

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 26TH OCTOBER
2022**

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

R354 Apologies Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Cliff Morris

R355 Minutes and Matters arising

Meeting 13th July 2022

R347 – The chair asked that a note of thanks was given to Maria Ross, Allotment Association for the organisation of the 100th Anniversary event, held on the 16th October.

R352 – Cllr Derek Pretty asked for an update on the cricket. Following a meeting with HEJCC all was satisfactory.

The minutes were signed as a true and correct record by the chair.

R356 Correspondence

- (i) Request for the use of Greta Park for Hedge End Unwrapped on Sunday 11th June 2023
Members felt that this was a successful and popular event held in Hedge End and should continue.

RESOLVED: That this request for use of Greta Park was approved.

R357 Norman Rodaway

Play area update

Works were due to start on Monday 31st October. The Operations Manager was finalising details to ensure everything was in place.

R358 Drummond Community Centre

Bund update

The earth mound around the Drummond Centre had now been completely removed, with the ground levelled grass seed had been sown. Some minor repairs were needed to The Bump Company to ensure the building was safe.

Black bow top perimeter fencing was due to be installed on the 7th November, matching that already in place outside Tesco. In the meantime, Heras fencing was in place around the pre-school outdoor area and plastic barrier fencing was in place as a temporary measure on the boundary. Works would hopefully be completed by mid to late November.

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Beattie Rise pond had been successfully filled with the earth from the bund, with the area regraded to match the existing open space. The area would not be seeded at this time, but left to consolidate and settle. Long term it was envisaged that the new space would be part grass and part woodland, however the work had highlighted that the cracked willows in the adjacent woodland were of poor quality and may require removal. This phase at Beattie Rise pond had now been completed.

Members felt that all works completed looked good, with very few complaints and greatly improved the areas concerned.

R359 To discuss budget considerations for 2023/24

A list of items for consideration had been given to member. They were asked to run through the list and prioritise. Adding to or amending the recommendations as they wished.

After much debate and consideration a list of high priorities were agreed and placed in the following order of importance.

1. Paddling Pool - Wet pour surfacing replacement to the pool area.
2. Beattie Rise – Removal of all cracked Willow trees, along with stumps.
3. Norman Rodaway – Install of fencing to secure the site and installation of x5 kissing gates.

Members felt that the other two high priorities tree budget and play area budget, the request to increase the budget for both were a necessity.

RESOLVED: All agreed that the above list of high priorities were put to the P&R Committee as budget considerations for 2023/24

R360 Operations Manager Report

The report contained the following updates:

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

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 6.55pm