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Minutes of the **Recreation, Amenities and War Memorials Committee** held on Tuesday 26th May 2015 at 8.15pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs Bumbieris, Whiting, Farrell, Leach and Small. **Also present,** Geoff Greenland, HAHA, Paul Hewer, Geoff (Adviser) and Claire Winser.

1. **Elect a Chair.** Cllr Bumbieris proposed Cllr Benneyworth as Chair, seconded by Cllr Farrell, all in favour.
2. **Elect a Deputy Chair.** Cllr Leach proposed Cllr Small as Deputy Chair, seconded by Cllr Farrell, all in favour.
3. **Agree Committee Members.** 5 present plus Cllr Wood. Cllr Hewer stated that he would like to join HTC.
4. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Benneyworth
5. **Declarations of interest.** Cllr Leach works for Vodafone (item 10)
6. **Agreement of minutes of meeting held on 21st April 2015.** Cllr Bumbieris proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Leach, all in favour.
7. **Allotments - HAHA report.** Apologies from Ted Angell. Accounts are with the auditor and will be presented at HAHA AGM on 22nd June 2015 and at the next R&A. Fairfields – all rent collected. Marsh Lane at 17/5/15, 8 plots holders were outstanding. Ground rent for Marsh Lane has been paid to HTC. HAHA letter refers to an extra shelter – They need to check terms of their lease. Fairfields allotment site less likely to be developed now new Fairview site being done.
8. **Triangle Field**
 - **Update of Theatre Company planning application and grants.** No news yet. Wait to hear back from Derek Carnegie, WBC as to when likely to hear. Next TFCM needs to be an AGM.
 - **Car Park.** Will improvements be made anyway to car park, if planning for containers doesn't happen? Wait and see. HTC now own the freehold. The land used to be subject to rent clause (very old and payable to Platt which would be indemnified by Col Warmsley). **Action:** Consider indemnity insurance. Kitchen improvements are on the FC agenda.
 - **Freehold transfer.** Cllr Small reported that this has been completed and that the transfer will now be registered at the Land Registry.
9. **Croft Field**
 - **Date of management committee meeting.** Friday 5th June. Work to field will be discussed also. Cllr Leach attended CCB meeting about Village Halls and will attend another on 12th June about maintenance.
 - **Renewal of service contracts.** Clerk to pass info to Cllr Leach to take to meeting. WBC will organise a handing over ceremony of the Croft Field Hall. Cllr Leach to meet Bill, WBC to clear rubbish.

Cllr Small thinks hire of room by Town Band on Tues & Thurs needs to be separate to the current lease – **Action:** Look into.

10. **Hungerford Football Club lease.** T&M wish to go back to pursue Cllr Small's draft partial surrender lease. Steve Skipworth has read Julie Lloyd's letter and is comfortable with either arrangement. Problems with masts etc. go back at least 20 years. HFC pay donation to T&M of £1,000 per year. HFC would still have 25yr lease if handed back to T&M. Steve Skipworth trying to build toilet facility for park and can't get grant money until they have lease in place. T&M no longer need us to opt out of Landlord and Tenant Act. HFC have received a temporary lease/letter from T&M. Steve Skipworth has mowed a pitch at the Triangle Field and will use a pitch next season.
 - Cllr Leach suggested we pursue negotiations. Steve Skipworth will need another temporary lease in a month.
 - HTC can grant an underlease. Anything over 7 years has to be registered with Land Registry. This could be registered in 2 weeks if T&M didn't object. Should we just grant HFC an underlease?
 - R&A is prepared to pursue negotiations providing HTFC will be granted an underlease and we can agree terms. HTFC must be protected. Steve Skipworth is happy to discuss the underlease with T&M.**R&A recommend to Full Council proceeding with negotiations but agreement needs to be reached within one month. Action:** Cllr Small to draft letter for discussion at Full Council.

T&M would prefer HTFC to be a Ltd Co. This is on the HTFC AGM agenda for a month's time. Steve Skipworth thinks it is a good idea.
11. **Plane tree report. Action:** Check title deed. Get quotes.
12. **Repairs to Bulpit Park benches. Action:** Clerk to obtain quotes from other bench contractors as Rex Knott is moving away.
13. **Tragedy Garden – suggestions for improvements** A site visit took place and a proposal has been received. S Tuttle will draw up a design at no cost. **Action:** Ask Stacey Tuttle for a quote for the final work. Perhaps approach Wyevale for quote for plants at later date.
14. **Location of David Holtby's bench.** Yes OK to position. **Action:** PH to proceed.
15. **Sports Link update – Cllr Shaun Wood.** Defer to next meeting as Cllr Wood not present.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm