

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 12TH JULY
2023**

Clrs present: Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Jane Welsh (Chair)

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager
Colin & Joanne Plumhoff – All About Football T.E.A.M

R419 Apologies Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Cliff Morris

R420 Minutes and Matters arising

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R416 – It was confirmed that all outstanding football debt had now been paid.
The minutes were signed.

R421 Correspondence

(i) To consider the application for Fireworks at Greta Park on the 11th November 2023.

A request from the Carnival Committee had been received for the use of Greta Park, along with the funfair requesting use of Greta Park from the 9th to 12th November for the Firework Fiesta.

RESOLVED: Councillors approved this application.

(ii) Hedge End Carnival Committee request for support to enable the carnival to continue.

Even though they had a small dedicated team they were looking for more volunteers to help plan and run the event.

For the carnival to be successful acts/bands needed to be engaged in order to attract the community, therefore they had to ask for a small payment from the public to enable the event to take place.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed as there was no attendance by the Carnival Committee on this matter no discussion would take place. It was asked that a response was sent to this affect and if any further correspondence was received it was placed on the R&A agenda for discussion

R422 To consider an appeal from All About Football T.E.A.M for the use of Greta Park

Colin from All About Football was invited by the Chair to speak. Originally, he had used Woodhouse Lane for his coaching sessions, however trees had now been planted in the area he used. Areas at this location were also boggy and uneven with sessions having to be cancelled due to the state of the ground and safety reasons with any inclement weather.

The Operations Manager confirmed at the time of planting consideration was given to his use of this facility and it had been felt enough room had been given.

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Greta Park was not in use, Colin was invited to use this location for the time being, with this change of location going to the R&A Committee for consideration. He also confirmed that from a maintenance view there was on pitch prep, use of any facilities, that the grass was cut as standard.

Colin explained that he gave youngsters who have never played before the opportunity to develop and had many special need kids who were doing well. He also had youngsters who had moved onto football academies and confirmed that the majority that attended were from Hedge End.

Members felt that this was a well organised asset to the community and did not involve the playing of a football match.

Cllr Derek Pretty, not present had asked that his objection to football being held at Greta Park was recorded.

RESOLVED: 5 in favour and 0 against Councillors agreed that organised football matches would still not be allowed on Greta Park, however it was agreed that this football coaching be allowed to take place on Greta Park, subject to their being no booked events.

R423 Christmas Lights and switch on event

- (i) To provide a steer on the annual Hedge End Festive lights display and switch on event.
- (ii) To consider alternative arrangements for 2023/24 and for 2024/25. Members had been given a report on the Festive lights display and event, following a brief discussion it was felt that a Working Party was set up moving forward to look at future displays etc for 2024 onwards. Due to timings the 2023 display could not be altered, as licences etc were now being requested.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that a Working Party was formed to look at future displays and events.

- (iii) Agree a date for the 2023 Lights Switch on event. Various dates had been proposed for this year's lights switch on.
 - a) Wednesday 22nd November to coincide with the market, utilising the former Budgens car park
 - b) Thursday 23rd November utilising the Co-op car park, which the Co-op had confirmed
 - c) Sunday 26th November on the Village Green only.

There had been concerns last year for the safety of those moving between the split sites. Having contacted the Co-op store they had agreed to use of their car park for this year's event. Which would elevate any safety concerns.

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RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that this year's lights switch on date would be Thursday 23rd November.

R424 Operations Manager Report

The report contained the following updates:

- Albert Road Cemetery
- Allotments
- Bowling Green
- Conservation Volunteers
- Cricket
- Graffiti and Vandalism
- Local Nature Reserve
- Paddling Pool
- Play areas & Open spaces

The Operations Manager reported that Bioblitz due to take place on the 15th July in Wildern Local Nature Reserve had been cancelled and would take place at a later date.

Cllr Paul Carnell reported that he had received an excellent review on the refurbished Rodaway Play area. He also mentioned the dog fouling, it was confirmed that an article had been placed in the Summer Gazette and had been put out on social media.

This report as usual would be made available on the Town Council website.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 8.05pm