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Minutes of the **Recreation, Amenities and War Memorials Committee** held on Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford

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

Also: Ted Angell and Geoff Greenland (HAHA), Rob Cox & Martin Digweed (TFMC) and David Clayton (DC) of (CHTC) Community of Hungerford Theatre Company

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllr Podger & Wood
- 2. Declarations of interest.** Cllr Thompson – items 5 & 6
- 3. Agreement of minutes of meeting held on 21st October 2014.** Cllr Benneyworth proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Thompson, one abstention and rest in favour.
- 4. Allotments - HAHA report.** Geoff Greenland reported that they had an optimistic meeting with Donnington Homes and there is a follow up meeting to come, after WBC decision in December. HAHA are hopeful for an extension of the lease at Marsh Lane. (Cllr Farrell entered). Fairfields – HAHA met the surveyor acting for Sovereign who took photos of the site, prior to the proposed nearby piling. Geoff has sent an email about maintenance of a tree to the Clerk. HAHA income exceeds their expenses. HAHA left 7.05pm.
- 5. Triangle Field**
 - Management Committee Report.** TFMC were hoping Wickham Wanderers would use the facility but the condition of the ground wasn't good enough. **Action:** TFMC to consider rolling a football pitch. RBL football team are using the facilities and also 196 junior rugby members at the moment. There is a need for girl's rugby to have pitch space. Anthony Smith will move the container once empty and the mower could go in the storage area temporarily, if container needs to go. **Action:** Clerk to contact D Taylor to discuss further. TFMC are after racking for storage area. **Action:** Rob to get price for this. Concern was voiced over condition of pitches. One of the two at least needs to be kept in decent condition for football. Anthony is the rep. for football on the TFMC. HFC junior plays on the school pitches so do not need use of the Triangle field. A £350 cross country event is booked for the New Year. The CHTC putting storage units on site was discussed. TFMC are concerned about access and car parking but if they are able to retain or increase car parking and have the surface improved TFMC would be supportive of the units. The bund site would give another 10 parking spaces.

David Clayton, Theatre Co. Their storage units have been sited on College Farm for 8 years and need to be moved by the end of March 2015. Planning permission was not reapplied for due to the move. CHTC have exhausted their search for other locations. They would like to put 4 storage units on the Triangle Field. Also a workshop is needed. They teach youngsters to build sets and paint so would be eligible for grants. Rob Cox requires a plan in place for improving parking. Who will pay for parking upgrade? The bund would need removing and matting put in place over grass area to stop sinking of vehicles.

DC advised CHTC would like to hire the canoe store and eventually would like to move 1 unit onto the Croft Field. It was suggested that all 4 units should go together with a workshop area in between, at the Triangle Field. They will be clad. C Broughton (WBC) has advised that planning permission would be required for both the Triangle Field and Croft Field. A restricted covenant would need to be drafted to specify use as community.

- **Update on RFU grant.** Jeremy Smeddle is dealing.

- **Update on repair of shower and filling of septic tank.** Septic tank should have been done yesterday, but will be done this week. RGC have been to look at showers. Plumbers made a mistake and RGC will replace shower free of charge. Rob Cox left 7.40pm. Legionella report – Roger Ballard is sorting immediate actions. This is part of H&S and cost falls within HTC remit. **Action:** Take to TFMC, concern over security of the building.

6. **Croft Field update.** Colin Broughton, WBC will provide a draft lease within the next 2 weeks. WBC will pay ½ the building improvements costs and an ‘Agreement for Lease’ is needed to confirm this. **Action:** Clerk - Once draft lease for Croft Field is received put to M Davenport to check and aim to get it agreed by HTC by end of year

DC advised again the CHTC would like to take on use of the canoe store as a workshop with 1 or 2 units alongside for ease of access. The vegetation could be cut back to reclaim unused land and the units stored there. Cllr Leach is not keen to commit Croft Field canoe area to one use. **Action:** David Clayton will instruct an architect to draw up plans and will apply for planning for both locations. Croft Field lease may not be signed by the end of March. CHTC would be happy to pay £1500 annual rent for hire of canoe rooms. David Clayton left 8.20pm.

7. **Propose R&A budget for 2015/16.** **Action:** Clerk to query rates required for Croft Field. Cllr Benneyworth proposed recommending the draft R&A budget as written but with revisiting the cost of Maintenance at St Saviour’s and Skate Park EMR if needed seconded by Cllr Leach, all in favour. TFMC should present a/c s for last year and budget for next year and decisions will be made for their budget at a later date.

8. **T&M lease update.** T&M have offered a meeting with T&M, HTC and solicitors to come to a conclusion on the partial surrender. **Action:** Clerk to speak to M Davenport and schedule.

9. **Sports Group update.** Deferred until January

Meeting closed at 9.00pm