

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 14TH MARCH, 2012**

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

Also present: Messrs. David Gates and Ken Deacon - DGI Media Marketing
Mr. Dave Clouting - Hedge End Junior Cricket Club
Mr. R. Turner - eastleighnews.com
Mrs. Patsy Hoff - The Friends of Hedge End

R82 Apologies: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jenny Hughes
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

**R83 Minutes & Matters Arising
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R79, the Council received two responses, one of which was very positive to undertake alterations to unauthorised access and to make the Committee aware of extensive works to trees and shrubs within Hogsty Copse. Upon investigation, it was discovered that this work had been as described and undertaken by the National Grid in order to service overhead cables. Nevertheless, the Council's permission to do so had not been sought. **The clerk is instructed to pursue this matter with the National Grid, in respect of appropriate notification.**

R80, a new service contractor is examining the Village Centre Clock. Noted.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

R84 Correspondence:

- i) Mr. Kevin Marsh of Goodlands Vale in response to the Committee's correspondence re Hogsty Copse. **The clerk is instructed to respond that the Committee would be satisfied with the removal of any kind of storage within the conservation area, however, at this time there is no intention to block the access of a gate as this can still be used to gain access for the enjoyment of the public open space.**
- ii) Craig Meredith, on behalf of Peartree Cricket Club – an application for home fixtures at Turnpike Way for the 2012 Season. **Resolved: To approve this application.**
- iii) Roger Leppard, Community Fundraiser, Hants & IOW Air Ambulance looking for a site to place one of their Textile Collection Bins in the Hedge End area. Funds raised from clothing placed in the textile bins raises one fifth of their operational funding needed. **Members are requested to examine potential locations and defer this matter to the next meeting.**
- iv) John Greenwood, emails his objection to Street Snooker as a monstrosity, eyesore and waste of money. Provide decent all weather, play surfaces and seating. Have all ages playing together - don't try and fragment society by age. Noted.
- v) Shaun Gillam, emails giving his support for a sports wall at Dowds Farm. He thinkit

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will be well used and an excellent resource for the community to use. Noted.

- vi) Alex Guy, emails to thank the Council for a fantastic facility in the Skateboard Park. The skate park has to be one of the best investments for a while. He walks past many times and there are always many children of all ages playing in a most friendly way. It is a credit to the Council and he says “well done you”. Noted.
- vii) Miss Dyke of Lynton Road re Goodalls Lane. Miss Dyke uses a mobility scooter that she is unable to drive through the gates at each end of the lane. She needs to exercise her dog, off leash, and cannot manage access by walking. There is no other method by which she may reach this location. **The clerk is instructed to respond that the Committee sincerely regret that they cannot devise a method of making the gate accessible for a mobility scooter without creating a vulnerable site to the abuse of motorbikes and smaller vehicles, therefore, the only alternative is to suggest access to Greta Park via Sowden Close.**

R85 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Party in the Park - Messrs. David Gates and Ken Deacon.

David Gates explained that due to the amount of time required to organise the event and book artists, it would now be impossible to meet the planned date in June and proposed a new date of 21st July, 2012. Members discussed and emphasised the need to ensure that free public access should be made available for those not participating in the event and this is best achieved by leaving a reasonable margin of land for this purpose and enclosing the event for ticket holders. The organisers were also advised to inform local residents of the event. **Resolved: To approve the use of Greta Park for Party in the Park.**

Picnic in the Park – Mrs. Patsy Hoff

Patsy Hoff explained that she would also need to cancel her intention to host this event on behalf of The Friends of Hedge End, during the Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday, due to lack of support from volunteers to help organise the event. She felt that at least 30 people would be required but perhaps this was too ambitious to achieve in such little time. However, she had also thought of an alternative date, which by coincidence was 21st July, 2012 to organise a mini Olympics. David Gates offered to co-ordinate and incorporate this event as part of the Party in the Park and this was readily accepted by Patsy Hoff.

Queen’s Oak Tree - Location?

Resolved: That the Queen’s Oak Tree is planted within The Recreation Ground and precise location to be determined by the Head Groundsman, hopefully within close proximity of the intended Wildflower & Bog Garden. A plaque to commemorate the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee planting to be erected as part of the Diamond Jubilee Street Party on 5th June, 2012. We must also ensure that the new tree is fully protected.

R86 David Clouting, Chairman, HEJCC re proposals for 2012 Cricket Season.

David Clouting announced his return to the position of Chairman of HEJCC, however, this will

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be in a non-coaching role. The Committee is newly formed with new ideas. The club now has 85 players, with four Junior Teams, an Under 17s and Adult Team. The club hope to spread some of the load upon Turnpike Way grounds by hiring the Wildern School artificial wicket. The Under 17s Team will work fixtures on alternate Thursday evenings to the Adult Team. Junior Training Evenings will start 25th April. Fixtures will be confirmed as soon as possible. The Club will employ the services of the League Cricketers Association to conduct Coaching Courses for Juniors' and wish to hire facilities weeks commencing 30th July and 13th August, plus 3 days during the Summer Half Term, the latter dates to be confirmed. The Club would also request that the Practice Nets are not used by the public during their period of hire, however, the Committee agreed that such a request should be at the discretion of the Club by politely asking people to refrain from using this facility during hire and it was suggested that David Clouting might carry a letter to this effect from the Town Council.

Sight Screens - would the Council consider contributing and getting the Clubs together to purchase Sight Screens, these would be vandal-proof and at a cost of £1000 each, and would the Town Council take responsibility and insure the screens being kept on their land?

Finally, David asked the Committee to consider the club using the facilities of the Pavilion main hall and kitchen, at a subsidised rate, when not hired to the public. He suggested that this could be arranged by a phone call on a Friday afternoon to ascertain whether the Hall would be available the following day.

Resolved: That the Town Council approve applications for the aforementioned dates to conduct LCA Coaching Courses. As there is no available budget for the provision of Sight Screens, the Town Council will not contribute, take responsibility or insure this equipment on site. In the meantime, the clerk is instructed to conduct a feasibility study with regard to the hire of Turnpike Way Pavilion and defer this matter to the next Agenda.

David Clouting added that if his club purchases Sight Screens, they will not be made available to other teams and will be padlocked either to the storage facility on site or the Practice Nets and members agreed that the Head Groundsman should determine the appropriate location for storage.

The Chairman and members welcomed David Clouting back to his position as Chairman of HEJCC.

R87 To consider a design for the replacement of the War Memorial Garden Gate

Members considered the design of Peter Clutterbuck, Designer Blacksmith, and whilst the style brief was in keeping with the Cemetery Archway, the Committee agreed that the suggestion of Patsy Hoff to add a group of poppies would complement the design. **The clerk is instructed to ask the Designer to consider this additional feature and defer this matter to the next meeting.**