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Minutes of the **Recreation, Amenities and War Memorials Committee** held on Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs Benneyworth, Wood, Thompson, Leach, Small, Bumbieris, Farrell

Also: Ted Angell and Geoff Greenland (HAHA) and Martin Digweed (TFMC)

- 1. Apologies for absence.** None
- 2. Declarations of interest.** Cllr Thompson – item 5 re: resurfacing of car parking
- 3. Agreement of minutes of meeting held on 18th November 2014.** Cllr Leach proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Small, one abstention and rest in favour.
- 4. Allotments - HAHA report. (discussed after item 7)** Geoff Greenland reported that income exceeds expenditure. HAHA have a meeting tonight to sort out the calendar for the year. Fairfields new agreements will be sent out in February and Marsh Lane in March at which time some reassuring words from Mark Norgate would be welcome. There are 2 on the waiting list for Fairfields and 4 empty plots at Marsh Lane which need to be kept tidy and manageable, so need to be marketed and allocated as soon as possible. Geoff Greenland left.
- 5. Triangle Field (discussed after item 3)**
 - **Plans for the porch at clubhouse.** The rugby club are seeking grants from the RFU to improve their social spaces. It has been advised that a porch to the clubhouse will assist with heat retention and keeping the clubhouse cleaner, however the area proposed is not including in the footprint of the current lease. Cllr Small advised that once planning permission was granted, HRFC write to HTC requesting a condition be put on the lease to include the extension of the clubhouse. No members objected to this proposal.
 - **Receipt of RFU grant.** The grant has been received and passed to HTC.
 - **Completion of monitoring report for Greenham Common Trust.** Rob Cox is working on the report but is tied up with the forthcoming junior tournament taking place on Friday. MD questioned the urgency and was told that HTC are unable to move forward on further grant requests until this is done. MD will chase Rob. (Ted Angell left)
 - **Plans for resurfacing and car park improvements.** The container and rubbish has been moved. Cllr Farrell obtained a quote of £118K + VAT for creating extra car parking spaces behind the entrance gate, removing the bund, flattening the whole area including the proposed area for the possible siting of the Theatre Co containers and tarmacking the whole area. Alternatively £48,000 for preparing the area and edging with timber and using shingle. The Theatre Co have already looked at costs and for hard standing for the containers it will be approx. £3,500 which they can cover, however for the cost removal of the bund the Theatre Co would be asking for assistance or will have to raise funds. The Theatre Co will fund the move themselves. MD suggested that the end proposed for the Theatre Co containers should be sorted out first and address the remainder of the car park at a later date. Cllr Farrell feels strongly that an agreement between all parties should be drawn up to state that any damage done to the car park must be made good. If planning is approved the Theatre Co will look to move the containers as close to 1st April

as possible. An under lease will need to be drawn up between HTC and the Theatre Co. (Martin Digweed left).

- **Report from TFMC meeting (discussed after item 7).** Cllr Bennyworth read out the minutes from the last TFMC meeting. Items highlighted were that a cross country event that used facilities at TF was a tremendous success and bought in £225. The mower and trailer are now located in the store room and with the new shelving installed it is fine there. No dog signs are in place. The finances are in funds but large fuel bills and cost of groundworks are expected. The gate lock is fixed but gate has been left open on occasion. The next TFMC meeting will be held on 11th February 2015.

Cllr Benneyworth read out a letter received from TFMC addressing concerns of the Theatre Co siting their containers at the TF, although in support, they are anxious about the state of the car park. **Action:** Check the lease with HRFC that car parking should be provided. All agreed that the car park needs sorting and should be set up as a long term project. Cllr Farrell pointed out that the use of the Triangle Field needs to be determined as if it does not expand outside rugby there is little point pursuing this. Signs should be put up to remove boots before entering the changing rooms as Roger Ballard often has to remove thick layers of mud. **Action:** HTC to send a letter to HRFC regarding the cost of cleaning the changing rooms and if it they are left in a particularly bad state and need extra time cleaning, the extra cost will be passed on to HRFC.

6. **Legionella report update.** Procedures have been put in place. **Action:** Cllr Benneyworth to check legionella procedures are included in Roger Ballard's job spec. Cost of this has been taken on by HTC.
7. **Hungerford Football Club lease update (discussed after item 5).** Cllr Small has suggested HTFC need to appoint new trustees to agree a new lease with HTC along the same lines as the last lease. HTFC had a meeting last night and will give HTC an update next week. (Cllr Small left)
8. **Sports Group update – Cllr Wood.** Cllr Wood has received responses from 15 public questionnaires and will be speaking to sports clubs over the next month. Survey is in early stages and will be in a better position to report back at the end of February. There is greater demand for the sports hall at the leisure centre. It was pointed out that HTC contribute a lot of money towards the running of the leisure centre and it was questioned whether the money was well spent. This will be followed up at the next JAC meeting. Cllr Wood has already established that HTFCJ will be looking for more junior pitches as they are at capacity at the Primary School, and that apart from netball there are no sports teams for women in the town. Cllr Benneyworth complimented Cllr Wood for his good work.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm