. She added her disappointment that two highly renowned Gardening Centres had been approached unsuccessfully for donation of prizes. Members suggested approaches to B & Q and Wyvale Gardening Centre. **The clerk is instructed to purchase an Annual Shield for each Allotment Field with two small shields to be kept by each of the winners, together with a suitable cup for the additional prize. Prizes to be presented at the Annual Parish Assembly.**

**R71 Exempt Business**

*To discuss complaints received with regard to the removal of Christmas Tributes at the Cemetery.*