

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 14TH DECEMBER, 2011**

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

Also present: Mr. N. Dewey - Allotment Committee
Mr. & Mrs. Abraham - Re proposed Access control from Stubbs Drove to Willow Close.

R53 Apologies: Cllr. Jenny Hughes, Cllr. Derek Pretty.

Cllr. Val Houghton offered her apologies that she would have to leave the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

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

**R54 Minutes & Matters Arising
Meeting of 9th November, 2011**

R48, the Village Centre Notice Board was removed week commencing 5th December, with due notice, restructured by the grounds staff and reinstated. However, the staff report that the commemorative plaque was missing. Mrs. Abraham, a guest this evening, added her compliments to the work that had been done to the Notice Board, in fact she had thought it was a new installation. Indeed, the Chair commented that if this repair is sufficient then the reserved Budget, next year, should afford a replacement plaque with a commemoration to the late Violet Cook.

R50, re the erection of fencing and gate on land between Stubbs Drove and Willow Close, Development Control Services confirm that under the provisions of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, Schedule 2, Part 2, Class A and Part 12, Class A, a planning application will not be required for the proposed fencing and gate on land between Stubbs Drove and Willow Close, provided the height does not exceed 2 metres above ground level, or 1 metre if the fence and gate are adjacent to a highway used by vehicular traffic.

R51, an estimate for the replacement of the War Memorial Gate, designed and based on the Albert Road Cemetery Archway has been submitted by Peter Clutterbuck at £1700 plus VAT and a sum of £2,500 has been placed in the 2012/2013 Budget to cover the cost of the gate and planters.

R51, an estimate of £12,000 has been reserved in the 2012/2013 Budget, for Cemetery Path/Roadway surface repair.

R51, an estimate of £7,000 has been reserved in the 2012/2013 Budget for surfacing the Dowd's Farm Compound.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

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R55 Correspondence:

- i) Janice Abraham, Whitebeam Road writes re her objection to the proposed closure of access to Stubbs Drove from Willow Close and being present this evening explains her family's regular usage of the access on a daily and weekly basis, for over 20 years. The Chair explained the reasons and consultation process that has taken place to date and the matter is deferred to the next Agenda in order to widen a consultation process to ascertain public demand for opening times of the proposed gate. Mr. & Mrs. Abraham will speak to neighbours and those within the immediate locality, whilst the Town Council will ensure that the Council website offers the opportunity to comment.
- ii) Countryside Voice, CPRE publication Winter 2011. Noted.
- iii) Brian Bartlett, Hedge End Bowling Club informs Council of 2012 diary, together with "*special thanks to Paul and Cyril for their sterling work on the green, the surface was acknowledged to be one of the best most people had played on this Summer*". Noted.
- iv) ICCM Journal, Winter 2011. Noted.
- v) Kate Clark, Chairperson, Wildern Opportunity Group, requests permission to install kitchen wall units in the small hall kitchen for additional storage, to make the kitchen less cluttered and safer to use for the group. Members agreed to defer committee decision in order to make a site visit and determine the requirement. **The clerk is instructed to ensure that this matter is placed on the next agenda.**
- vi) Michael King, requesting use of Greta Park in the 2012/2013 Football Season for Sunday afternoon fixtures. The name of the club is undecided as of yet but the team would be looking at either AFC Hedge End or Wyvern, the latter being a club that the team could join as they do not have an adult team. All players are from Hedge End and the surrounding area. Currently the grounds are let on a Sunday morning for one team only. **Resolved: To approve this application.**

R56 To receive guest: David Clouting HEJCC proposals for 2012 Season.

Mr. Clouting did not attend this evening.

R57 Kanes Hill Field (proposed New Cemetery)

Woodland Trust Grant

Cllr. Keith Day explained the Woodland Trust's scheme for Community Groups, Schools and Youth Groups to make application for Tree Planting Packs to plant in February, March or November 2012 as part of the Woodland Trust's Jubilee Woods project. The year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee being an ideal opportunity to plant trees to commemorate this, or any other, special occasion. Each pack will contain a Royal Oak sapling. Packs are in two sizes, 105 trees ideal for planting either in small groups of trees or as a hedge (approx. 30m) or 420 trees create a long hedge (approx. 120m), or divide up and plant at different sites. If planted as a block of trees, there is sufficient for approximately one acre of land (all at saplings 20 – 40 cm high). Six million trees will be made available to celebrate the Jubilee.

