

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE HELD 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2015**

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

**Also Present:** Mr. Andrew Helps

**R52 Apologies:** Cllr. Val Houghton

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

**R53 Minutes & Matters Arising  
Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014**

R49, the memorial to identify the site of the cemetery "For All Babies Born Asleep" has been commissioned and arrangements have been made for representatives of Churches Together to attend the next meeting of this Committee to discuss a service of Dedication. Noted.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**R54 Correspondence:**

i) Mike Thornton MP, on behalf of his constituent Mr. Gibson of 38 Stockholm Drive and represents his view that a water tap at the top end of Albert Road Cemetery would be of great help to older visitors to the cemetery not having to carry watering cans as far. **The Committee expressed their surprise that in the 84 year history of the cemetery, this facility had not been addressed nor requested, nevertheless, the clerk is instructed to investigate the feasibility of installing a secured water butt to be located at the Albert Road end of the path to access Section G, arrange the installation of this provision and respond accordingly.**

**R55 Woodhouse Lane Tennis Courts**

*An Update:*

The new perimeter fence and gate will be completed by the end of this week. Duotech Services will install the gate security system and software, together with setting up Booking Software to Council computers and training for staff on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Repainting of the court surface is to be confirmed, but is expected to take place in March with improved weather. Noted. **The clerk is instructed to ensure that the forthcoming opening of this refurbished facility and the online booking service is given maximum publicity in the next issue of the Gazette, with an estimated opening of April – May 2015.**

**R56 To discuss flooding issues:**

*Turnpike Way Play Area*

Council has received a number of complaints regarding the flooding of the play area during severe inclement weather. **The clerk is instructed to arrange for the Groundstaff to examine the best possible remedy to this problem and defer this matter to the next Agenda.**

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*Greta Park Cycle/Footpath*

Contractors have been on site this week to rectify three areas of flooding.

The Chair requested that the Groundstaff attend to the slippery surface of the Boardwalk located in the SSSI site close to Bridget Mary Gardens, as a matter of urgency.

- R57 To agree a 2.5% increase in fees and hire rates in accordance with the 2015/2016 Budget: Hall Hire, Sports Fees, Cemetery & Memorial Fees, Allotment Fees, Annual 2000 Centre Users Lease, Annual Grazing Fees. Resolved: To approve an increase of 2.5% in fees and hire rates with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015 and rounded to the nearest 50p/£1 where administratively necessary.**
- R58 To discuss and review hire arrangements concerning Rodaway Rovers Mini Soccer School.**  
Rodaway Rovers have now ceased hire of the facilities.