

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 11TH MARCH, 2015**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Emma Norman, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Ray Worley.

Also present:

Representatives of Churches Together	-	Chris Houghton
Hedge End Carnival Committee	-	Nick Wise
		David Lloyds
Dowd's Farm Residents Association	-	Paula Windebank
Hedge End Rangers FC	-	Gary Hawkins
Dementia Friends	-	Cllr. Keith Day
Andrew Helps		

R68 Apologies: Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Val Houghton
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

R69 Minutes & Matters Arising
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The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

At this point of the meeting, the Chair invited Gary Hawkins to raise his interest in attending. Gary Hawkins described the current status of Hedge End Rangers FC, in that it has 27 football teams, consisting under 7's, youth, girls and men's teams and there is a desperate need for an all-weather facility for training. Could the Council consider specific facilities for this purpose? **The clerk is instructed to ensure that this matter is raised on the next Agenda.**

R70 To consider application for a venue for meetings to be conducted by Dementia Friends.
The Chair was able to announce an offer from the Village Hall Management Committee for the free hire of the Committee Room, for one hour per month. Cllr. Keith Day agreed to this arrangement and expressed his appreciation.

R71 To discuss arrangements for a dedication service conducted by Churches Together at Albert Road Cemetery for All Babies Born Asleep to be held on Saturday 21st March, 2015 at 10.30 a.m.
Members agreed upon an order of service provided by Rev. Chris Rowberry. DTC will prepare a service card and the Town Council will place flowers on the day.

R72 To receive further proposals re Hedge End carnival Events at Dowd's Farm Lake on 28th June, 2015 including a Model Boating Regatta.
The Carnival Committee's proposal is to hold the event between 12 noon and 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 28th June on the area around the lake. They would like to have the "Regatta" with model boats on the lake, children's races, up to 10 stalls (some with items for sale, and probably one with "Throw the Wet Sponge") and a couple of fairground rides for the children. Also, an Ice Cream vender on site. The Committee will ask the Salvation

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Army if they would wish to open their premises to provide teas etc. and also requested the band to play on the green. The Committee are very keen to involve the residents of Dowd's Farm and area. The Chair declared a non-prejudicial interest and withdrew from discussions.

Resolved: To permit the use of Dowd's Farm Lake for this event providing the Council are in receipt of a signed Bond, Public Liability Insurance and Risk & Management Assessment. Nick Wise expressed his concern that bollards would have to be removed on the day and the Clerk was instructed to find a solution to this problem.

R73 Dowd's Farm Residents Association - Big Lunch

The Dowd's Farm Residents' Association's proposal is to hold an event on Sunday 7th June, 2015, from 11.00 a.m. onwards, for a picnic on the green on the left side of the park next to the footpath. The Council's approval is sought for the event, with approximately two or three tables on the grass and gazebos to be erected for shade. The event will be cancelled if there is consistent rain on the day forecasted or if the park should be waterlogged. The plan is to have a fun filled activity session first, then for everyone to relax on picnic blankets and enjoy lunch whilst socializing with other members of the community. The event would include children's fun races, a colouring competition and a photography competition for the adults. Big Lunch sponsors will provide prizes. All residents of Dowd's Farm will be invited.

Resolved: To approve this application.

R74 To consider applications for approval:

Tony Hill, Allotment Plot Orange 3 - to erect a 6' x 8' greenhouse. **Resolved: To approve this application, with the understanding that any loss or damage would be at the owner's risk. This approval is with regard to a greenhouse only and does not set a precedent to any other structure, i.e. a shed.**

Hedge End Hawks CC - to continue fixtures at Turnpike Way Sports Field. **Resolved: To approve this application.**

Old Netley Cricket Club - to consider an application for fixtures to be played at Turnpike Way Sports Field in the 2016 season. **Resolved: To approve this application with the proviso that fixtures are played on alternate weeks to that of the current resident team, Peartree FC.**

R75 To agree terms with Hedge End Social Club re parking arrangements for Paddling Pool Season 2015.

The Chair informed members of negotiations with Mr. Bob Lilley, Chairman, Hedge End Social Club during which the Club Committee has offered 19 car park spaces within their property off Bursledon Road for the purposes of parking during the Paddling Pool Season at a cost of £500 per month and with the proviso that the Town Council prepare the markings of each parking plot. **Resolved: The Town Council to accept this agreement with terms that rental is frozen throughout the period of a 3 year contract.**

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R76 Correspondence:

- i) Notification of the Autumn 2015 – Summer 2016 term dates for Smiles Pre School, and continued hire of the Norman Rodaway Pavilion. Noted.
- ii) The Journal - Spring Issue of the ICCM publication. Noted.
- iii) Lyn Hutchison, on behalf of Pavilion Pirates Pre-School, of Baden Powell Lodge requests the Council's consideration of the hire of a pavilion for a fund raising Table Top Sale, free of charge. The Town Clerk would advise members that there is a charity rate for all Jumble Sales and Table Top Sales within its premises set at £6.34 per hour plus VAT and that sanction of this request would be setting a precedent. **The clerk is instructed to refuse this application and explain to the applicant that whilst the Town Council has a charitable rate of hire for the use of premises for Jumble Sales and Table Top Sales, it cannot set a precedent in this instance.**

The Chair invited comments from Andrew Helps:

Andrew Helps explained that he had raised issues concerning flooding at the Turnpike Way Play Area and the new footpath/cycleway from Turnpike Way through Greta Park and there appeared little change to these on-going problems. He described the workmanship as "sub-standard work" and that even efforts to remedy the situation had proved unsuccessful. The Chair explained that these issues were still being investigated, to which he responded that he would wish to be personally informed of progress. DTC explained that this was not a contract issued or controlled by the Town Council and that the Council was reliant upon the guidance of Borough Council Engineers in this matter. Nevertheless, Mr. Helps requested that he is copied any further developments.