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

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Georgina Jenks, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Derek Pretty (Vice Chair)

R23 Apologies: Cllr. Stephen Carr, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Stephanie Arnold.

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

R24 Minutes & Matters Arising

Meeting of 9th September, 2015

The minutes were approved and signed by the Vice Chair.

R25 Correspondence:

i) A letter of application from Martin Rowe, for an August Super-Show "Kingdom Come" in 2016, conducted by KAPOW described as the South of England's biggest family-friendly wrestling federation, to hold a live wrestling show. The venue would be required on Sunday 7th August for a matinee show (2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.) and will be a tournament to crown KAPOW's "King of the Ring". Mr. Rowe would like to hire either 2000 Centre or Drummond Community Centre, but is concerned with regard to the lack of parking at the 2000 Centre due to the Paddling Pool season and the provision of chairs at the Drummond Centre as he would require seating of 100 – 125 (which exceeds the Fire Regulation). The event would also require access to a separate changing room area where the wrestlers would prepare before coming down to the ring. Tickets £6 - £10. No Alcohol. In conversation with Mr. Rowe it would seem that none of the Council venues would be suitable, however, he nevertheless made a written application to the Committee. The clerk is instructed to respond that regrettably none of the Council managed properties would be suitable for this particular hire, however, suggest that he make enquiries with the Village Hall, Berry Theatre or Kings Community Church facilities.

R26 To discuss in-house preparation of graves at Albert Road Cemetery and appropriate fees for the preparation of Cremation Plots.

DTC was able to report upon the current charges incurred by the parishioner in respect of the preparation of a cremation grave by the Grave Digger employed by the Funeral Director.

The Vice Chairman represented the view of the Chair that a saving of £43.00 to the parishioner could be implemented by an incorporated charge of £172.00 to include grave preparation and the interment of ashes fee. A further charge of £97.00 for the fee of Exclusive Right, and grand total of £269.00.

It would be feasible to notify Funeral Directors and commence this burial service with effect from 1st January, 2016.

Resolved: To agree the proposed fees and refer to the Finance & Administration Committee for endorsement.

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R27 To provide an update to the implementation of a Tree Survey:

The Town Clerk has advised that he is to arrange a meeting with officers of EBC to discuss proposals for a Service Level Agreement for this service and has asked that this matter is deferred to the next Agenda. Noted.

R28 To discuss proposals for the development of the area adjacent to the kiosk by the Paddling Pool - The Recreation Ground (project referred from September Strategy Committee).

The Head Groundsman has examined the site and reports that the existing foundation is a very early example of play surface, consisting of clay balls beneath felt to provide a soft landing surface. It is presumed that this would not be satisfactory for the purpose of installing a concrete Table Tennis facility. He, therefore, suggests the following options based on the current foundation of hard core/scalpings base and concrete kerb.

Option 1: To leave the hard core base and skim Type 2 over the top of existing, which would give the effect of a running track surface. The surface to be prepared in house, however, Type 2 to be delivered as the Council truck would not be able to take the quantity and a tipper would be required.

Option 2: Remove existing hard core base and replace with approximately 10 ton concrete. This would of course be non-porous and would need to be laid professionally.

Option 3: To leave existing hard core, place the Table Tennis structure and lay to tarmac. Again this would need to be professionally laid.

The clerk, with the Head Groundsman's assistance, is instructed to cost Option 1 and ensure that this is an item on the next Agenda.

R29 To discuss a feasibility study of potentially constructing a second paddling pool to serve the northern part of Hedge End (*project referred from September Strategy Committee*).

The Committee acknowledge the desire for a second paddling pool and that this is a worthwhile and popular project, however, at this point in time it would not be financially viable. The clerk is instructed to defer this matter, to be discussed in the next financial year.

R30 To discuss applications:

Old Netley Cricket Club: fixtures at Turnpike Way Sportsfield for the 2016 season. Whilst this Club has expressed an interest, to date, a written application has not been submitted as requested by the Council. Noted.

Jackie James, Calming Influences - weekend all-day hire of facilities for reflexology, aromatherapy and Indian Head massage course. Hire to include storage.

The clerk is instructed to defer this matter to the next Agenda and in the meantime ascertain further information from the applicant, as follows:

i) What size of room is required?

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- ii) What type of equipment would be stored and what size of storage would be required.
- iii) It would be useful to have a description of the current arrangement for hire and service provided, particularly with regard to equipment being placed before hire and overnight.