HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD 14TH DECEMBER, 2016

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair).

Also present: Heather Jones, Allotment Hirer.

R33 Apologies: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

R34 Minutes & Matters Arising

Meeting of 9th November, 2016

R31, re Paddling Pool replacement of fountain pumps and features. This budget will be drawn within the current financial year. Noted.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

R35 Correspondence:

i) Ian Crowley, Chairman, Hedge End Junior Cricket Club makes application to continue residency of Turnpike Way Sportsfield for their 2017 Cricket Season. Arrangements to remain the same as 2016. **The clerk is instructed to accept this application.**

R36 Allotments:

The Head Groundsman will programme the preparation of vacant plots in the New Year at the rate of 3 plots to be strimmed back, rubbish removed and landscape covered, per week. There are currently 15 vacant plots and one application to hire. A plot will be prepared for the prospective hirer before Christmas as he has been promised a January start. A further application to hire was received today, however, he has been advised that the plot will not be ready until February, 2017.

With regard to the removal of non-compostable heaps at the Allotment Site, the Council will acquire a Tipper/Trailer and Mini Excavator in the New Year and it is intended to remove the aforementioned with this new equipment, following appropriate training.

In view of recent publicity concerning indiscriminate tipping, the Committee would wish to explore the effectiveness of signage with a warning of prosecution and debate existing contractual tipping that has been conducted on site for many years, from two sources, one of which deposits grass cuttings and the other manure. The clerk is instructed to ensure that this is a subject of the next Agenda.

R37 Albert Road Cemetery

To discuss a proposal to re-design planned Sections I (Infants) and K (Children).

Resolved: That the area reserved for a place of rest for children (Section K) is moved to the location proposed by the Chair and Section I (Infants) extended.

A mini excavator has been purchased within the current year's financial budget. Staff will be trained in the operation of the excavator in the New Year and soon thereafter, it will be possible to improve services with the preparation of earthen graves.

Services will also be improved with the use of a Tipper/Trailer, which will not only be used to transport the excavator to site, but also to remove spoil from the grounds, which has been highlighted within the report of the Green Flag inspection.

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R38 Applications:

Albert Road Cemetery - to consider a location proposed by the applicant, Mr. Kenneth House. Resolved: To agree the location abutting Section I and providing a symmetry in keeping with other commemorative seats.

Hedge End Hawks - to continue fixtures at Turnpike Way Sportsfield during the 2017 Season. **Resolved: To approve this application.**