

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 13TH MAY 2020**

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

In attendance: Cllr Keith House
Cllr John Shepherd

R198 Apologies Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Dave Kinloch

R199 Minutes and Matters Arising

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R191 e) – Cllr Jane Welsh asked for confirmation that the Charity match due to take place on Greta Park in May had been cancelled, this was confirmed. Minutes were signed.

R200 Correspondence

- a) Request had been received from the Hedge End Carnival Committee for use of St Johns Recreation Ground & Greta Park for a possible future low-key event following the cancellation of the 2020 carnival. It was not known at this stage a date or what the event would entail.
RESOLVED: That the use of St Johns Recreation Ground and Greta Park was agreed for a future event to be held if this was possible.

- b) A letter from a local resident had been received asking the Town Council if a couple of fields would be made available for the planting of donated trees. It was suggested that the area at Dowd's Farm that had previously been used to plant a large number of trees unsuccessfully was considered. There would have to be careful consideration on what was planted, along with the amount that could be planted.
RESOLVED: That the resident is written to saying that HETC were keen to progress the idea and that it would be considered in more depth at a later date. The Operations Manager was to put a proposal together clarifying the type of tree(s) to be planted and location.

- c) A request had been received from an allotment holder asking the council to consider waiving this year's allotment fees, in light of the current situation. It was commented that this request had been put in before it had been made aware that allotment plots would be allowed to stay open.
RESOLVED: That there would be no waiver in the allotment fees for 2020/2021.

- d) Hampshire Fire and Rescue had submitted further details on their proposed use of Dowds Farm pond.

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RESOLVED: That they were offered the use of Dowds Farm pond for x4 sessions per year and that they would need to give 2 weeks advance notice of its intended use in order the fishing club could be made aware.

- e) There had been a report of horses using the Norman Rodaway Sportsfield. The Operations Manager confirmed that this had been resolved, with the digging of trenches.
Cllr Paul Carnell was concerned that the pedestrian access by the pavilion could still be accessed. The situation would be monitored and acted on as and when needed.

It had been reported that possible football training was taking place each weekday morning at 9am, the Operations Manager confirmed that he would check.

R201 To agree the new Terms and Conditions for Regular and “One-off” hall hirers

Members had been given the new Terms and Conditions prior to the meeting for consideration.

There were concerns that the £250 returnable deposit for “One-off” hire was a lot of money to be paid up front for a hire that was months away. It was suggested that maybe a smaller amount of £50 could be returned with the booking form, with the remainder being paid one month before the hire. It was felt that the payment of £250 up front was more of a serious commitment and bookings could be lost if it was then decided a month before the booking that they wished to cancel.

As there had not been a large number of complaints on the amount of deposit for events held after 6pm, it was felt that the current request for the whole £250 deposit up front should remain.

RESOLVED: That these new Terms and Conditions are agreed.

R202 Operations Manager report

The report had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

R203 All members of the Public and Press are requested to leave the meeting – Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

R204 Exempt Business

- a) Allotments
- b) Cemetery

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.10pm