

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2021**

**Cllrs present:** Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Dave Kinloch (late arrival), Cllr Ben Thomas, Cllr Jane Welsh (Chair)

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager  
Malcolm Linn – Hedge End Bowling Club  
Alex Ross – Hedge End Bowling Club  
Maria Ross

**R273 Apologies**

Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Cliff Morris

**R274 Minutes and Matters arising**

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Minutes were signed

**R275 Correspondence**

- (i) Request received for the use HETC land for the siting of a compound by contractors working on the footpath improvements from Wildern Lane through to Tamarisk Road.

The site required was part of the open space off Tamarisk Road and would be for the duration of approximately 2 weeks.

The following issues were put forward to the committee by the Operations Manager and were as follows:

- Damage to the site through heavy plant machinery etc.
- Contamination of the ground through fuelling or spillage.
- Risk to public if not properly enclosed.

He would address these concerns via EBC, who had made the original request on behalf of the contractor.

Cllr Lucy Jurd asked if the footpath would still be accessible or would there be another designated route while works were taking place. This he would also find out.

**RESOLVED: That the siting of a compound on the open space off Tamarisk Road was agreed and that the issues above were addressed with EBC prior.**

**R276 Nelsons Gardens play area**

For discussion

Cllr Jane Welsh led by saying that items within this play area were still usable, with any damaged items being taken away when needed. This was a very quiet play area, used mainly as a hangout for teenagers and that it should be kept going as long as possible with the current equipment in situ.

Cllr Lucy Jurd mentioned that this was the only one available for use in this area, it was however pointed out that Dowds Farm play area was only

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approximately an eight-minute walk away. This was a very good play area and had been extended in recent years.

**RESOLVED: That Nelsons Gardens Play area was kept going for as long as possible and that the Operations Manager was to put together a list of all the play areas to include the installation date and age group for each in order the committee could start formulating replacements.**

### **R277 Hedge End Bowling Club**

Permission for the installation of ventilation units inside the pavilion Member had been given information on the proposed installation of the two ventilation units required. With the current threat of Covid still being present it was felt by the club that action needed to be taken to provide ventilation at a level that would reduce this risk, especially for those members playing short mat bowls during the closed outdoor season. It was asked by Cllr John Jupe who would be doing this installation and that any work carried out must be signed off by an electrician.

**RESOLVED: All agreed that the two ventilation units requested were installed, however any works carried out would need signing off by an electrician and confirmation of this given to the Town Council once completed.**

### **R278 Operations Manager Report**

A report had been given to members prior to the meeting and contained an update on the following:

- Albert Road Cemetery
- Allotments
- Bowling Green

It was mentioned by the Bowling Club members present that the kerbing around the perimeter of the green was collapsing, causing a trip hazard and needed urgent attention. The Operations Manager was currently pricing up costs for its replacement and once received would bring to R&A for discussion. The Chair asked that this was added to the list of budget considerations.

- Conservation Volunteers  
These sessions would resume on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, at the pond area Mescott Meadows, Dowds Farm.

- Football and Cricket
- Local Nature Reserve
- Paddling Pool

The Operations Manager pointed out that following the servicing held this year

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the Town Council would be looking at refurbishment of the dosing system and repairs to the tank. He was currently looking at costs and would keep the committee informed. The Chair asked that this was added to the list of budget considerations.

- **Staff**

It was reported that a new member of staff had joined the Groundstaff team. Members of the team would be encouraged to come along to an R&A meeting enabling members to meet them.

Cllr Lucy Jurd mentioned that an area along Goodalls Lane, from Wildern Lane was very overgrown, it was commented by the Operations Manager that even though areas along here were HETC responsibility, this section was excluded and that she needed to report this to EBC.

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