

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY EVENTS AND
GRANTS COMMITTEE HELD 9TH FEBRUARY 2010**

Cllrs present: Cllr Keith Day, Cllr Pearl Hicks, Cllr June Hughes (Chair), Cllr Sally Lloyds, Cllr Jenny Schwausch, Cllr Shankerlal Sthankiya

In attendance: Cllr Jenny Hughes – 31st Itchen North Scout Group (Beavers)
Paul Miller – 25th Itchen North Scout Group (Chairman)
Linda Galvin – St Johns Church, Hedge End
Elaine Kendall – Wildern South District Commissioner
Wendy Haley – 1st Hedge End Guides (Wildern North District)
Micheal Wheatley
Jackie Zieba – 13th Itchen North Scout Group (GSL)
Cllr Keith House – Attendance for part of the meeting

CG 513 **Apologies** Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Lisa Hollis, Cllr Val Houghton

CG 514 **Minutes and matters of the last meeting held 12th January 2010**
CS507 Cllr Pearl Hicks said that further comments she had received suggested that The Box was not going to be an ideal place for the Mini Youth Club, as it was felt it would be too much like school and a place more central to the village would be better.
The Minute Clerk explained that contact had been made with Miss Clarke, Wildern School, reference the distribution of the questionnaires. They were more than happy to distribute to the year's involved, but they had requested a copy of the questionnaire for the Head teacher to look at first. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Shankerlal Sthankiya and seconded by Cllr Pearl Hicks.

CG 515 **Remembrance Day Parade – Discussion**
It was proposed by Cllr Jenny Schwausch that as there were members of the public present to discuss this agenda item, it was moved and discussed next. The Chairman agreed.

The Chairman explained to the representatives present why they had been invited to this discussion, she then asked each of them in turn to give there comments on how they felt about the Remembrance Day Parade and how it could be improved.

It was agreed that this event had grown greatly in size and the time had now come for more organisation. Below are some of the points that came out of the discussion.

1. Due to the size of the crowd extra speakers were needed to enable everyone to hear the service.
2. There were not enough Order of Service sheets.
3. That the Hymns that are chosen are known by the children to enable them to join in.
4. There should be a designated area for the disabled.
5. Members of the public should be guided, have a designated area, thus are out of the way of the parade.
6. The use of marshal's

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7. When at the memorial and for the parade a plan of who should be where, general guidance for the groups, with more advance notice of the event, timings etc.
8. Extension of the Road Closure time.
9. The area is both clean and safe, especially of dog mesh.
10. That poppies are on sale on the day.
11. Due to the size of the parade now, possibly the groups could be lined up in 3's and not 2's. The length of the parade was so long now that maybe it should revert back to the St Johns Car Park, where originally the parade would assemble and set off before its move to the 2000 Centre car park.
12. The different units within a group should parade together and not be spilt, as currently happening.
13. The flag bearers should practice every year, possibly 15 minutes before the parade, as it was important to get it right.

Wendy Haley commented why the Head girl/boy from Wildern School had never been asked to lay a wreath?

Cllr Jenny Schwausch asked if the groups could line up in 4's, rather than 3's, which would help shorten the length of the parade. Wendy Haley commented that this would not work, as it would end up very messy. She also asked St Johns Church about the chairs placed by the bank and how they had not been used, an ideal spot for the elderly/disabled.

It was unclear who actually organised this event. Cllr Pearl Hicks had contacted Botley Royal British Legion who did not have any involvement in the organisation of the Hedge End event, but she would happily investigate further, as the now Hedge End Social Club had once been part of the Royal British Legion and there must be someone there who would know.

Jackie Zieba, 13th Itchen North Scout Group added that many years ago the 13th Itchen used to organise this event, but thought it had been agreed that the Town Council take it on. She does liaise however, with the Clerk reference the bugle player.

Cllr Jenny Schwausch said that it had been mentioned to her about a marching band, but it was finding one that would be available, as most were booked, especially for Remembrance Sunday. Micheal Wheatley said he would make enquiries with contacts that he knew, to see if a band would be available.

It was generally felt that this event was history and it just rolled on year after year, without any one person or organisation taking control.

Cllr June Hughes said that someone was needed to co-ordinate this event and asked for a volunteer. Micheal Wheatley said he would be more than happy to liaise with all the organisations and Town Council to take on this role. Wendy Haley said that a room in the Baden Powell Lodge would be available as a meeting room when needed. Cllr Pearl Hicks said she would happily be the contact for the Town Council.

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The Chairman ended the discussion by thanking all who had attended.

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Correspondence

- (i) Action News Update – Issue 117, Feb 2010
- (ii) Action Briefing – February 2010
- (iii) Volunteering Matters February 2010

CG 517

H.E.W.E.B. Youth Council Report

Cllr Sally Lloyds had no report, as the last meeting of the Youth Council had been a closed meeting, she had however attend a presentation on Street Pastors. These were volunteers linked to the churches who would work with the young people on the streets. There were now 18 volunteers who would be starting intense training in March and it was hoped that in Hedge End these volunteers would be out on the street, lending support to the young people by the 6th July. This project had worked very well in other areas of the Borough.

CG 518

Twinning Association Report

Cllr Sally Lloyds gave an update, she confirmed that the Twinning Association folded on the 19th January 2010. She wished to clarify that there was still a Carnival link with Comines, but it was unsure whether they would be coming over in July for the Carnival. Cllr Jane Welsh said that she would try to find host families if needed and that David and herself would still do the translation. Her main concern was the Twinning link with the Council.

In 1994 Cllr Ray Hicks had signed on behalf of Hedge End Town Council a Twinning Agreement with Comines-Warneton, Belgium. In 1997 representatives from Comines-Warneton came over, but to date have never returned and very little correspondence has been received, despite regular visits by members of this Town Council.

Cllr Jenny Schwausch mentioned the open weekend that was held every September nationally, could it be extended to them? Cllr Sally Lloyds commented that this had already been tried, that there had been no response to an invite for the 10th Anniversary of the signing of the charter.

Cllr Keith Day suggested that nothing needed to be done, the charter was there and that we carry on as we are and not close this link. All members agreed. Cllr June Hughes said that the Twinning Association Report should be left of as an agenda item at the Community Events and Grants Committee meetings. All agreed.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Council twinning link remains as it is and that the Twinning Association Report is taken off as an agenda item.

CG 519

To consider the date for the 2010 Christmas Lights Switch on Event

Cllr Pearl Hicks commented that she had been approached, that maybe the event could be held on a Saturday, but there were concerns. Members felt that Thursday worked well and had done so for the last two years. Cllr Keith Day added that the public would associate and get to know that this event was held on the first Thursday in December.

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It was proposed by Cllr June Hughes that the first Thursday in December, Thursday 2nd December 2010 be the date for the 2010 Christmas Lights Switch on Event. All agreed.

RECOMMENDATION: That the 2010 Christmas Lights Switch on Event is held on Thursday 2nd December.

CG 520

To approve the refund from Piggotts (Christmas Lights)

Following January's meeting, where it had been considered and requested that Piggotts are asked for a £2,000.00 discount, it was reported that this request had been accepted by Piggotts as discount for all the problems that had been encountered for the 2009/10 Christmas Lights.

It was proposed by Cllr Pearl Hicks and seconded by Cllr Shankerlal Sthankiya, all agreed, that £2,000.00 discount is accepted and the final bill for the 2009/2010 lights is paid.

RECOMMENDATION: That the £2,000.00 is accepted as discount and that the final bill is paid for the 2009/2010 Christmas lights.

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Councillors Questions

None

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All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting – Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

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Exempt Business

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 8.30pm