

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 11TH AUGUST
2021**

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

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager
Maria Ross – Hedge End Allotment Association
Keith Day – Allotment Holder
Andrew & Valerie Bearryman – Allotment Holders

R265 Apologies

None received

R266 Minutes and Matters arising

Meeting 14th April 2021

Minutes were signed

R267 Correspondence

- i) Request for Memorial bench – Dowds Farm
A request had been received from a resident asking for a memorial bench to be placed overlooking the pond at Dowds Farm in memory of his late wife.
Cllr Derek Pretty mentioned that an installation of a bench at Dowds Farm had been agreed by HEWEB, this would be located near to Collett Close.
RESOLVED: That this request for a memorial bench was agreed.

R268 Allotments

- i) Request for an 8' x 6' shed – Green 5a, Kanes Field
It was mentioned by the plot holders who were present, that they also hired the adjacent plot Green 5b and that this requested shed would be for the use of both plots.
RESOLVED: That this request for an 8' x 6' shed was agreed.
- ii) Kanes Field & Springfield gate locks
Cllr Jane Welsh agreed with the allotment holders that the current locks used on the two gates were very difficult to see and use when opening and closing. Various other options were discussed with the allotment holders present but dismissed as being not suitable or costly if there was a security breach and new keys had to be issued.
RESOLVED: That larger sized combination locks were put on both gates, with a review in April.

Maria Ross from the Allotment Association asked what was happening about the Hampshire County Council grant applied for in reference to the disabled compost toilet etc. The Operations Manager confirmed that

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nothing had been agreed and no correspondence had been received and that he would contact them to find out.

R269 Christmas Lights Switch on Event

To agree the outline of the potential performance locations, along with date Members had been given details of the proposed event, along with two possible dates of the 24th or 25th November. The 24th was the preferred day as this would coincide with the weekly market.

RESOLVED: That the locations for this year's event were agreed, along with the date of the 24th November. All agreed

R270 Cemetery

To consider an application for wording to be placed on the reverse side of the headstone

Members had been given the necessary information. It was felt a precedent had already been set, as there were memorial stones at the cemetery with wording on the reverse already, also if this was what they wished to have on the memorial then this should be allowed.

RESOLVED: That this application was approved. Proposed by Cllr Derek Pretty and seconded by Cllr Cliff Morris. All agreed.

R271 Queens Platinum Jubilee – June 2022

To consider a working party for possible event

It was hoped to hold any working parties during the day, to enable the involvement of both the Marketing and Communications Officers. Cllr Jane Welsh was happy to be involved, along with Cllr Lucy Jurd, but she would only be able to make an evening meeting. The chair confirmed that anyone else wishing to be involved needed to contact the Office Manager. Cllr John Jupe was also asked to mention in chair's remarks at the next Full Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That a working party was set up to organise an event and that anyone wishing to get involved needed to contact the Office Manager.

R272 Operations Manager Report

A report had been circulated to all members and gave an update on the following:

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

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- Open Spaces

Dowds Farm – Once again another piece of play equipment had developed a fault and had been removed. As covered by warranty the Operations Manager had emailed the company and was waiting for a response. Cllr Derek Pretty asked that as there had now been a few pieces of faulty equipment, that Paul Naylor, EBC was made aware of the company concerned.

Greta Park – It was asked that a thank you letter was sent to Marc Barfoot for his kind donation of new basketball nets.

Nelsons Gardens – Previously the committee had agreed that items at this location were not replaced, however it had been brought to the attention of Cllr Derek Pretty that since Covid-19 the use of this play area had grown. He therefore asked that this play area was revisited by R&A.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 8.00pm