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Minutes of the **Recreation, Amenities and War Memorials Committee** held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford

**Present:** Cllrs Benneyworth, Wilson, Wood, Small and Cllr Leach arrived late

**Also:** Ted Angell (HAHA)

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllr Bumbieris, Thompson, Podger and Geoff Greenland (HAHA)
- 2. Declarations of interest.** None
- 3. Agreement of minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014.** Cllr Wood proposed minutes, seconded by Cllr Wilson, 1 abstention, rest in favour.
- 4. Allotments - HAHA report-** Ted advised Marsh Lane has 4 empty plots and 5 on the waiting list, and Fairfields is full with 1 on the waiting list. Notification has been given of piling taking place on the Fairfields housing site and HAHA expect any damage from drilling especially to the sheds will be made good. Thanks to the Mayor and town council for arranging a meeting regarding the lease on Marsh Lane. Final invoices for the current lease will be sent out in January 2015 and it is important to include information to the plot holders as to what is happening. HAHA would ideally like a 10 year lease but except that notice of one year on the part of the landowner will be included. The longer period will give stability. A second container would be requested for storage, an eco toilet to replace the expensive chemical one and could be grant funded and mains electric would be preferable to the generator currently used. HAHA would also like more control over the plots that are not tended. HAHA ran a stall at the Food Festival which was well attended.
- 5. Triangle Field**
  - Users Committee Report.** The utility supplier has been changed which will save money. Cllr Benneyworth to follow up request to Roger Beard to store the mower at the cricket club.
  - Propose cost to back fill septic tank.** Cllr Benneyworth proposed to use RGC to backfill the tank for continuity as per their quote, seconded by Cllr Small, all in favour.
- 6. Budget for next financial year** – Clarification of what monies will be needed for the Croft Field is required and the question was asked as to the amount needed for the play grounds, taking into consideration the money spent this year and Smitham Bridge Road being in a good state of repair. But generally the proposed budget seems satisfactory.
- 7. Sports Group – Shaun Wood.** Cllr Wood presented his initial ideas to increase membership of current sports clubs and to attract players in from surrounding villages and asked the Committee for their support. Hungerford has good sporting facilities that should be utilised. Clubs for children are well attended but membership of teenagers and adults is decreasing. Shaun would like to see different clubs working together to promote sport in the town. The Committee agreed that they would support his ideas and look forward to hearing a progress report at the next R&A.

8. **War Memorial Avenue hedge quotation.** Cllr Farrell proposed the quotation from Ben Howells to remove sycamore and elder from the beech hedge, seconded by Cllr Wood, all in favour
9. **Entrance gate to Bulpit Park.** After discussion it was agreed that no change was needed to the entrance gate to Bulpit Park.
10. **Football Club lease.** A response was sent from Julie Lloyd to Mark Davenport today but not in time for the committee to read. Defer to next meeting.
11. **Croft Field update.** Cllrs Benneyworth and Small attended a meeting with Alan Law, WBC and District Cllrs Hewer and Podger and the proposal will be taken to full council. **Action:-** Clerk to ask Colin Broughton, WBC to clarify the offer and for disability access advise.
12. **Canal safety.** After discussion it was agreed that the complaint should be referred back to WBC as they own the land.

**Meeting closed at 8.40pm**