

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
2020**

**Cllrs present:** Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Dave Kinloch (late arrival), Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Jane Welsh (Chair)

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager

**R226 Apologies**

Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ben Thomas

**R227 Minutes and Matters arising**

Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Minutes were signed.

**R228 Correspondence**

None received

**R229 HETC Tree Policy**

To approve the revisions made

All members were in receipt of the revised Tree Policy. It was asked that under the section Nesting Birds - 7.2 dates for the bird nesting season were added along with some punctuation/text suggestions that had been noted.

**RESOLVED: That the necessary amendments were made to the policy as stated and that the HETC Tree Policy was approved. Proposed by Cllr Derek Pretty and seconded by Cllr Paul Carnell. All agreed.**

**R230 Cemetery Regulations**

To discuss the updated Cemetery Regulations

The updated Cemetery Regulations had been circulated to all member. The Chair made comment in reference to the period of 75 years for the Exclusive Right of Burial, asking if this could be changed or extended. It was asked that the Operations Manager looked into this further ready for the December meeting.

**RESOLVED: That the Operations Manager looked into how many years an Exclusive Right of Burial could be for and whether there was an option for any extension once the Exclusive Right of Burial had expired. The regulations were to be returned to the December R&A meeting for further discussion and approval.**

**R231 To discuss HETC Sports provision**

All members were in receipt of a report reviewing the various sporting facilities that HETC had to offer.

**Football – Norman Rodaway Sportsfield & Greta Park**

Members felt that football was well catered for as a sport in Hedge End.

Rodaway was well used by the two teams playing there, with Greta Park's only pitch also being used by a regular team.

Cllr Derek Pretty commented that the Woodhouse Lane plans were due to

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be looked at in the New Year, with the new football facilities at this location possibly not being available until 2022/23. At this time, it would then be looked at in moving the football away from Norman Rodaway. Members felt that sports such as rugby or hockey not already offered in Hedge End should be considered as a replacement for the Norman Rodaway Sportfield. It was also felt that Greta Park should also cease as being used for football, enabling this facility to have more recreational use.

Cllr Derek Pretty was aware that Hedge End Running Club were looking at a location within Hedge End which offered a track that was off road. He commented that the pathway already there at Greta park could be extended around the perimeter making an ideal off-road circuit for all runners to use.

### **Cricket – Turnpike Sportsfield**

Having looked at the cricket usage, members were more than happy with how this facility was operating and felt that no changes were needed.

### **Tennis – Woodhouse Lane**

Members felt that the use of this facility was working very well and nothing needed to be changed.

### **Bowling Green – Woodhouse Lane**

The lease with the Hedge End Bowling Club was not due to expire until 2024, so options were very limited. Whilst there was some public access it was felt that this was not very well known and therefore more advertising, with possible promotion at the start of the 2021 season was needed for the x2 public rinks that were available. Negotiations with the bowling club were also to take place reference the use of the toilet facilities for non-members.

**RESOLVED: That moving forward a report was done on the possible extension to the existing pathway within Greta Park, which would extend around the perimeter, giving a track for off-road running. That there was more advertising/promotion of the x2 public rinks available and that the bowling club were to be negotiated with reference the use of the toilet facilities for non-members.**

### **R232 Norman Rodaway – S106 Developer Contributions**

To discuss the suggested improvements to the Norman Rodaway Pavilion & Recreation Ground

Cllr Paul Carnell, brought up the issue of Green Lane, along the southern boundary of Norman Rodaway. Green Lane had over the years suffered heavily from vehicle damage. There was no requirement for vehicle access along this lane, as residents had full road access via Tanhouse Lane. He asked if the covenant allowing vehicles could be removed. The Operations

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Manager was asked to investigate.

Following further discussion it was agreed by members that a site visit was arranged to look at the suggested improvements ready for the December R&A meeting.

**RESOLVED: That a site visit was arranged for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and that the Operations Manager was to investigate the possible removal of the covenant on Green Lane. This agenda item was to be returned to the December R&A meeting for further discussion.**

**R233 To discuss Budget considerations for 2021/2022**

A list of Budget considerations had been given to members for discussion  
The Chair ran through the list of considerations as follows;

<b>Basketball courts</b> - (Relining (Greta) and surface repair (Locke Rd)	£ 2,000
<b>Bowling Green</b> - Replacement concrete channels	£ 2,700
<b>Cemetery</b> – Replacement mower	£ 1,500
<b>Cricket</b> – Wicket & Practice net resurfacing	£ 25,000
<b>Local nature reserve</b> – Path repairs (Coltsfoot Paddock & Coltsfoot pond	£ 3,000
Environmental improvements, general repairs, fencing, pond maintenance & signage (no existing budget)	£ 3,000
<b>Open spaces</b> – Bin replacement x10	£ 3,000
Tree planting -	£ 1,500
Tree maintenance – additional £3,000 allocated to cover outstanding works not completed from 2019/2020	£ 3,000
Pollinator action plan – Wildflower seeds	£ 750
Defibrillator – Turnpike Pavilion	£ 2,225
<b>Paddling Pool</b> – Wet pour repairs	£ 3,000
<b>Play/outdoor areas</b> – Play area wet pour repairs (various sites)	£ 24,000
Play area gates repairs (various sites)	£ 1,500
Topsoil – Surface repairs and Muga surface repairs 40-50t	£ 2,500
War Memorial – Block paving (accessibility), extra stone to replace grass at base)	£ 6,500
<b>Depot</b> – Lockable secure room for power tools within the depot building	£ 5,000
<b>Totalling</b>	<b>£ 90,175</b>

The Chair asked that the pathway that runs from Upper Northam Road, (Bridget Mary Gardens) was added to the list for the local nature reserve,

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as this needed urgent attention. It was also suggested that the defibrillator for Turnpike Pavilion could possibly be sponsored.

**RESOLVED: That the above budget considerations totalling £90,175 were submitted to the P&R Committee.**

Cllr Derek Pretty left the meeting.

### **R234 Operations manager Report**

A report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting giving updates on the following:

- Albert Road Cemetery
- Allotments
- Bowling Green
- Conservation Volunteers
- Football and Cricket
- Local Nature Reserve
- Opens Spaces
- Land transfer – Home Farm

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.55pm