

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

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

In attendance: Sarah Jelley – Town Clerk  
Brett Athow – Operations Manager  
Maria Ross – Hedge End Allotment Association  
Jill Gray – Hedge End Allotment Association

**R178 Apologies** Cllr Ben Thomas

**R179 Minutes and Matters Arising**

Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Minutes were signed

**R180 Correspondence**

- a) A letter had been received from St Johns Church asking permission for the bandstand to be dressed in a floral display 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June, as part of their Flower Festival. If approved, then a detailed design of the bandstand decorations would be presented to the council for review.

**RESOLVED: That permission was given for the dressing of the bandstand as part of St Johns Church Flower Festival.**

- b) An email from Hampshire Fire and Rescue had been received for the use of Dowd's Farm lake for water rescue training.

**RESOLVED: That this request was agreed in principle, subject to further details, to include a programme of when it would be required, along with a risk assessment being presented.**

- c) Hampshire Library service – 10-week consultation, asking residents for their views on the proposed changes to the library service. Closing date 18th March 2020. This was noted by members, individual responses would be made.

- d) Public toilet provision Dowd's Farm Park  
Cllr Derek Pretty led on this, as a Borough Councillor he had been in receipt of an email from a local resident showing concerns about the number of people defecating in the bushes, along with the amount of dog faeces there was in Dowd's Farm Park.  
There had been no other reports, however there was an increase in the amount of dog faeces, this was being addressed with the HEWEB Local Area Manager to have extra dog bins put in place. If there was any further concerns the Town Clerk was to be contacted.  
He had responded to the resident and this was for noting only.

- e) A request from Circus Wonderland for the use of Greta Park 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020 had been received.

**RESOLVED: That this request was approved. The usual bond £1,500 was to be paid, along with a rental charge of £81.32 + vat per day.**

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- f) Request from Totton & Eling CC for play at Turnpike Sportsfield for the 2020 season.

**RESOLVED: That this application was approved, however they would need to play alternative Saturdays with Old Netley and Highfield CC, who's application was approved at the January R&A meeting.**

- g) An email had been received from The Berry Theatre Marketing Officer informing members that a number trail had been placed around Greta Park and in the library to co-inside with the up-coming production "Shark in the Park". It would all be removed by the 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> February. Noted by members.

**R181 Allotments**

Pricing review – update for consideration and agreement.

Member considered the revised spreadsheet prepared by the Town Clerk.

It was asked by members of the Allotment Association attending that a letter was sent with the renewal showing HETC allotment expenses etc.

The Operations Manager confirmed that all plots would be measured over the next few weeks.

**RESOLVED: That plots would be charged at £11.64 per Rod, however from April 2020 this would be increased by 7.5% (annual increase) to £12.51 per Rod, rounded down to £12.50 per Rod, with a 40% Parishioner discount. This would take effect for all plot holders from April 2020. Proposed by Cllr Derek Pretty, seconded by Cllr Paul Carnell and agreed by members.**

**R182 HETC halls**

Pricing review – update for consideration and agreement

Looking around at other halls in the area, HETC pricing for hall hire was relatively low and that this needed to be looked at in more depth and a complete review done.

**RESOLVED: That from April 2020 all current hall rates were increased by 7.5% and that a working party was established made up of members from both R&A and P&R for a complete review of all HETC hall pricing. Proposed by Cllr Derek Pretty and seconded by Cllr Paul Carnell. Agreed by all.**

**R183 Renewal of Dowd's Farm fishing licence**

The current 1-year licence with Eastleigh and District Angling Club expires at the end of March 2020. Members, therefore needed to look at a new licence for the use of Dowd's Farm Lake.

**RESOLVED: That the fishing licence was put out for tender. The term set was to be for 4 years from April 2020, with a 4 years optional extension. The minimum income should be £500.00 per annum over the 4 years with no annual increase, and possible uplift after 4 years. Tender submissions were to be sought in advance of the March R&A Committee meeting.**

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**R184 Tennis Tender**

The SLA (Service Level Agreement) expires at the end March 2020, therefore there was a need for members to put new arrangements in place.

**RESOLVED: That the SLA was put out for tender, for a term of 4 years from April 2020 at a minimum income of £1,750.00 per annum, this however would be subject to an annual increase in line with other sports facilities. Tender submissions were to be sought in advance of the March R&A Committee meeting.**

**R185 Revised proposal received from Hedge End Library for use of Greta Park for an Easter Egg Hunt – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Following on from the January meeting, a further proposal has been submitted following the recommendations made by the committee. Members were in full support of this event on the 9<sup>th</sup> April. It was asked, however if HETC would consider funding the wrapped mini eggs.

**RESOLVED: That the Library were asked to submit a grant application to the April P&R Committee meeting.**

**R186 Operations Manager Report**

The report had been circulated to all members and contained brief updates on the following:

- Albert Road Cemetery – 3 interments had taken place since the last meeting.
- Allotments – 0 plots available and 16 on the waiting list.
- Conservation Volunteers – January's session took place at Morant Copse.
- Dowds Farm – Unsafe dipping platform

Due to the wood now being very decayed to a point it could no longer be repaired the structure has become very unsteady and parts had sunk. The platform needed to be removed and would be done over the coming weeks. It was asked that this was put out on the website/facebook informing residents that this was being done and why, as well as signage at the location.

The Environment Agency had proposed that they could part fund a replacement dipping platform, subject to having a recognised club in residence, but would be looking at a 20% contribution to costs.

- Litter – Large volume of domestic waste on HETC sites.
- Local Nature Reserve – FWLNR were continuing their monitoring of species.
- Old School House – Refurbishment of the halls and kitchen were almost complete.

**R187 All members of the Public and Press are requested to leave the meeting  
Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960**

**R188 Exempt Business**

Serving the Community Awards

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 8.40pm



