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MINUTES of the **Recreation, Amenities and War Memorials Committee** held on Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs Crane, Brookman, Winser, Farrell, Knight, Chicken, and Bumbieris. Also present: Geoff Greenland (HAHA)

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllr Benneyworth, Small, Wood, Ted Angell (HAHA)
- 2. Declarations of interest.** Cllr Crane and Knight (Allotments). Cllr Farrell on TFMC and has an interest in Croft Field Activity Centre and Bulpit Park.
- 3. Co-option of Cllr Knight onto the committee.** Cllr Crane proposed and seconded by Cllr Winser.
- 4. Agreement of minutes of meeting held on 16th February 2016.** Cllr Crane proposed the minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Brookman, 2 abstentions, rest in favour
- 5. Allotments – HAHA report – given by Geoff Greenland.** Geoff met with Liz Alexander who has confirmed in writing that they can differentiate between temporary and permanent allotments in the planning process. No development for 15 years so why not a 15-year lease with one year break on either side for building construction. It will be made feemeil/public by WBC. No prejudice. HTC will attend next meeting.
- 6. Triangle Field**
 - Venue for beacon lighting on 21st April.** Plans: Beacon to be delivered beginning April and lit at 7:30 pm on 21st April in sight line of Coombe. Can Rugby Club open bar and use kitchen to sell food?. Would like outside music. Access to school car park as overflow needed - agreed with Head of JOG. **Action:** CF to sat with Rotary do.
 - Celebration in June for Queens 90th. Update on plans, 12th June street parties, 18th June circus – use of big top. Available from 5:30/6 pm for evening. **Action:** CF to email next working party meeting date.
- 7. Croft Field**
 - Sealing of External wall.** £8500 money still o/s. DCs no response to MC's email yet. Building was in state of disrepair. Damp wall has been dry lines. Wall could be sealed outside. DB up to £500 to spend on sealant – obtained comparative price. MC proposed, seconded ?
 - Replacement of Fire Door to main hall** (North building sorted). Main hall fire door is split. Temporary repair to fire door needed whilst long term plans are considered.
 - Ramp to main hall ??**
- 8. Update on Library Closure.** Library transitional funding of £475K should be agreed on 24th March. WBC cannot commit to next year yet. For this year the Hungerford library will be fully funded. Self service?? Should we challenge legal details – what is a comprehensive service? DMC may have influenced this year's decision and may in future.

- 9. St Saviour's Cemetery**
- **Consider drafted changes to regulations following responses to consultation.** Need for balance between solemn graveyard and highly colourful and decorated. Do we limit number of items on graves? Result of consultation say most don't mind decorations.
-**Current graves.** Suggested that we leave existing graves as they are and look at new set of rules for future.
-Considerations: biodegradable, fresh flowers, surrounds, limit on items.
Action: Draft will be taken to Full Council for discussion.
- 10. Bulpit Park concrete wall - Quotation for surveyor's report.** Cllr Winser proposed and Cllr Crane seconded, 1 abstention, rest in favour.
- 11. St Lawrence's**
- **Alternative vehicle access to back of church – Update on communication with landowners.** HTC are responsible for footpath. Disabled and hearses are allowed. Prop one post (lockable) is placed at back of church and notice by lych gate. No access to canal. MC, RB, AIF.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm