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MINUTES of the **Recreation, Amenities and War Memorials Committee** held on Tuesday 19th April 2016 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs Small, Crane, Winsor and Knight. Also present: Geoff Greenland and Ted Angell (HAHA), Cllrs Wilson and Chicken

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Benneyworth, Bumbieris, Farrell, Wood, Brookman, Whiting
2. **Declarations of interest.** Cllrs Crane and Knight (Allotments). Cllr Small sits on Triangle Field Management Committee.
3. **Agreement of minutes of meeting held on 21st March 2016.** Cllr Crane proposed the minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Winsor, all in favour
4. **Allotments – HAHA report** – Ted has given year end accounts to HTC’s auditor. Reserves have gone down by £100 due to reduced rent income. One sixth of the site is vacant so there is no money to make any improvements to the site. L Alexander at WBC advised there is no need for HAHA to move sites as the allotments will not affect chances of development on that site. The lease extension needs to be finalised. We are waiting for solicitor fees from M Norgate. **Action:** HTC will attend the next meeting with L Alexander and pursue the provision of a permanent allotment site elsewhere. Clerk to set up meetings.
5. **Triangle Field**
 - **Triangle Field Management Committee to report and present accounts** – The committee are working on a spring programme for grass care which will not include the football pitch, as they are maintaining their own pitch. Charlie Austin Football Camp hired the premises for 5 days. The Beacon Lighting will take place this Thursday. TFMC accounts were circulated. Bank balance is £2328.91. **Action:** Clerk to obtain quote for drainage by front gate. Skippy is sorting electric for the containers tomorrow. This Friday there will be a tag tournament with 250 kids and 2 tournaments are booked for May. Boot camp could possibly become a regular booking.
 - **Consider floodlights at pre-planning stage** – Cllr Crane proposed the TFMC submit a planning application based on the pre-planning information given, all in favour.
 - **Health & Safety requirements following risk assessment** – The trip hazard to the porch is being addressed. **Action:** Ask David Caldwell to replace the broken tiles.
 - **Any updates on planned events** - A circus is booked for June. The working party organising the June 18th event requested money for outlay to book Hog Roast and band. **Action:** Clerk to contact Sing for Fun. The evening will start at 5.30pm. Cllr Whiting will bring a fire engine. Cllr Winsor proposed HTC pay £495 outlay for the Hog Roast, £300 for the band, and agree to use Mr Scoop who will provide an ice-cream van, bouncy castle and slide, subject to sight of his insurance, all in favour. The rugby club might be able to organise touch rugby or a tug o war event. Best time for this would be 4.30pm/5pm.
 - **Booking system and marketing** – The football Club book 2 months in advance. The Rugby Club have annual timetable in advance. 350 juniors use the field on a Sunday morning. The booking system is sorted by Rob Cox. Parking is a consideration. It was agreed the booking system can be removed from HTC website as it is not used.

6. Croft Field – Consider quotes

- **Installation of sink – Action:** Clerk to obtain 2 other quotes. It was agreed to have an official opening of the Centre. Defer this to next meeting.

7. Library/Budget cuts - Any updates/actions – We are waiting for WBC to have a Needs Assessment and a further public consultation. The Needs report may be funded out of the £475K. Friends of Hungerford Library are working on a model for presentation at WBC. It is likely a similar amount of transitional funding will be allocated next year but this is not confirmed. WBC are not clear on the self-service element. FOHL wish to have the library manned by professionals.

8. St Saviour’s Cemetery

- **Consider drafted changes to regulations following responses to consultation** – The regulations were circulated. Amendments in red were agreed by the working party and blue amendments have been drafted to tighten the regs further. Mrs Ainge a member of the public spoke: She has always had positive comments about St Saviour’s cemetery but lately it has been overrun by inappropriate objects and is a scruffy mess. The working party will be the interface. All agreed HTC should be firmer and write to owners of graves that are not appropriate. Cllr Winsor proposed the regulations are taken to Full Council for approval, seconded by Cllr Knight, 3 abstentions, rest in favour.

9. Youth & Community Centre – Consider request for HTC to pay costs of new sign – Eoin Walsh has resigned as chair. The Tennis courts have been cleaned but the surface is poor and Y&C are looking to obtain a grant to resurface it. They are approaching Sports England. The Rock School are a new hirer of the Centre. An open day will take place on 25th June weekend. Cllr Small proposed HTC amend the large entrance sign to read the correct name subject to cost and Y&C pay for their own sign and choose design, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour.

10. St Lawrence’s – Consider quotes:

- **Laying of slab to entrance** – Ask T&M if they would like to help with expenses.
- **Repointing of wall** - Approach Newbury College for an apprentice to help and obtain quotes.
- **Lockable bollard** – The cost for purchase is £69. **Action:** Cllr Crane/working party will meet on site with clerk to decide position of bollard. Also inform the vicar of the plans.

11. Any other Health & Safety Requirements – **Action:** Speak to D Caldwell about re-meshing the Skate Park fence. S Skipworth is meeting with the surveyor tomorrow morning to assess the Bulpit Park concrete wall. An additional subscription has been requested on the Bulpit avenue memorial. **Action:** Cllrs Small and Crane will meet on site 12 noon tomorrow.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm