

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 13TH APRIL 2022**

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

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager

R326 Apologies

Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Cliff Morris

R327 Minutes & Matters arising

Meeting 9th March 2022

It was confirmed that The Coffee Hatch Company were now fully trading at Norman Rodaway.

R321 – It was confirmed by the Operations Manager that a survey on Taplin Pavillion had been done on the 13th April and a report would follow.

R328 Correspondence

- (i) Request received for permission to hold skateboard lessons at Woodhouse Lane Skatepark
The Operations Manager aired his concerns on the hiring out of this facility. This facility was well-used and being part of the public open space how would this be managed properly when there was no control.
RESOLVED: All agreed that this application was declined.

- (ii) Letter received from Paul Holmes MP requesting a review of non-parishioner fees for a recent interment
After a lengthy discussion by members it was clear that the person concerned had been registered at an address outside the parish and therefore was not shown on the electoral role for Hedge End. As explained in the Cemetery policy 'A Parishioner is determined based on their appearance on the electoral role'.
RESOLVED: That the Non-Parishioner status remained.

R329 Hedge End Carnival

- (i) Request for the use of St Johns Recreation Ground – 2nd July 2022
RESOLVED: That this request was approved.

- (ii) Request for the use of Greta Park for a Dog Show – 29th June 2022
Members had concerns on the amount of possible dog waste from this event and felt that this should be removed by the event organisers and not left for HETC to clear, nor should the bins in situ be left to overflow.
There had been communication with the carnival where HETC had agreed that they were more than happy for them along with the funfair to get a skip in for the week for any waste produced for the whole of the event, including the dog show.
RESOLVED: That this request was approved, however they were to make sure that all dog waste was removed and not left to overflow in any waste bins on site.

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R330 Queens Platinum Jubilee

- (i) To agree the location for a new woodland to be planted by the community as part of the 2022 Queens Jubilee Celebration
Members considered the proposed location at Dowds Farm.
RESOLVED: That the proposed location was approved.
- (ii) To agree the location for the Jubilee bench
The Operations Manager and R&A Chair had conducted site visits and concluded that the ideal location for the bench was on the grass verge in front of the basketball court, replacing the broken green seats.
RESOLVED: That the above location was agreed.

R331 Proposal received for an official Hedge End Flag

The council were in receipt of a proposal from a student at Wildern School with a view to designing a flag for Hedge End. Following debate, it was agreed that the proposal did not meet the Flag Institute guidelines for open competition. The amount of work that would be involved would be vast and with current limited staff resources there would be no opportunity to pursue at the current time, however this could be considered for a later date when more staff resources were available. Members did feel however that his designs were very good.

RESOLVED: That this proposal was declined at this current time.

R332 To provide a steer on Future Football Provision

Members had a lengthy discussion on the future of football provision in Hedge End. Giving a clear indication moving forward.

RESOLVED: That all football was to cease at Greta Park once this current season has finished, the area was to be made more of a park, with the possible planting of more trees and maintained for events, i.e., Carnival, funfair, etc Norman Rodaway would continue as a football facility next season, but pitches were to be reduced to x2 adult and x1 junior (if this were required).

In the long-term Norman Rodaway was to be retained as a sports facility and that the changing room facilities were upgraded accordingly.

That as football was already well subscribed in Hedge End it was to be investigated whether there was any demand for Rugby.

A future strategy was to be developed incorporating the sports use, upgrading of the facilities according to need, along with providing a proposal to P&R with intended implementation at the end of the 2023 season.

That teams outside of Hedge End were supported.

R333 Operations Manager Report

Members were given a report which contained updates on the following:

- Albert Road Cemetery
- Allotments
- Bowling Green
- Conservation Volunteers
- Football
- Local Nature Reserve

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- Paddling Pool
- Open spaces

The Operations Manager added that a grant of £1,500 had been obtained from HCC for the planting of trees on St Johns Recreation Ground once this had been decided.

**R334 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting -
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960**

R335 Exempt Business
Norman Rodaway play area discussion

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 8.35pm