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Minutes of the **Recreation, Amenities and War Memorials Committee** held on Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7.00pm in the Town Council Office, The Library, Church Street, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs Benneyworth, Crane, Bumbieris, Farrell, A Wilson, Roger Thompson, M Wilson, Holmes and Small

Also: Ted Angell & Tony Drewer-Trump (HAHA)

1. **Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Crane holds an allotment
3. **Minutes of the meeting held 19th November 2013** - Proposed as true record by Cllr Crane, seconded by Cllr Benneyworth, all in favour
4. **Allotments** - HAHA report - Marsh Lane has had 1 plot allocated and 6 on the waiting list. Fairfields is full. Over the last 9 months income has exceeded expenditure so have not gone into reserves, however this will probably change in the spring when expenditure rises. Another meeting will be set up to discuss options for future permanent allotment sites. The lease has been signed by HTC and Mr Clothier will sign on 17th March, the start date of the lease.
5. **Propose contractors fees for next financial year** - Cllr Benneyworth proposed acceptance of the contractors fees, seconded by Cllr Small, all in favour.
6. **Town & Manor leases** – A letter was received from Town and Manor confirming the Trustees will accept a Deed of Partial Surrender and requested that HTC instruct a solicitor to prepare the draft. Cllr Benneyworth proposed Cllr Small to draw up a lease, seconded by Cllr M Wilson, all in favour. A letter is needed from Hungerford Football Club to confirm their acceptance of change of lease.
7. **Community Centre lease agreement** – Draft lease was received by email this afternoon, which Cllrs Small and Thompson will look through, so this is moving forward
8. **Report on Triangle Field Management Committee** – The first meeting took place on 15th January 2014. Cllrs Benneyworth, Small and Farrell attended with representatives from HRFC and Legion of Hungerford FC. John Kingham and RGC Construction (preferred contractor) explained how they will work with the users to cause as little disruption while the changing rooms are being updated. It was suggested that one person looks after the care of the field and they will open a bank account ready for 1st April 2014 when they take over officially. Rob Cox was voted as Chairman and Nigel Pateman, Treasurer and Martin Digweed and Anthony Smith will be on the committee. Wickham are not currently using the Triangle Field but will be approached to see if they can be encouraged back. The container left by Leadbitters is not being used at the moment but may be useful when the construction work is going on. The question was raised about what bye-laws were regarding dogs. **Action:-** Deputy Clerk to find out what is in place. It was a good positive meeting and HRFC are still working on raising money to contribute towards the update of the changing rooms.

9. **Triangle Field development and drainage update** – Cllr Small will draft a Licence for Alterations for WBC which was agreed with Colin Broughton and the Deed of Easement which was agreed with Natasha Roach, Sovereign. We have the Method Statement from John Kingham and awaiting drawings which should be with us this week. Cllr Farrell pointed out the HTC must be sure of costs before going ahead.
10. **Discuss designs for playground equipment, grants and sponsorship** – Smitham Bridge Road play equipment has been painted and looks great. Thanks go to the Community Payback Team for their hard work. Cllr A Wilson is waiting for brochures so she can put together costings for equipment and approach local companies for sponsorship and source grants. The soggy area of the park will be taken into consideration when planning the siting of new equipment.
11. **Use of Recreation Ground and marketing, costs for re-siting goals and fencing** – the town does not have any other area for general kick about, so it was thought that this area should be kept as such. It could be offered to the Triangle Field Committee if they find demand.
12. **Outstanding fees, RFC and WW** – After discussion it was decided that an invoice should be sent to Wickham for costs incurred and to follow that up with a meeting. HRFCC genuinely feel they do not owe money from last season, so it needs to be made clear to them where the shortfall lies.
13. **Theatre Company siting of containers** – The containers are currently sited on David Liddiard's land under a temporary licence which runs out at the end of February. Cllr Crane proposed that HTC support the re-siting of the containers on the Triangle Field subject to lease agreement and permission from WBC, seconded by Cllr Benneyworth, 1 abstention, rest in favour.
14. **Anti-social behaviour at Tragedy Gardens and hedge** – When the street light was out this ceased to be a problem. It was suggested that the street light is blacked out one side. It was agreed to give this a go after approval from the residents. **Action:-** Deputy Clerk to contact the residents and also to ask the PCSO to monitor the area.
15. **Managing of War Memorial wreaths** – Due to the very windy weather the wreaths were blown about and subsequently looked a sorry state. **Action:-** Ask the British Legion if the wreaths can be moved to their wall after 4 weeks. Inform everybody that they will be removed after 4 weeks if they haven't moved them themselves.

Meeting closed 8.25pm