

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 8TH FEBRUARY
2023**

Cllrs present: Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Jane Welsh (Chair)

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager

R390 Apologies Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Cliff Morris,

R391 Minutes and Matters arising

Meeting 11th January 2023

R384 – Cllr Derek Pretty questioned the reasoning for the rejection of this application. It was explained by the Operations Manager in more depth why this decision had been made.

R386 – Cllr Jane Welsh confirmed that Coronation starter packs were now available from EBC for those that wished them.

R392 Correspondence

- (i) Request from the Hedge End Carnival Committee for the use of Greta Park Saturday 1st July & Sunday 2nd July 2023, along with the use of St Johns Recreation Ground on Saturday 1st July 2023
RESOLVED: HETC would remove all collated waste as last year on the Monday morning following the carnival weekend at a charge of £150.00 to the Carnival Committee.
Cllrs agreed that this application was approved.
- (ii) Request from Burnetts Funfair for the use of Greta Park 26th June to 3rd July 2023
RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that this application was approved.
- (iii) Request to hold a family funday in Hedge End
There had been no date or location submitted with this application. Following discussion, members agreed in principle, subject to further information being received.
RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the application in principle, however further information was to be obtained.

R393 Allotments

To review the Terms and Conditions

The Operations Manager pointed out to members the following main changes to the Terms and Conditions, which were as follows:

- Reduction in the length of time following warning letters being issued.
- Transfer of plots to shared tenants in the event of death would now be considered.

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With the rest of the amendments being general admin.

RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that the new Terms and Conditions were approved.

R394 Paddling Pool Kiosk

Franchise – discussion

Members were asked to consider if they wished to franchise out the kiosk for this coming season or let the previous hirer have use of the kiosk again for this season.

Members discussed, they felt that the opportunity should be given to last year's hirer. It was also suggested an 10% increase in the hire charge was made, rounding it up to an extra £1 per day, making the a new daily rate of £11.00.

It was also discussed whether the siting of vending machines could be an alternative.

RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that last year's hirer was contacted to see if he would still be interested and move forward from there.

Though members had agreed to an extra £1 per day (10%) increase to the rental charge, this was not possible as it had been agreed by Full Council that all charges and fees for 2023/24 would only increase by 7%, therefore the charge could only be an extra 70p per day, making a new daily rate of £10.70.

R395 Deposit for use of Sports Facilities

For discussion

Members were asked to consider a deposit charge for use of the football and cricket facilities, currently this was not asked for and would also bring it in line with all other hirers using HETC facilities.

RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that a £250 deposit would be asked for from any successful football applications from the 2023/24 season and cricket applications from the 2024 season

R396 Coronation – 6th May 2023

For discussion

This item had been on the agenda for discussion over the last few months to enable members to put forward any ideas they may have.

Following a lengthy discussion it was felt that an event would not be organised by HETC. It was confirmed that no members of the public had approached the Town Council concerning this and that street parties would be encouraged.

RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that no event for the Coronation would be organised and that this item was now removed from future agendas.

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R397 Operations Manager Report

This report contained updates on the following:

- Albert Road Cemetery
- Allotments
- Cricket & Football
- Graffiti and vandalism
- Paddling Pool
- Open Spaces

Cllr Paul Carnell commented on the improvements at Drummond as well as the installation of the new play area at Norman Rodaway, both were now looking a lot better and smarter. Cllrs agreed.

**R398 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960**

R399 Exempt Business

Serving the Community Awards

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 7.45pm