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MINUTES of the **Recreation, Amenities and War Memorials Committee** held on Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs Small, Crane, Winsor, Wood. **Also present,** Geoff Greenland and Ted Angell (Hungerford Allotment Holders Association - HAHA)

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Bennyworth, Brookman and Farrell
2. **Declarations of interest.** Cllr Crane (Allotments), Cllr Small on Triangle Field Management committee.
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 20th October 2015.** Cllr Crane proposed the minutes as a true record seconded by Cllr Winsor, all in favour.
4. **Allotments - HAHA report.** Geoff Greenland reminded the Committee that there is no lease in place after May 2016 and notice needs to be given to allotment holders by the end of January 2016. **Action:** Clerk to write to Frank Clothier, the land owner to request a two year extension in light of WBCs DPD document which states that the site is not deliverable for development.
There are 50 poles of vacant plots at present, which creates a lot of work to keep them weed free for HAHA. To avoid this HAHA proposed bringing the tenancy agreement forward to 1st February for both Marsh Lane and Fairfields. There will be a shortfall of rent for 3 months, which HAHA are willing to cover. (Cllr Wood entered). R&A committee agreed with changes of tenancy agreement for lease start date of 1st February. **Action:** Put on Full Council Agenda for ratification.
5. **Budget – Consider proposed figures for financial year 2016-17.** R&A committee proposed budget outlined on budget sheet produced by RFO
6. **Croft Field**
 - **Decision on name of building.** The R&A Committee agreed on Croft Field Activity Centre
 - **Review fees and hire contract following F&GP decision to opt to tax.** Cllr Crane explained that the F&GP Committee decided that the Croft Field Centre needed to be VAT registered as HTC are very close to the limit and do not want to take the risk of going over. As a result the fees will need to be increased accordingly VAT – unfortunately, the Clerk has not had time to look into this. Defer to next meeting.
 - **Update on improvements to hall.** Dehumidifiers are doing a good job and work is going well. The Croft Field has now been registered with the Land Registry.
7. **Triangle Field**
 - **Report following Triangle Field Working Party Meeting.** The main discussion was about the request from HCTC to reposition the containers in a slightly different position as to what was detailed on the planning application. The extra area generated from landscaping the car park is huge. Skippy will be sorting out the electricity which will be routed from HTC supply and a meter installed. Hungerford Rugby Club would like floodlights installed for evening training. Finance is available from RFU. An agreement needs to be drawn up between HTC and HRFU, but exact location details are required, so a plan has been requested. HRFC lease runs out in 14 years so may be an issue with the RFU. Planning consent will be needed.

- **Circus – Agree details.** TFMC have no objection and requested any income. R&A Committee are happy to meet the man and then agree terms.

8. St Saviour’s Cemetery – Consider:

- **Quote for vault grave work.** A stone mason from Reading is going to inspect the extent of the work needed to make the vault grave in St Lawrence’s churchyard safe.

- **Application for memorial stone.** An application has been received for a 6 foot flat stone to be placed at St Saviour’s. This applicant has asked before and was decline. It was decided that it was still a no at the moment. Consider again after cemetery consultation period has ended.

- **Request for additional names on war memorial.** – a request had been received to add the names of two deceased servicemen who had never lived in Hungerford although their families do now live here. Agreed that this is acceptable as there is a Hungerford connection, although there is no more room on the current memorial so another memorial would be needed. Cllr Crane agreed to carry out some research and to investigate possible options.

9. Tragedy Garden project – Quote for placement of plaque. MJ Sly memorials are willing to provide a memorial boulder at cost but was unable to email an image before the meeting. Defer to next meeting.

10. Maintenance of benches – Update. No further forward. **Action:** Deputy Clerk to seek advice from other councils.

11. Parks – ROPSA requirements. Wayne Gladding has been appointed on a one month contract and is spending 6 hours a week checking the parks and doing necessary repairs.

- **Bulpit Park concrete wall.** The wall is not in good condition. PCF to supply a quote.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.