

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

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Jenny Hughes, Cllr. Peter Hughes (Vice Chairman), Cllr. David Humby, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Ray Worley.

Also Present: Mr. S. Thoma and Mrs. T. Fry, residents of properties neighbouring Woodhouse Lane Skateboard Park.

R12 Apologies: Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Sheila Baynes
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

**R13 Minutes & Matters Arising
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R2, R71, Keith Bignell, EBC, advises that such a sign would be subject to TRO which costs several thousand pounds in legal fees, committee reports etc. and is unlikely to be approved at this location as the Police would find it practicably impossible to enforce. Alternatively as non highway, HETC could erect a prohibition/information sign off the end of the adopted footpath / entrance, but the best and most effective approach would be the installation of a physical barrier/gate. **The clerk is instructed to ensure that this matter is an item to be discussed on the next Agenda.**

R7, at this point of the meeting and due to the subject matter not being on this evening's Agenda, the Chairman invited Mr. Thoma and Mrs. Fry to address the Committee with their concerns regarding the development of the Skateboard Park in Woodhouse Lane. Mr. Thoma expressed his disappointment that HETC did not undertake a consultation process with neighbouring residents and outlined the following based on their experiences thus far:

- The skateboard extension increases the facility by 60%
- The current facility has a direct impact upon neighbouring properties with regard to noise in the late evening and, sometimes, through to the early hours of the morning, the invasion of which has made it most unpleasant for residents to enjoy the amenity of their gardens
- Privacy issues with overlooking
- Current planted screening is clearly inadequate
- What would the Town Council consider is a reasonable time for activities to stop on this facility and stop the noise nuisance?
- On two occasions, missiles have been thrown through a bathroom window.
- A garden wall has been kicked down on three occasions.
- There is no peace whilst the park is open

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- There are safety issues for both pedestrians and motorists, due to parking at the Woodhouse Lane entrance to the facility.
- Suggested relocating the extension to the rear of Baden Powell Lodge

Cllr. Derek Pretty explained that the choice of material for the new extension should be much quieter with regard to noise level. It would be difficult to contractually withdraw from the project as work has now commenced. However, shielding or screening could be a solution and there is also potential for some kind of acoustic screening. Cllr. Jenny Hughes also suggested that the Street Pastors are asked to visit the site and speak to young people to encourage their consideration for local residents. **The clerk is instructed to ensure that this matter is an item of Agenda, to be discussed as a priority, at the next meeting.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman.

R14 Correspondence:

- i) Application of Mr. B. Hobbs to donate a commemorative seat and planter in memory of his late father Reginald Charles Aisne Hobbs, with suggested and preferred locations. **Resolved: That the Council approve this application.**
- ii) Application of Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance for the use of Woodhouse Lane to hold a company sports event during the lunch period (1200 – 1400 hrs.) on Wednesday 27th July, 2011. This event is for approx. 50 staff, all based in Jellicoe House and there will not be an additional requirement for parking. It is appreciated that there will not be exclusive use of the grounds. We are in receipt of Public Liability Insurance certificate and a Risk Assessment is to follow. Games will include: Egg & Spoon, 3-legged, sack, relay, sprint, hopping and wheelbarrow races, Limbo and Hoopla. **Resolved: That the Council approve this application subject to the receipt of an appropriate Risk Assessment and the proviso that the applicant is informed of the Council's policy with regard to no BBQs on site and the grounds are cleared of litter and left in good condition.**
- iii) Ms. C. Hardy, hirer of Allotment Plot G2 has recently received a Cultivation Warning Letter and explains the personal reasons as to why she has been unable to tend the plot during recent weeks, but has every intention of returning and working the plot very soon. **Resolved: That the Council permit an extension of non-cultivation period by one month only, at which time the Plot will be reviewed.**
- iv) Cllr. David Humby declared a non-prejudicial interest and withdrew from discussions. Application for the use of Woodhouse Lane Park on behalf of 13th Itchen North Scout Group (St. Johns) to hold a Fun Day on Saturday 22nd September, 2012 with events/stalls, e.g. bouncy castles/rock

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climbing wall offered free to members and a small nominal charge tendered to the public to assist to cover costs. The event to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. **Resolved: That the Council approve this application subject to the applicant submitting Public Liability Insurance and a Risk Assessment and the proviso that they advise local residents of the event and adhere to the Council's policy of no BBQs.**

R15 Allotments

The Chairman's Cultivation Report Update.

The Chairman conducted Cultivation Inspections in May and June and instructed the issue of 9 Warning Letters. Some hirers have elected to terminate their agreement and two have appealed for time due to ill health. These plots will be re-examined at the end of July. Noted.

R16 To consider the installation of a Sports Goal Unit at Greta Park.

In the absence of the Chairman, DTC, explained the proposal to install the Goal End at Greta Park, to meet the demand for use and deter damage to the newly refurbished Pavilion. Precise site location to be determined.

The cost of supply and installation has been researched as follows:

Sutcliffe Play	Goal End	£3884.00
	5% Delivery Charge	194.00
	Installation (no surface)	£1340.00
	Sub Total	£5418.00
	+ Site Set Up and Cart Away costs.	
Proludic	Goal End	£4208.00
	Delivery	316.00
	Installation	£1101.00
	Site Set Up	650.00
	Total	£6275.00
HAGS	Goal End	£3948.00
	Delivery	500.00
	Installation	1058.00
	Site Welfare	1000.00
	Total	£6506.00
Safe & Sound Playgrounds	Goal end, including full installation and delivery onto a flat and level grass.	
	Total	£5495.00
	Optional 13 sq/m grass matting.	416.00
	Integral Cricket Wicket	75.00
		£5986.00

Safe & Sound Playgrounds are currently running a Special Officer of 2 x Goal

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Ends at £10,000 including full installation and delivery on to a flat and level grass site (each of these Goal Ends can be installed in separate sites within a mile radius at no extra cost) and it is feasible that the Town Council could accommodate the sites of Greta Park and Turnpike Way Sports Field with Goal Ends, 13 sq/m grass matting and integral cricket wicket at £10,982.00 and save considerably on constraints of Budget, particularly if HEWEB LAC agree the costs of Turnpike Way. **The clerk is instructed to defer this matter to the September Agenda in order that the Committee can consider and discuss matters of greater priority i.e. Woodhouse Lane screening and barrier to Turnpike Way Sports Field, before a decision in this respect. Furthermore, in addition to this item the clerk is instructed to also include an Agenda item: Turnpike Way Sports Fields proposals.**

R17 Heritage Sign Update

The Heritage Sign has been commissioned, however, the Town Council will need to apply for planning consent and the question of a suitable location in Upper Northam Road, to welcome traffic entering the village has raised three options:

Option 1: HCC highway fronting Greta Park Play Area

Option 2: HETC land fronting the Basketball Court, Upper Northam Road

Option 3: HCC land at Upper Northam Close/Upper Northam Road

We have received the following guidance from Damian Walsh, EBC Construction Unit: **“I have spoken with someone in Hampshire Highways. If you opted for either location 1 or 3, which is HCC land then you would probably have HCC objecting to the design. However, location 2 is on private land, so as long as it is HETC property all you will need is planning permission.”**

A request for assistance has been sent to County Councillors to ascertain the reason or County Policy for objection to the design and an indication of an acceptable location for planning application. **The clerk is instructed to await a short period of time for County Councillors to respond before forwarding a formal request to HCC for approval of Options 1 and 3 only. Members agreed that Option 2 will not be a viable site.**

R18 To consider Tenders for the installation of Batting Nets Extension – Turnpike Way Sports Field.

S & C Slatter Ltd.	£4,006.00 plus VAT
ClubTurf Cricket Ltd.	£5,360.00 plus VAT
Bingham Ground Services	£7,232.24 plus VAT

Resolved: That the Council accept the Tender of S & C Slatter Ltd. and part fund the project at 50% with Hedge End Junior Cricket Club.