

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2019**

CLRs Present: Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Jane Welsh (Chair)

In attendance: Helen Humphrey – 31st Itchen North (Amazon Scout Group)
Dave Pescott – Hedge End Rangers

R138 Apologies Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Ben Thomas

R139 Minutes and Matters Arising meeting of 10th April 2019
The minutes were signed.

R140 Correspondence Received

- a) A request had been received from the Amazon Sea Scout Group for permission to hold a BBQ at their AGM on the 25th July at the Norman Rodaway Pavilion. Information on the event, along with a risk assessment and insurance had been given to members for consideration.
RESOLVED: All members were happy with the supplied information and agreed to allow the BBQ to take place.
- b) Hedge End Hawks CC had submitted their request for use of Turnpike Sportsfield for this coming season. Due to no meetings in May, they had already started their fixtures. HETC were in receipt of their Public Liability Insurance
RESOLVED: Noted by members.
- c) Eastleigh Borough Council were currently organising their Park Sport programme, offering activities over the Summer Holidays for Children and Young People. As part of this they were requesting use of Woodhouse Lane skate park on Monday 12th August 2019, 12-4pm. The event would be led by Team Extreme and access would be required from 11am to set up. It was confirmed that this date was free. EBC were in receipt of their Public liability insurance and a site inspection would be done on arrival.
RESOLVED: That the holding of this event was approved,
- d) An application from Happy's Circus had been received for Greta Park, to be held from the 2nd - 4th August 2019. It was confirmed that Greta Park was free for these dates.
RESOLVED: That Happy's Circus were allowed the use of Greta Park for the above dates stated. However, they were to be made aware of the combination lock on the gate and to make sure the gate was locked at all times.
- e) A request from Totton & Eling CC had been received for use of Turnpike Sportsfield this coming season. Due to there being no May meeting, they had already started their fixtures. HETC were in receipt of their Public Liability Insurance.
RESOLVED: Noted by members.

Agenda items – F, G AND H

Members were given a table showing all football applications received for ease of reference.

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- f) Hedge End Rangers FC had submitted their request to play at the Norman Rodaway Sportsfield for the 2019/2020 season. Dave Pescott, Hedge End Rangers was in attendance and commented on the following.
- Rangers 1st team had now withdrawn from the Hampshire League, leaving only the Vets team playing on a Saturday afternoon.
 - Tyro teams would still be playing over the 4 pitches on Sundays and that they had applied for the old U18's team to play in the men's Southampton Sunday League.
- RESOLVED: That Hedge End Rangers application for the 2019/2020 season was approved.**
- g) Request had been received from a local resident, wishing to start up a men's Saturday am football team. They would be playing in the Solent Churches football league and wished to play at the Norman Rodaway Sportsfield. Dave Pescott reminded members that all the equipment & goal posts held up at the Rodaway belonged to Hedge End Rangers and that in previous years they as a team had been turned down by the Council to play on Saturday mornings due to having teams playing on a Saturday afternoon and the possible overplay of the pitches. There were no foreseen problems with this request, as the Head Groundsman had confirmed he was happy with all play requested at the Rodaway, however a pitch would be allocated to them for each game. The spare goals & equipment held at Greta Park would be transferred to Norman Rodaway.
- RESOLVED: That this application was approved for the 2019/2020 season.**
- h) Hedge End Town FC had put in a request for their 1ST team to use the senior grade facilities at Norman Rodaway, with the Reserve team continuing their use of Greta Park.
- The 1st team would still be playing in the Southampton League for the 2019/2020 but would be applying from 2020 to play in the Hampshire League, thus the need for pitch 1 (Hampshire League pitch) at the Rodaway. It was confirmed to members that when a Hampshire League match is on at a venue no other games may take place at the venue at the same time.
- It was confirmed that this season Hedge End Town FC and Rangers would still be playing in the same league and that the league secretary could alternative their home matches, but when the teams did play at the same time, pitch 1 was shared. It was decided that the allocation of pitches would be confirmed by the Council and that this decision was final.
- RESOLVED: That Hedge End Town FC 2019/2020 application for use of Norman Rodaway and Greta Park was approved.**
- The Operations Manager would confirm with Dave Pescott a date and time to meet in order they could look at the store at Rodaway for the storage of the additional equipment from Greta Park.
- i) A request from a local resident looking for possible sites for beehives on HETC land. Both the resident and their partner had completed a beekeeping course and were now in their fourth season as beekeepers.

