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Minutes of the **Recreation, Amenities and War Memorials Committee** held on Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs Benneyworth, A Wilson, Farrell, Thompson, Holmes, Leach, M Wilson

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

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Small, Crane, Bumbieris
- 2. Declaration of Interest** – none
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held 17th February 2014** - Proposed as true record by Cllr Benneyworth, seconded by Cllr Farrell, 3 abstentions, rest in favour.
- 4. Propose Cllr Sarah Leach as a member of R&A committee.** Cllr Holmes proposed Cllr Sarah Leach as a member, seconded by Cllr M Wilson, all in favour.
- 5. Allotments - HAHA report.** There are 5 empty plots at Marsh Lane and no one on the waiting list with 1 allocated this month and 1 empty plot at Fairfields, 3 on the waiting list with none allocated this month. Wild flowers will be planted at the allotments for the WW1 centenary commemoration, but not self-seeding poppies.
 - Report on allotment meeting.** Possible sites for permanent allotments have been discussed and HAHA will put a report together on suitable sites. However this will not be done until the current lease on Marsh Lane has been signed by Frank Clothier. Option A would be around Marsh Lane as obviously a lot of time and money has been invested there.Following a meeting at JOG School with HTC Councillors, headteacher Sarah Brinkley talked about establishing an allotment on the edge of the school field for students to maintain. Tony explained that HEAT had provided raised beds at the back of the caretakers house but they were never maintained. However they would be happy to help where needed. Cllr M Wilson to liaise.
When the new lease was signed with Sovereign for the Fieldfields allotments, a grant was received from AONB which was spent on new shed doors provided by the Community Furniture Project in Newbury, however, the doors are already in a bad state of repair and HAHA are in contact with the Community Furniture Project to make good the damaged doors. **Action:-** HAHA will update Clerk.
Fairfields rents are coming in, invoices for Marsh Lane will be sent out on 1st April. End of year accounts will be prepared and given to HTC for audit. End of year bank balance is healthy.
- 6. Leases**
 - Town & Manor.** The boundary has been marked out and Cllr Small in process of drafting the lease.
 - Community Centre lease agreement.** Community Centre committee keen to get tennis court in use before summer months. WBC are arranging for the trees to be cut.

7. **Triangle Field Management Committee.** A meeting of the management committee follows this meeting.
 - **£3k budget.** Cllr Thompson proposed the transfer of funds from R&A budget of £3,000 to Triangle Field Management, seconded by Cllr Benneyworth, all in favour.
 - **contribution towards cleaning costs.** Cllr Benneyworth proposed HTC maintain cost of cleaning to 1st April 2015 at which time R&A will look at Triangle Field accounts and consider if it is viable for them to take on the cost, seconded by Cllr Holmes, all in favour.
8. **Triangle Field development and drainage.** Still awaiting legals to be agreed and quote from contractor.
9. **Litter bins to be re-sited at recreation ground.** Cllr Benneyworth proposed that the budget for bins to be passed to H&T, seconded by Cllr Thompson, all in favour. It was agreed to move one bin from War Memorial Avenue to footpath by Swimming Pool House.
10. **Vandalism at skatepark – how to manage.** The bins are not being used but are being vandalised. It was suggested to have minimum bins and use others elsewhere and alert PCSOs of bin that was set on fire.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm