

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 10TH FEBRUARY
2021**

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

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager
Elizabeth Graves – Member of the public

R243 Apologies None received

R244 Minutes and Matters arising

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R237 ii) Cllr Jane Welsh asked for an update on the request for the memorial bench. All costs etc had been given to the resident, but to date no response had been received. Minutes were signed.

R245 Correspondence

Cllr Jane Welsh had received a request from the family of Yonna Harvey, who had sadly passed away. She had been a very active member of the community, running the Paddling Pool kiosk for many years. They were asking if a memorial bench could be placed in the St Johns Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: All members agreed to the placing of a memorial bench at the above location. It was also asked that a condolence card on behalf of HETC was sent.

R246 Green Flag Award Application 2021 – Albert Road Cemetery & War Memorial

This year Albert Road Cemetery & War Memorial Garden would receive a desk assessment of the management plan, along with a mystery shop.

RESOLVED: All members agreed that the application for the 2021 Green Flag Award was submitted.

R247 Pricing review 2021-2022

- i) HETC Halls
- ii) Sports
- ii) Cemetery
- iv) Allotments

Cllr Derek Pretty felt that the pricing review should be done as a block and not on an individual basis, so all were treated equally.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Derek Pretty and seconded by Cllr Paul Carnell that there was a 3% price increase on the above facilities. It was also asked that when able the working party was resumed to look at the pricing structure.

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R248 Operations Manager Report

The report had been circulated to all members and gave a brief update on the following:

- Albert Road Cemetery
- Allotments
- Bowling Green
- Conservation Volunteers
- Football and Cricket
- Local Nature Reserve
- Open Spaces

Cllr Jane Welsh was concerned that the space available in the Albert Road Cemetery was depleting and that possibly it would be full in 5 years. The Operations Manager confirmed he would complete an assessment of the site, working out how much of the cemetery had been used based on the last 5 years and bring it back to committee. It was also asked that within the assessment it was stated how long the site would be viable for, along with options.

There were concerns that the Woodhouse Lane hedge reduction had still not been carried out by EBC as agreed. Cllr Derek Pretty confirmed he would contact them to find out what was happening with this.

**R249 All members of the Public and Press are requested to leave the meeting
Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960**

R250 Exempt Business

Serving the Community Awards

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 7.30pm