

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE HELD 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2015**

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

**Also present:**

Representatives of Churches Together	-	Chris Houghton Revd. Chris Rowberry Revd. Mike Perrott
Dowd's Farm Residents Association	-	Paula Windebank Shirley-Ann Hennighan-Finlay Paula Hennighan-Finlay
Eastleigh Model Boating Club	-	Terry Brown
Hedge End Carnival Committee	-	Nick Wise
Dementia Friends	-	Cllr. Keith Day

**R59 Apologies:** Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Emma Norman  
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

At this point of the meeting the Chairman elected to take correspondence:

**R60 Correspondence:**

- i) Paula Windebank, Community Development Officer, Radian Housing on behalf of the Dowd's Farm Residents' Association and plans for a Big Lunch event at Dowd's Farm Park in June this year. This year, plans have been scaled back and the Association are focusing more on a small event to get the community together. The Chair advised that until such time as the Association's Charity Status is confirmed, a low key version of their Big Lunch concept would be advisable and reiterated the Council's policy of not permitting the use of Bouncy Castles in public open space. Nevertheless, the Committee would wish to learn more of the details of the intended event and this should be submitted in writing, so that the matter can be referred to the next meeting. Ms. Windebank acknowledged the Council's policy re the use of Bouncy Castles. **The clerk is instructed to raise this subject on the next Agenda.**
- ii) Hedge End Bowling Club would like to erect a small 4' x 6' garden shed in which to store garden equipment, to be located with other storage sheds in the right hand corner of the site. **The Committee unanimously agreed.**
- iii) Re: Green Flag Award - Albert Road Cemetery & War Memorial Garden. A mystery shopping inspection and Interim Quality Assessment has been conducted by a Green Flag Inspector, which concluded *"Site looked well maintained when I visited. The bereaved visitor should be pleased with the way the cemetery is looked after."* Noted.
- iv) Cllr. Keith Day recently qualified as a Dementia Friends Champion, and is now able to present information sessions. Dementia Friends is organised by Alzheimer's Society on behalf of the Cabinet Office and Department of Health. The target is to sign up 1 million dementia friends nationwide. Dementia friends are more informed about

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dementia and know some ways to make life easier for people living with dementia and their carers and are asked to do one practical thing to improve things. Keith would like to arrange an hourly session at a venue in Hedge End and asks the Council to consider his request for the venue to be rent free. The administration, insurance and materials are provided by Dementia Friends and the sessions would be publicised and booked on their website. **The clerk is instructed to ensure that this subject is referred to the next Agenda and in the meantime examine Pavilion Diaries for availability.**

**R61 Minutes & Matters Arising  
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R54i) a 200L Water Butt has been purchased and will be installed as soon as possible. Noted.

R55, the refurbishment of the courts is progressing, however, currently there is a problem with the entrance gate which the manufacturer has been asked to examine. Noted.

R56, due to icy weather, the Head Groundsman has been engaged in finding the source of surface water reaching Kings Copse Avenue creating a road hazard. The grounds staff have endeavoured to divert the path of water, without success and the Environment Agency have been asked to investigate. As a result the Head Groundsman has not been able to assess flooding at the Turnpike Way Play Area. Noted.

R57, chicken wire and batons have now been fitted to the Boardwalk. Noted.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**R62 To learn the feasibility of a Model Boating Club using Dowd's Farm Lake on 28<sup>th</sup> June in a Hedge End Carnival Event. - Mr. N. Wise, Chair, Hedge End Carnival Committee and a representative of the Model Boating Club.**

Nick Wise introduced the concept of a Model Boat Regatta to be held as part of the Carnival Events on 28<sup>th</sup> June, using the Dowd's Farm Lake, and in so doing, bringing something of the Carnival to the northern part of Hedge End. Terry Brown, Chairman, Eastleigh Model Boat Club explained that the models are only either electrically/steam/ or wind powered and thus are very quiet indeed and are of little disturbance to wildlife. His club has full public liability insurance at £5 million. The main purpose of the Regatta would be an opportunity for club members to demonstrate and show their model boats and also give an opportunity to children to operate a number of remotely controlled model boats with supervision. He would expect at least a dozen of his colleagues to attend on the day and some would also man a static display of interest. A control table would be set at a safe distance from the water for children to operate transmitters and Nick Wise confirmed that a qualified Life Guard would be on duty. The Carnival Committee hope to include other attractions on the day and appreciate that a Bond will apply. Subject to seeing final proposals together with a Risk & Management Plan etc. the Committee agreed in principle. **The clerk is instructed to raise this subject on the next Agenda.**

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**R63 To discuss proposals for a dedication service conducted by Churches Together at Albert Road Cemetery for All Babies Born Asleep on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.**

Chris Houghton, on behalf of Churches Together, informed members that they were very much in favour of any assistance they could offer in arrangements for an appropriate Dedication Service. It was agreed that the service take place at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2015. Revd. Chris Rowberry agreed to direct proceedings and offered Pastoral Care Bereavement Services to those that may be directly affected by the Dedication Service. It was agreed that final arrangements are deferred to the next meeting and **the clerk is instructed to refer this matter to the next Agenda.**

**R64 To discuss additional inscriptions to the War Memorial - referred by the Community & Culture Committee. An aide-memoir distributed 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2016. Following considerable debate members resolved: That no additional inscriptions will be placed on the War Memorial at this moment in time. Commemoration to those directly connected to Hedge End and were killed in action should be remembered within the Book of Remembrance held in the Town Council Offices.**

**R65 To discuss applications for approval:**

- i) Further cupboard space at Drummond Community Centre - Good Companions. A cupboard space has recently been vacated by a previous hirer in the Frank Vickers Hall. **Resolved: Storage within our premises for hire is at a premium and indeed, in some instances, is a deciding factor for a potential hirer. The hire of all our premises are also in great demand as many new community groups with innovative ideas and ventures arrive in our village. It is with this in mind that the Committee considered this application. The Committee were mindful to insure that the group currently has storage facility and nevertheless felt that this would be adequate space for a 2.5 hour use of the premises per week. Therefore, on this occasion, this application is declined.**
- ii) Commemorative Bench, Albert Road Cemetery - Mr. D. Harnett seeks the Council's consent to give a grant for the placement of a bench in memory of his late wife, located close to Grave Space G75. **Resolved: To approve this application and the location shown as a 1<sup>st</sup> choice.**
- iii) Proposal for a Bee Friendly Meadow area to the rear of 6 Dowds Close - resident Karen Morris. This land is currently not maintained by HETC and this request has been copied to EBC. However, in the event that HETC is asked to comment? **Resolved: This land is thought to be EBC maintained. HETC to agree in principle and request that if EBC sanction a Meadow Garden, appropriate signage should be placed to identify the purpose.**

**R66 To discuss the feasibility of a Dog Bin Survey - referred by the Highways & Planning Committee. At this time the Committee will not be conducting a survey. However,**

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members will monitor and report upon problem areas and request signage and bins from HEWEB Local Area Committee funding.

- R67 To approve publicity article re Community Tennis for the next edition of the Gazette.**  
The article prepared by DTC was approved.