

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 12TH JUNE, 2013**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Peter Hughes (Vice Chair), Cllr. Ray Worley

Also present: Mr. N. Dewey - Allotment Committee
Mr. Rowbotham - resident of Seefeld, Albert Road.

R1 Apologies: Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Jenny Hughes, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair)
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

R2 Minutes & Matters Arising
Meeting of 8th May, 2013
R97, Cemetery Roadway improvements have been completed. Noted.
R98, the special dispensation of the Council Policy has been conducted to the satisfaction of all parties.
R100, Grounds Store Meeting. **The clerk is instructed to ensure that Grounds Store Storage is a subject of the next Agenda.**
The minutes were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

R3 Correspondence:

- i) Peartree Cricket Club provide a copy of Public Liability Insurance. Noted.
- ii) Good Companions Social Club - a request for additional facilities: 4 large wipeable trestle tables and four small ones and a water heater or a medium sized stainless steel electric urn to benefit all users of the Drummond Centre. **The clerk is instructed to obtain an inventory of existing facilities, obtain costs of materials required, ascertain whether there would be available budgeted funds and defer this matter to the next Agenda in order that it may be discussed formally.**
- iii) Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management publication: Summer 2013
- iv) Andy Gregory, on behalf of the former Hedge End Social Club FC - an application for fixtures to continue at Greta Park next season. However, the team have changed their name to Gulf Western in order to represent their sponsor. It is hoped that the new sponsor may help fund any improvements to the pitch that may be required by the Council, but talks on that are at an early stage. **Resolved: To approve the application.**

R4 Allotments:
Mr. Dewey reported that a meeting has been arranged, at which a new Allotment Committee will be formed, he also requested that whilst he is aware that the grounds staff have cleared the ditches on site, could he request that in the interest of health and safety, the banks of the ditch are mown to clearly expose the edges. **The clerk is instructed to arrange for further maintenance to the ditches to ensure the banks are exposed and for the erection of a suitable notice to inform hirers not to deposit home garden waste in the Composting Bin provided.**

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- R5 To receive guest Mr. A. Rowbotham resident of Seefeld, Albert Road, with regard to matters concerning drainage and flooding to his property.**

Mr. Rowbotham explained and described flooding that occurs to his property during severe weather, caused by surface water from the Cemetery, collecting and overflowing the ditch on his boundary. The ditch runs into a storm drain, but the foundation of the ditch is very old and the bank abutting his property is crumbling away, plus the gradient of the boundary allowing the water to flow into his front garden. **The clerk is instructed to ensure that the Grounds Staff adopt regular monitoring and service to the ditch, to clear all obstructing debris within the Maintenance Schedule of the Cemetery, in the hope of a short-term solution. In the meantime members are requested to visit the site and note observations to be reported and discussed at the next meeting, at which time the clerk will produce proposals and estimates for a long term remedy, together with associated budget enquiry.**

- R6 Turnpike Way - Teen Shelter**

Funded by EBC Capital Receipts.

Notification and information reported to the Committee that there is a suggestion of a Youth Shelter to be funded by capital receipts, following a report from Grounds Works Detached Youth Working Organisation that there is a demand from young people in the area. This will be discussed at the September Youth Partnership Meeting, subject to the Committees' approval. **Resolved: The clerk is instructed to request a deferral of Youth Partnership discussions in September in order to allow sufficient time for the Town Council to undertake an appropriate consultation process with both the neighbouring residents and users of the facilities at Turnpike Way Pavilion and Sportsfield. A consultation letter to be hand delivered to residents by Cllr. Keith Day and responses to be referred to the September meeting of this Committee.**

- R7 To consider HEWEB CIP suggestion for improvements to the Norman Rodaway grounds and pavilion.**

For information the list suggests the following:

Upgrade kitchen and main hall (extensively used by community users and play school)

Upgrade changing rooms and lighting columns to illuminate car park (eight in number).

Proposals were discussed with the Town Clerk and these suggestions best fitted the criteria for CIP listing, subject to the Committees' approval. **Resolved: The clerk is instructed to respond that the Committee fully support proposals with the exception of lighting the car park and would wish this removed from the submission for improvements.**

- R8 Artificial Cricket Wicket**

An Insurance Property Claim form has been completed based on an estimate of works at £4,216.00. S & C Slatter Ltd. have reported that on this occasion they can only offer the provision of a new artificial grass carpet. This is for the following reasons, a) given the position of the damage they believe that a patch repair may encroach into the 'active area' for junior cricket which has 'play' and 'health and safety implications', b) they could not 'match' the existing carpet material in terms of construction type or pile height. However,

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they have suggested that the damaged carpet could be cut into 2 x 11m x 2.74 batting ends for use in practice nets at another location. **Resolved: The clerk is instructed to proceed with an order to S & C Slatter for the earliest repair of the Wicket, the cost of which to be taken from contingency budgets.**