

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 12TH NOVEMBER, 2014**

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

Also present: Mr. Ray Turner

R40 Apologies: Cllr. Val Houghton

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

**R41 Minutes & Matters Arising
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R34, the Town Clerk is seeking best value and quality of trees and is yet to order. Noted.

R35, works are due to commence 15th December, 2014 however painting of the court surface will be deferred until spring 2015. Noted.

R36, further details have not been forthcoming and therefore the matter deferred. Noted.
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

R42 Correspondence:

i) Countryside Voice, CPRE publication - winter 2014. Noted.

R43 Albert Road Cemetery

To discuss dedication arrangements.

The memorial stone has been commissioned and Botley Stonecraft provides a sample of the proposed style of text for approval. Upon further investigation the date should be corrected from 1931 to 1932. **The clerk is instructed to obtain further font samples and defer this matter to the next agenda.**

As Burial Authority, it is not the Council's remit to record the faith or belief of the bereaved family's; it is more than likely that the families remain totally unaware of where their child is laid to rest. The Council cannot, therefore, refer to a common denomination and for this reason has contacted Mr. Chris Houghton of Churches Together to ask him to represent the Council's wish for them to consider the feasibility of an encompassing dedication service.

Resolved: That the dedication service should be arranged on the first day of Spring, Saturday 21st March.

Suitable demarcation of the site to be financed in next year's budget? The cost of a low level metal railing at the base of the bank would need to be considered in next year's budget, whilst a low level chain linked between posts, encasing the entire area would be at much less cost and feasible within this year's budget. Members also considered appropriate low level flowering shrubs and it was felt that further thought and suggestions would be best debated at the next meeting.

R44 To discuss Capital Projects & Budgets 2015/2016

The Committee provisionally propose the following:

The installation of a drinking water fountain at Greta Park? £3,000

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Concrete Table Tennis Table?	£3,000
A professional Tree Survey of all Council Land & Public Open Spaces	£5,000
Tree Works	£5,000
Playground roll-over replacement and maintenance	£75,000
Dowd's Farm Park, landscaping and preparation for Green Flag	£10,000
4 x Notice Boards	£2,000

The clerk is instructed to raise this subject on the next Agenda and in the meantime request a Schedule of Shrub and Grass Verges Maintenance from the Head Groundsman together with his wish list for plant/equipment necessary to continue required standards.