

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 13TH JUNE, 2012**

Cllrs. Present: Cll. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Peter Hughes, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair), Cllr. Ray Worley

Also present:

Mr. N. Dewey	-	Allotment Committee
Mr. J. R. Margetts	-	Secretary, Southampton Bee Keeping Association
Mr. R. Turner	-	Eastleigh News

R1 Apologies: Cllr. Jenny Hughes
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 9th May, 2012**

R95, a prototype version of the proposed Bridget Mary Garden information board was presented to the Committee for approval. The design was approved.

R100, the clerk is instructed to forward Mr. Bauck's contact details to Cllrs. Day and Pretty.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

R3 Correspondence:

- i) Summer Issue of The Journal an Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management publication. Noted.
- ii) Circus World Entertainments - an application to return to Greta Park next year, arriving on site during the early evening of Sunday 17th March, with performances running from Monday 18th until Wednesday 20th. Departing after the show on the 20th. **Resolved: Application approved.**
- iii) To record both Public Liability Insurance cover and a Risk Assessment received with regard to the Charity Football match conducted by Hedge End Social Club FC on 3rd June, 2012. Noted.

R4 Fees Review Working Party Report

Meeting of 25th May, 2012

Resolved: To standardise the rate of hire for all Pre-School groups to the fee of £10.85 per hour, with effect from 1st October, 2012 to give sufficient notice for subscriptions to be increased accordingly. With regard to the Wildern Opportunity Group, the reviewed rate will exclude the core hours by arrangement with the 2000 Centre Users Group (16 hrs.) resulting in a 21.5 hr. week.

Resolved: The following standardisation of sports fees with effect from 1st April, 2013:

Junior Cricket (incl. changing room) evening	-	£17.50 per game
Junior Cricket (incl. changing room) weekend	-	£21.50 per game

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Adult Cricket (incl. changing room) evening	-	£36.50 per game
Adult Cricket (incl. changing room) weekend	-	£41.00 per game
Hampshire Football League pitch hire	-	£50.00 per game
Senior Football pitch hire (Rodaway /Greta Park)	-	£40.00 per game
Up to 17 and Tyro pitches	-	£20.00 per game
Tennis Courts Adult hire (per court, per hour)	-	£7.00
Tennis Courts Junior hire (per court, per hour)	-	£3.50

R5 Town Council Allotment Bee Keeping Policy

To approve guidelines for keeping Bees on Allotments.

Mr. Margetts had considered the proposed policy and felt that it would be advisable to recommend that any person interested in keeping bees should be encouraged to attend a 10 week Bee Keeping Course. He also advised that a bee flight or swarm can be very alarming to the inexperienced and bees should be encouraged to take flight by facing the hive to netting up to 6' high to encourage them to escape from the hive at this level, as a safety precaution. Bees forage up to 1.5 miles from the hive, they will, however, be attracted to land on workmen using machinery and will commonly land on the head, face or hands of a person showing perspiration. A Bee Keeping Course will also give those new to Bee Keeping the opportunity for contact with a Mentor and is linked to the BBKA. It may also be advisable for the Grounds Staff to attend such a course. With regard to allotments, Mr. Margetts warned that bees love Green Beans!

Members agreed that the current version of the proposed policy required tailoring and some of the information to an appendices, it should also include guidance in attending a Bee Keeping Course. Cllr. Keith Day offered to examine the document and this matter is deferred to the next meeting.

R6 To discuss the suitability of The Recreation Ground as a location for a Wild Flower & Bog Garden - Cllr. Margaret Allingham

Cllr. Margaret Allingham expressed her reservations that the proposed location may prove unsuitable for this project, the ground has very poor drainage in this particular area and difficult to cross from an access gate if a Bog Garden is installed, she will be keeping a close eye on how long and how efficiently the current surface water takes to dry out. There is also a large Beech tree on site, under which it would be difficult to cultivate wild flowers. Cllr. Allingham will also examine the Carnival Assembly on 7th July to ascertain how much land can be afforded to this project and will report to the next meeting. The clerk is instructed to defer this matter to the next Agenda.

R7 To discuss and consider a Council stall at the Carnival to promote interest in Wild Flower planting for community participation and the feasibility of a Hedge End BEE Team (BEE - Biodiversity, Environment and Ecology). – Cllr. Keith Day.

Following on from proposals to create a Wild Flower Garden, Cllr. Day explained his proposal to address the difficulty in forming community involvement and felt that the Carnival may be a good time to gain such interest and broaden scope to cover all green spaces in Hedge End,

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i.e. signing up for the Dowd's Urban Park planting, and, maybe formulating a list of general interest and finding a group who can be called upon to give assistance. He would be happy to set up and man a Carnival stand with the Committees' suggested promotional material and leaflets on what HETC are trying to achieve. The stand to make a focal point to discuss Biodiversity, Environment and Ecology issues affecting Hedge End only and not to digress to other issues concerning the Council. Cllrs. Val Houghton, Margaret Allingham and Derek Pretty offered their assistance on the day. The Chair pointed out that it would be very important to ensure that there are two members in attendance at any one time, so that interested parties are not kept waiting and lose their enthusiasm. Ideas were discussed and the clerk instructed to reserve a stand at the Carnival via website application.

R8 To consider quotations for the provision of Picnic Tables to be located at the Paddling Pool.

Glasdon Manufacturing

5 x Enviropol (post-consumer plastics with 100% recycled content) Picnic Tables, weather-resistant and virtually maintenance-free service life. And 1 x Enviropol Picnic Table Wheelchair Access, supplied with universal concrete surface and paving slab fixing kit.

£3,021.06 plus VAT, excluding carriage.

Woodberry of Leamington Spa

To supply and deliver 6 x Wood A Frame 6 Seater Picnic Benches 1500mm at £129 each plus VAT. 1 x pallet delivery to Hedge End @ £40 plus VAT. Special Deal of buy 5 and get 1 free, plus free delivery plus 6 x fixing kits @ £42.50 each. **Total £900. However a Wheelchair Access Table is not available.**

Marmax Products Ltd.

1 x Extended Top Heavy Duty Bench with Disabled access, extended legs and constructed of solid and robust recycled plastic and 5 x Heavy Duty Picnic Bench with 10% carriage discount. Brown @ £2245.00 plus VAT and Rainbow @ £2457.00 plus VAT including carriage.

The HEWEB Community Investment Programme identifies a sum of £5,056 as a contribution towards enlarging safety surfaces and providing additional picnic tables at The Recreation Ground and HETC a budget of £3000 for seating and picnic tables. Essential Paddling Pool surfacing has been completed at a cost of £2,767.50. **Resolved: To approve the quotation of Glasdon Manufacturing at £3,021.06 plus VAT, excluding carriage.**

R9 Report upon the Green Flag Inspection of Dowd's Farm Urban Park - The Chair.

The Chair reported upon the recent visit of Green Flag Inspectors to Dowd's Farm Urban Park following this year's application for Green Flag status. The visit proved informative, interesting and with lots of shared ideas for future application. The result will not be published until the end of July.