

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

**Cllrs present** Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Anne Small, Cllr Jane Welsh (Chair)

**In attendance** Sarah Jelley – Town Clerk  
Brett Athow – Operations Manager  
Maria Ross – Hedge End Allotment Association  
Jill Gray – Hedge End Allotment Association

**R170 Apologies** Cllr Ben Thomas

**R171 Minutes and Matters Arising**

Minutes were signed

**R172 Correspondence**

- a) A member of the public has raised the following for discussion.  
Suggestion of a 400m running track in Hedge End.  
The member of the public concerned had requested to speak on this matter, however they had not attended the meeting the Chair therefore suggested that no further discussion took place.
- b) 2020/21 Green Flag Award application.  
Cost to the Council for this year's application was £329.00 + vat. The management plan would need to be updated with the Pollinator action policy and the inspection would be a mystery shopper assessment. It was suggested that next year a Green Flag application was considered for Dowds Farm.  
**RESOLVED: Members agreed to the 2020/21 Green Flag Award application.**
- c) Application from Old Netley and Highfield CC for play at Turnpike Cricket ground for the 2020.  
**RESOLVED: That this application is approved for the 2020 season for play at Turnpike Way Sportsfield.**
- d) Urban Tree fund – Email received from EBC asking members to identify areas within Hedge End for the planting of trees.  
No suitable locations had been received from members prior to the meeting, however members had until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to email through any thoughts to EBC.
- e) Request from FWLNR asking the council to sign up to the Tree Charter.  
**RESOLVED: That HETC sign up to the Tree Charter.**
- f) Proposal for use and lease of land situated on Kanesh Hill.  
Members looked at the proposal for use of grazing plot 4.  
**RESOLVED: That the proposal submitted - £100 pcm, with a grace of 6 months to allow for the clearing/tiding of the land,**

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along with repair/construction as appropriate to any fencing was agreed.

**R173 Proposal received from Hedge End Library for the use of Greta Park Park for an Easter Egg Hunt – April 2020**

Proposal had been previously circulated to members prior to the meeting. Members felt that full support for this community event should be given, along with the use of this park facility. Costs to HETC would be minimal if at all, (depending if staff were required). There would be no bond to pay and a TENS licence would not be required for such an event.

It was felt that the use of plastic eggs, should be replaced with ties that could be tied in different locations around the park instead.

The proposal was to be responded to, returned to the library enabling them to re-submit a further proposal.

**RESOLVED: That the proposal was responded to, returned to the library enabling them to submit a more precise proposal to the Committee.**

**R174 Allotments**

a) Allotment report and pricing review.

All members had received the necessary reports prior to the meeting. The Clerk pointed out the legal requirement not currently adhered to by the Town Council, stating that the rental set could only be decreased and not increased as currently, therefore a rental price would need to be decided (Non-Parishioner rate) and then decreased (Parishioner rate). It was also commonplace to charge for allotment plots by the Rod currently not practiced by the Town Council.

Members then entered into discussion on the spreadsheet that had prepared. It was asked that the Clerk revised the spreadsheet, showing a 7.5% pricing increase to include what the costings would be when 40%, 45% and 50% discount was applied.

**RESOLVED: That the revised costings are returned to the R&A Committee in February for consideration and approval.**

b) To consider pricing for additional palisade fencing.

There would be no funding available for the installation of this fencing in 2020/21. It was suggested that maybe in future years funding could be set aside or Allotment holders could make a contribution, via a one-off payment.

It was confirmed that the next conservation volunteers session would be at Morant Copse bordering the allotments and would be concentrating on making a dead hedge along that boundary.

**RESOLVED: That this is put on hold for now and looked at again in a couple of years.**

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### R175 Pricing review

Reports had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

a) HETC halls

In 2018 when HETC acquired the Old School House, it was proposed that as from 2019 the hall pricing would be brought in line with the rest of Town Council halls, unfortunately this was never applied. It was asked that members agree its inclusion into HETC pricing structure from April 2020.

Currently HETC charges the same hire price for all of its halls on all of its rates. It was proposed that Jumble/Table-Top sale rate, which was never used was removed and because the Election and HEWEB rates were both the same that they would be merged.

Over the last year it had become more apparent that a number of the halls were making a significant lost which needed to be addressed. It was suggested that all HETC hall were put into 3 bands, by hall size. As a starting point the local profit-making rate would be the bases, for working out the cost for all the other rates within the appropriate bands. It was also asked that pricing was calculated and shown for 40% 45% & 50% discount that could be offered to local groups.

**RESOLVED: That further calculations, as above were presented to the February R&A Committee for consideration and approval.**

8.45pm – Cllr Derek Pretty left the meeting.

b) Sports

**RESOLVED: That for 2020/21 prices were increased by 7.5% rounding either up or down to the nearest whole pound.**

c) Cemetery

**RESOLVED: That prices were increased by 7.5% for 2020/21 rounding either up or down to the nearest whole pound.**

### R176 Grazing – Pricing review

Members had been given a report prior to the meeting for consideration.

**RESOLVED: That a charge of £400 per acre per annum is introduced, along with a deposit of x1 mths rent (paid in advance), both would have a lead in time of 12 months and start in April 2021.**

**Rental payments could be paid either monthly or annually, but would also be required to be paid in advance.**

### R177 Operations Manager Report

The report had been circulated to all members and contained brief updates on the following:

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- Albert Road Cemetery
- Allotments
- Conservation Volunteers
- Open Spaces
- Local Nature Reserve
- Update on HEYCA refurbishment

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 9.40pm