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Members agreed that this was a good idea, however, whilst the new cemetery's future remains unknown, they could only agree in principal but it would be unlikely that a plan of the proposed cemetery would be drawn for some time and therefore miss this opportunity.

Mr. Dewey requested that the clerk record in minutes, his personal objection to the Committees' reference to the proposed new cemetery land as "Kanes Field", when historically it had been named Spring Field. DTC responded that the reference was generic and not legally binding and purely used to identify the area in question at this stage of the project.

R58 Dowd's Farm Urban Park

Green Flag Application 2012/2013

As part of the handover, HEWEB have employed the services of John Morris to raise a Management Plan for a Green Flag Application, which has been passed to the Town Council to facilitate. The draft copy has been edited by DTC to include a history of the site, together with additional information with regard to Public Art and will enhance with illustrations and photographs. The Head Groundsman has examined the requirements of the Management Plan and has confirmed that the Green Flag application would be feasible for the forthcoming year. The draft Management Plan includes the Town Council's concept of creating an Arboretum within the Urban Park as a Community involvement.

Resolved: That a Green Flag Application is submitted for 2012/2013.

The Clerk is instructed to ensure that the subject of Green Flag Community Award application for The Recreation Ground is a subject of the next Agenda, with a view to a 2013/14 application.

R59 Heritage Sign

An Update

Members agreed their support of the design, installation and location of the new village feature and look forward to a further installation in the next financial year.

R60 To approve reviewed location of Acoustic Fencing

Woodhouse Lane

During the design stages of the Skateboard Extension, the intention was for the complex to be mirrored due to a conflict of activity adjoining the existing Skateboard facility, however, upon completion it became clear that the complex had been turned at 90 degrees and therefore, pushed the fence line away from the original location. M & C Fencing Services have, therefore, revisited the site and provide the following options. As there is a fundamental change to the location, a revised planning application will be required.

Option A. 41m long, 3m high fencing following boundary of Skate Park. This will need extra posts on each corner also at every 3.6 metres. Total price installed £175 per metre @ £7,175.00. Extra posts @ £125.00 each, total £500.00. Extra ballast and cement at £100.00. **Total: £7,775.00.**

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Option B. To curve section at 38m @ £175.00 per metre. **Total £6,650.00.**

Resolved: That the planning application is revised to demonstrate Option B and accept the abovementioned quotation.

R61 To introduce an alternative Sports Wall

Street Snooker

An innovative and addictive target game that provides an alternative to the conventional Sports Wall. Street Snooker has educational, skill and physical benefits and can be provided in a number of configurations including 'retro-fitting' to revamp existing Multi Use Games Areas. Featured on BBC news several times and was played by over 4,500 people over sixteen days when featured outside the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield in April, 2011. Street Pool is also available and could be an alternative facility at another site, either options are suitable to football kicks or basketball throws.

DTC took the opportunity to show Jon Riddell details and he expressed an interest with the possibility that HEWEB would contribute 50% of cost if this facility were to be suitable for installation within the Greta Park Basketball Court.

Members agreed that there was a possibility that such a concept may be seen as a novelty and a consultation process should be undertaken to ensure that this would be supported by young people. In consideration of other users, some may consider it visually intrusive on the landscape. Furthermore, it was agreed that the Basketball Court Area is too well used to contemplate a further installation and Turnpike Way Sports Field may be a better location. **The clerk is instructed to set up a consultation process on the Council website and a suitable article published in the Spring edition of the Gazette, to give young people the opportunity to respond.**

R62 Reviewed Projects - Budget 2012/2013

Scheduled Maintenance rolling programme for the upkeep of Council properties/boundary fences/infrastructure at £25,000 to include all contracted services, i.e. Lift Service, Heating Contracts etc. Cemetery Roadway at £12,000. Dowd's Farm Compound at £7,000. Nelson Gardens Play Area at £30,000. Two Sports Walls at £14,000. War Memorial Gate and Planters at £2,500.

R63 Annual Hall Hire, Sports, Cemetery, Allotment Fees

To agree a 5.2% increase in line with the 2012/13 Budget. To be deferred. Members agreed to formulate a Working Party to determine a Review of all hire fees. The first meeting to be held Friday, 30th December, 2011 at the Town Council Offices at 10.00 a.m.