

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD 13TH APRIL, 2011**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Jane Welsh
(Chairman), Cllr. Ray Worley.

Also Present: Mr. N. Dewey - Allotment Committee

R64 Apologies: Cllr. Jenny Hughes, Cllr. Louise Bloom
Due to unavoidable commitments, Cllr. Derek Pretty sent his apologies for non-attendance, however, he was in attendance for the duration of Agenda item R73.

**R65 Minutes & Matters Arising
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R59ii), the Town Clerk is progressing arrangements, terms and fees.
R59v), the fees are likely to be in the region of £800 - £1,000 per horse. This covers the collection of the horse and removal to stables, vet checks, micro-chipping and passport (a legal requirement), stabling of the horse until it is either reclaimed or re-homed, castration and any other vet or other fees incurred. A policy of non-euthanasia is practised. **The clerk is instructed to ensure that this is an item to be discussed on the next Agenda.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

R66 Correspondence:

- i) Hedge End Hawks Cricket Club – a request to resume Tuesday evening fixtures during the 2011 Season. Public Liability Insurance Certificate copy to follow. **Resolved: Approval of this application.**
- ii) Wildern Opportunity Group - a further proposal to enclose part of the canopy area to provide 100% free flow. In view of subsequent additional information, that may result in a fundamental material change to the resolution of Council, **the clerk is instructed to invite further consultation with the Town Clerk to ascertain further details and whether a review is necessary.**
- iii) Mr. Peter Lucas, hirer Allotment C2 - thanks to all concerned in the management of the allotments, in appreciation of the added security fencing and water supply to the grounds. Noted.
- iv) Mr. Henry Harwood reports young teenagers playing football inside the enclosure of Dowds Farm Play Area and outlines dangers to young children at play suggesting improved signage, forbidding ball games and stating age limit for the use of equipment. Noted. **The clerk is instructed to check signage.**
- v) Sue Humphrey, Animal Welfare Officer, EBC confirms the cost of Dog Control Signs at £7.00 each and labour costed at £16.10 per hour. **The**

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clerk is instructed to ascertain how many signs are recommended and if installation exceeds one hour to order supply only.

- vi) Jon Riddell, Area Co-ordinator: Procurement Executive
Group standing order 44 (ii) has been waived in order to approach HAGS, as the original supplier of play equipment to Dowd's Farm Urban Park, so that this provision can be extended. Dave Bowen has conducted a consultation process and it is hoped that the extension will be completed by Summer Holidays. Noted.
- vii) Dave Clouting on behalf of HEJCC – an application for a Summer Camp in conjunction with The League Cricket Associations Coaches.
Resolved: Approved subject to consideration being given to the public use of Practice Nets, the Town Council cannot guarantee exclusive use of this facility in Public Open Space, especially during School Summer Holidays and would advise that HEJCC use one section and leave the other half for public use. The rate to be as per Mini Soccer Summer School at £7.06 per hour x 5 hours x 5 days, total £176.50 plus VAT. The Town Council would also wish to award a trophy for the most improved cricketer.
- viii) Green Flag Award, Quarterly Newsletter - April, 2011 featuring Albert Road Cemetery. Noted.
- ix) Mr. Andrew Watson, an application to remove a memorial for cleaning.
The clerk is instructed to advise that if possible the memorial should be professionally cleaned on site, however, if removed it should be reinstated in compliance with NAMM, BRAMM Code of Working Practice and BS 8415. In the meantime, the clerk to investigate an appropriate policy to be discussed at the next meeting.

R67 Allotments:

White Plots: **The clerk is instructed to investigate the possibility of extending the stand-pipes through the security fencing and retaining the taps to service White Plots.**

Allotment paths: the grounds man has been a little over zealous and damaged wire-mesh fencing whilst strimming. He has been asked to take more care and leave longer grass abutting boundary fences.

The clerk is instructed to report:

- **Water leaking into the Meter Pit on the Kanes Hill Site**
- **To move the Gate closure sign to the other side of the gate so that it can be clearly seen, whether the gate is open or shut.**

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R68 To discuss proposals for a Village Feature:

The Next Step

Each member is in receipt of a Discussion Paper. **The clerk is instructed to investigate suitable features to the value of £1,000 and defer this matter to the next Agenda.**

R69 To discuss a specification for the refurbishment of Greta Park Sports Pavilion.

A survey has been conducted by Zen Flis, Rund Partnership Ltd. with guidance that an estimated budget of £40,000 should be considered. **The clerk is instructed to arrange a meeting between the Chairman, Cllr. Keith Day and Zen Flis, on site, to discuss a smaller project up to £20,000 and for this to be an Agenda item for the next meeting of Full Council, for a revised specification to be approved for Tender.**

R70 To discuss tenders:

Woodhouse Lane Skateboard Extension

Gravity Engineering Ltd.	£85,000.00
Lappset Playworld	£85,000.00
UK Skateparks	£84,655.22
Evolution	£84,991.50
HAGS	Declined invitation to Tender.

Greta Park Half-Pipe Skateboard Replacement

Gravity Engineering Ltd.	£25,000.00
Lappset Playworld	£25,000.00
UK Skateparks	£24,988.00
Evolution	£24,865.00
HAGS	Declined invitation to Tender.

Resolved: Approve and award the Tender to Gravity Engineering Ltd., as a result of the consultation process, incorporating the agreed highlighted amendments for Woodhouse Lane Skateboard Extension and Greta Park Half-Pipe Skateboard Replacement subject to permitted development/planning consent. The clerk is instructed to investigate the feasibility of installing a Glass Recycling (easy empty) bin at Woodhouse Lane.

R71 To discuss measures to restrict motorbike access from Thistle Road to Turnpike Way Sports Field.

The clerk is instructed to approach Jon Riddell with application to Community Safety Forum for assistance in funding the provision of a cycle barrier/staggered gates.

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R72 Stubbs Drove Access

The clerk is instructed to respond to the Community Safety Forum, that as a result of the Town Council's enquiries with residents and those of our Solicitor, we confirm that the access in question is not the property of HETC, but that of a resident in Stubbs Drove. Suggestion to close the access has been met with disapproval and the Town Council would wish to support this long standing and important route for families to reach the village and surrounding schools. Any restriction of access would, therefore, have to make allowance for double buggies and disabled access. In any event this is not the property of HETC.

R73 To discuss the feasibility of Dog Control measures at Dowd's Farm Urban Park.

It is incumbent on the Town Council to affect a clean neighbourhood and such a large area of open space park land requires extensive Dog Control. A member of the community has suggested a Dog Zone area specifically for exercising dogs, however, the Committee agreed that this would not be feasible.

The clerk is instructed to investigate the following:

- **What legislation may be adopted, i.e. Bye-Laws, Dog Control Orders**
- **Is it possible to increase Dog Warden monitoring and regular patrols**
- **Could further Dog Bins be installed?**
- **The grounds staff to approach irresponsible dog owners?**
- **A clear message needs to be affected - further signage**

Cllr. Keith Day advised that the Environment Scrutiny Panel are examining and reviewing Dog Control across the Borough extending orders and within that there may be additional restrictions i.e. keeping dogs under control and limiting the number of dogs being handled by one person at any one time.