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Prior to the meeting the grazier, renting one of the HETC grazing fields had been contacted with this proposal and had confirmed that they were more than happy for the siting of beehives on their field. They suggested the hives were located at the bottom end of the field.

RESOLVED: That the application for the siting of beehives on Kates Field was approved.

- j) A local resident was looking at fundraising to help a Hedge End girl who was requiring Specialist Treatment. They were looking at the possible use of the bandstand for local bands to perform free of charge throughout August, or the holding of a mini festival. They were happy to contact local businesses and do all the administrative work involved.
- Members had concerns with holding an event, as given the support so far and monies raised it was felt any event, especially a festival may well get to large for the size of facilities Hedge End were able to offer and suggested that maybe the bandstand could be used on a smaller scale, for busking style performances, with the collection of monies via buckets.
- However no further information on a date or detailed plans had been received, therefore it was asked that the applicate submit a more formal plan, to include this information and brought back to the Committee for further discussion.

RESOLVED: That they are asked to submit a more formal application, with a date and what they would be looking at doing in more depth.

- k) This item was not on the agenda but needed to be considered. The Performing Arts Company were requesting use of the key for HEYCA from the 5th to 15th July to enable them to gain entry to retrieve their sound equipment for the Carnival on 6th July and return, gaining entry again on the 7th July and throughout that week for their Summer Show at the Berry Theatre, finally returning all equipment on the 13th July.

RESOLVED: That PAC are given the key to HEYCA for the duration stated and that in the future any key requests received were delegated to the office.

R141 Allotments

- a) Plot F1 unauthorised greenhouse
A retrospective application had been received for a 4'x6' greenhouse to be laid on a slab of sand, with Perspex panels.
RESOLVED: That the above is approved.
- b) Plot Yellow 1a – update on change of use
This agenda item had been withdrawn
- c) Plot Red 9a – Request for polytunnel
RESOLVED: That this request is approved, subject to location and siting details being supplied.
- d) Plot Black 3 – request for greenhouse
RESOLVED: That this is approved, subject to location and siting details being supplied.

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- e) Plot Pink 9 – request for greenhouse
RESOLVED: That this request is approved, subject to location and siting details being supplied.

R142 Operations Manager Report

Albert Road Cemetery

- There had been 4 interments since the last R&A meeting. 3 Ashes and 1 reopening, full burial.

Allotments

- There were currently 0 empty plots and a waiting list of 5. We also have 3 existing tenants requesting additional plots.
- The proposed community plot had been indefinitely postponed and plot Yellow 1a would be re-let.

Conservation Volunteers

- This month's session would be continuing at Hogsty Copse to clear sapling trees from the 'valley mire'.

Greta Park

- Following Greta Parks occupation by Travellers, (who were moved from the site on the 2nd) HETC went into action on the Monday morning and the site was all but cleared of rubbish and debris by lunchtime.

This was highly unpleasant work but was carried out in good spirits and to a high standard by our team. It was proposed by Cllr Paul Carnell that it was put in the minutes a big thank you to all the staff involved.

HEYCA

- Unauthorised parking on the site was still an issue, leaving many of our hirers nowhere to park.

Local Nature Reserve

- Grazing was starting in June.
- 'Friends of Wildern Nature Reserve' continued their monitoring of species. Update and amazing photography could be seen by joining their Facebook group.
<https://www.Facebook.com/groups/2030431683870743>

Norman Rodaway

- The compound for the gas works had now all gone and the final bill paid. Their clean-up crew had finally left the site in an acceptable state.

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Woodhouse Lane

- Unauthorised parking was still an issue in the car park. Bowling Green members were struggling to find a space, which meant people were parking on the verges and the roadside. The car park was being used by the adjacent industrial estate for additional parking.
- Hedge End Bowling Club had asked if a sign could be put up at the Woodhouse lane car park stating that the car park was for use by Recreation users and the Bowling Club only. Hedge End Bowling Club had suggested that they may be willing to pay for the sign.

Proposal

37 Upper Northam Road boundary.

The Town Council had managed to secure 420 native mix hedge plants from the Woodland Trust. It was proposed by the Operations Manager to plant this hedging to provide a boundary between Bridget Mary Gardens and 37 Upper Northam Road. The hedge would be planted close to the existing fence and would only require an annual trim.

RESOLVED: That the above proposal was agreed by members.

Cllr Cliff Morris suggested that all HETC unregistered land ideally needed to be registered, this however was for the Policy and Resources Committee to consider. He also thanked the Operations Manager for sorting out the clean-up of the compound at Rodaway.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 8.15pm.