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Minutes of the **Recreation, Amenities and War Memorials Committee** held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.15pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford

**Present:** Cllrs, Small, Wood, Thompson, Leach, Bumbieris, Benneyworth (arrived later)

**Also:** Ted Angell

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Farrell, Wilson and also Geoff Greenland (HAHA)
- 2. Declarations of interest.** Cllr Thompson – item 5 re: resurfacing of car parking and owns allotment. Ted also owns an allotment.
- 3. Agreement of minutes of meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015.** Cllr Wood proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Leach, all in favour.
- 4. Allotments - HAHA report.** Ted reported Marsh Lane has let 2 plots since last meeting. 5 are empty with 3 on the waiting list. Fairfields is full. There have been 2 allocations this month and there is no waiting list. An open day is planned for the summer and HAHA will participate in the Food festival. They will also promote the allotment side of Hungerford in Bloom. They can support but not lead on this. They had some wind damage to fencing at Fairfields. Invoicing for rent at Fairfields for 2015-16 will go out this month. Marsh Lane invoicing will go out end of March and they would like to include an indication of the future of the site after April 2016. Ted will contact Mark Norgate. Sovereign are unlikely to develop the Fairfields site due to the slope and access problems.
- 5. Triangle Field - Sports Pavilion - Defect Liability period ends 25<sup>th</sup> February** – Cllr Small advised a 6 year legal liability period follows this but it is harder to prove defects after 25<sup>th</sup>. Recent problems included the showers and bench fittings but repairs have been requested. **Action:** A site visit is needed prior to 25<sup>th</sup> to carry out checks. Clerk to arrange. The retention money should not be released until HTC are happy all the work is complete.  
**Plans for resurfacing and car parking improvements** – Quotes received for resurfacing are very expensive. Consider a 5 year plan including clearing the bund and cutting back hedging. In 2 years' time the car park will be in a bad state if left. Car parking requirements were set out in the planning conditions in the Rugby Club application of 2008. **Action:** – Cllr Small to check the Rugby Club lease and RFC's liability. **Action:** Obtain alternative quotes for resurfacing from a range of contractors using crushed concrete and not tarmac. Contact architect about layout. Planning permission has been given for 10m of tarmac by entrance and the rest gravel. The Theatre Company may consider a grant application for their use of car park.  
**Update on Theatre planning application** – This has been resubmitted 2 weeks ago. The TFMC decided there should be no dogs on the Triangle Field but this is not being enforced effectively. **Action:** Take to next TFMC to discuss.  
**- Update on Legionella checks** – Roger Ballard has the check forms to complete weekly. He is purchasing a thermometer to carry out the temperature checks.

6. **Update on leases and freehold transfer** – A draft contract has been received from WBC for the Triangle Field transfer but WBC is imposing extra covenants in the 2<sup>nd</sup> schedule which are unacceptable. **Action:** Cllr Small will draft a transfer to send to WBC (Sarah House) and advise a contract is not needed.

## PART 2

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7. **Application for a memorial stone** – A layout is required. **Action:** Obtain and bring back to committee.

**Meeting closed at 8.15pm**