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Minutes of the **Recreation, Amenities and War Memorials Committee** held on Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs Benneyworth, Bumbieris, Farrell, Small, Holmes

Also: Ted Angell & Tony Drewer-Trump (HAHA) and Geoff Adams, Adviser

- 1. Election of Chairman.** Cllr Holmes proposed Dennis Benneyworth, seconded by Cllr Small, all in favour.
- 2. Election of Deputy.** Cllr Bumbieris proposed Cllr Small, seconded by Cllr Holmes, all in favour. Cllr Benneyworth thanked Colin for all his hard work as Deputy and is very happy that he is continuing as a member of the Committee.
- 3. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Crane, Thompson, M Wilson, Leach, Podger
- 4. Declaration of Interest** – none
- 5. Minutes of the meeting held 29th April 2014** – Cllr Bumbieris proposed minutes as true record, seconded by Cllr Holmes, 1 abstention, rest in favour.
- 6. Allotments - HAHA report. Action:** - A meeting needs to be fixed regarding future sites and an informal discussion with Frank Clothier needs to be arranged. **Action:-** Follow up communication with neighbour of Marsh Lane regarding boundary issue. HAHA highlighted the potential problem of when the lease comes to an end.
1 plot has just come vacant at Fairfields. 8 plots vacant at Marsh Lane which is less than last year at rent renewal time. A bit of promotion will be needed as only a season and a bit will be offered. Fairfields rents are all collected with 87% of Marsh Lane rents collected, the remainder of which HAHA will continue to chase.
- 7. Triangle Field project update.** Work has started on the changing rooms. On the legal side, WBC came back with a couple of alterations to the lease which are fine. On the easement WBC have made a couple of amendments which have been sent to Sovereign but should not prove a problem
- 8. Leases – Cllr Small**
 - **Letter of Licence of Delegation to Community Centre Committee.** Cllr Small has agreed to draft an agreement between Community Centre management committee and HTC and the work on the tennis court is just about to start.
 - **Town & Manor update on partial surrender.** This is being done by Mark Davenport, MacAuley & Co on behalf of HTC and Julie Lloyd for Town & Manor so HTC will carry on as is until the lease has been done.
 - **Croft Field.** The biggest problem is that for a long lease you need to register the lease to the Land Registry and as historically the land was given over to the town for educational purposes it is not straightforward. A survey of the building needs to be done, the cost of doing this will be agreed at F&GP.

Cllr Benneyworth met with Nick Furr, Chair of Governors, Hungerford Nursery to explain that HTC were hoping to take a lease of the Croft Field and reassured him that whatever is done is in the best interest of the town, which he was happy with. The rent which has been suggested is about the same amount as the town band pay for use and storage and other ways of using the building will be explored depending on the outcome of the survey.

9. **Hungerford Education Dialogue.** Cllr Benneyworth will represent HTC in the discussions of the Education Plan going forward and possibly one other councillor.
10. **Playgrounds.** Cllr Farrell has met with 2 playground companies at Smitham Bridge Road and after two months neither has come back with quotes despite regular chasing. Smitham Bridge Road playground is looking good now it has been painted and is fine as it is. Possibly one piece of toddler equipment could be put at Bulpit Lane but Cllr Farrell thinks that the Triangle Field would be ideal for a new play area as it has facilities. At this moment thought will be given to what is needed and consideration of something different. Work in progress.
11. **St Saviour's Cemetery.**
 - **poppy planting.** Cllr Benneyworth invited councillors to plant their allocation of poppy seeds at the cemetery as he will be doing.
 - **request for memorial miniature flowering cherry.** The committee thought that it would be nice to have cherry trees at the cemetery and will site visit to decide where they can be planted.
 - **skip & landscaping.** Cllr Benneyworth proposed to get someone in to level the skip site and remove excess spoil and tidy the site, seconded by Cllr Bumbieris, all in favour.
 - **graves.** Committee agreed policy going forward that the cemetery rules must be adhered.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm