

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 9TH DECEMBER
2020**

Cllrs present: Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Anne Small (Late arrival), Cllr Ben Thomas, Cllr Jane Welsh (Chair)

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager

R235 Apologies Cllr Dave Kinloch

R236 Minutes and Matters arising

Meeting 11th November 2020

Minutes were signed.

R237 Correspondence

- i) Update from EBC on the request for a pedestrian access old Budgens car park through to Greta Park.
The following response had been received from the Local Area Manager, HEWEB. Following discussions with Cllr Cynthia Garton, Chair of HEWEB LAC they were currently only considering expenditure on essential items in line with EBC's current policy, due to the implications of COVID-19. Therefore, they would not be recommending to the LAC that this item was funded at this time.
It was also confirmed that the resident concerned had been informed of the above. Noted by members.
- ii) Request received for a memorial bench.
Members were in receipt of an email from a local resident enquiring about the possibility of having a memorial bench or plaque placed on a bench in memory of a local resident and keen dog walker who was known to many in the village. The committee considered various locations, this included the replacement of the green benches located at the front of the basketball courts at Greta Park.
RESOLVED: That the Operations Manager would speak to the resident requesting the bench to arrange a site visit to Greta Park in order a location could be found, this would then be returned to R&A for approval.

R238 Cemetery Regulations

For discussion following the request for further information.

The Operations Manager explained that the maximum Exclusive Right of Burial you could have was for 100 years thus any extension could only be for an extra 25 years. Having looked at the regulations on the Exclusive Right of Burial it was decided that clause 7.4 needed to be changed to the following 'Within the last year, but prior to expiry of the Exclusive Right a request can be made to the Council to extend the period for a maximum of 25 additional years. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis and is at the discretion of the Council.

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RESOLVED: That the amendment was made to clause 7.4 as above and that the Cemetery Regulations were agreed and approved.

R239 Norman Rodaway – S106 Developer Contributions

To provide a steer on the suggested improvements to the Norman Rod away Pavilion & Recreation Ground following a site visit.

Following the site meeting with members it was commented that this location would be ideal for a running track/cycle path around its perimeter and that maybe this should be added to the list.

A priority list had been given to members for consideration, they were asked to comment on any changes or additions to the priorities they felt were needed.

It was agreed that the only amendment, Norman Rodaway Pavilion outdoor area, which would provide fencing to the outside area allowing the nursery to achieve a better Ofsted rating was to be moved from a high to a low priority, as it was felt this should not necessarily be paid for by the Council.

RESOLVED: That the list of priorities subject to the amendment as above were agreed. However, anyone wishing to add or change any priorities could still do so by bringing it back to committee.

R240 Play Areas

- i) To provide a steer on the proposed play area – Latitude.
Members were asked to provide EBC feedback on the x3 play area designs submitted. The vision was for HETC to eventually take ownership of this play area, however this was still to be negotiated. Once feedback had been received from members, EBC then intended to seek the views of residents with a letter campaign.

The following feedback was given:

All agreed that the location just of Barnfield Way was not ideal for the play area, being at the side of the main road which ran through the development. Members felt that the safety of those using this facility was a priority.

Jupiter Play – This was taken out, as the design had come in over budget.

Vita Play

This was not a very good design, with very little equipment and variety.

HAGS

1. To see at least x1 inclusive DDA compliant swing.
2. That a galvanised barrier was placed by the side of the play area that run adjacent to the roadside for added protection.
3. Traffic calming measures, along with a pedestrian crossing

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to cater for those residents who had to cross the road were put in place.

All agreed that HAGS was the best play area design.

RESOLVED: That the above feedback on the Latitude Play Area was sent to EBC.

- ii) To provide a steer on the proposed play area – Hellyar Rise. This play area was a play trail rather than a play area. Once again, the vision was for HETC to eventually take on the ownership of this Play Trail, however this was still to be negotiated. Once members had given feedback it was the intention of EBC to seek the views of residents with a letter campaign prior to awarding the contract.

The following feedback was given:

Hand Made Places- Since submitting their design, they had now moved away from installations. However, they would honour if contract was awarded. Also, it was felt that any warranties or follow up may prove difficult.

Proludic – It was felt that the design submitted was more for a play area rather than a Play Trail and therefore not to spec.

Vita Play - Once again it was felt that this design was more for a play area, rather than a Play Trail therefore not to spec.

Jupiter Play – Members felt that this design was a good challenging adventure Play Trail, offering good design and a variety of equipment. However they wished to see at least x1 swing (not a bucket/basket swing) at this location.

All agreed that Jupiter Play had submitted the best design for the Play Trail.

RESOLVED: That the above feedback on the Hellyar Rise Play Trail was sent to EBC.

R241 Proposal received for the lease of a parcel of land for the location of a Mini Data Centre.

The Operations Manager confirmed that a minimum of a 20-year lease would be required and therefore felt that this proposal should be considered by the P&R Committee, as would involve disposal of open space.

RESOLVED: That further information was obtained and passed to the P&R committee for consideration.

R242 Operations Manager Report

The report had been circulated to all members and gave a brief update on the following:

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- Albert Road Cemetery
- Allotments
- Bowling Green
- Conservation Volunteers
- Football and Cricket
- Local Nature Reserve
- Open Spaces

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