

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 13TH JULY
2022**

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

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager, Member of the Allotment Association

R343 Apologies: Cllr Maggie Allingham

R344 Minutes and Matters arising

That the minutes of the Meeting held 8th June 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

R345 Correspondence

- (i) For noting only:
 - Use of Greta Park and Woodhouse Lane skatepark for EBC Park Sports during August.
- (ii) A request from the Methodist Church for Memorial tree in St Johns Recreation Ground. Ops Manager noted that they were no longer planning on having a plaque. **RESOLVED: Previously agreed.**
- (iii) Request for the extended use of Woodhouse Lane (Football Coaching) following the end of the 6 months trial period. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to an extension until October 2022 with a further application to be made for the following year.**
- (iv) Cllrs Morris & Carnell declared an an interest in this item. Request from the new sponsors of Hedge End Junior Cricket Club to display pop up banners at pitch side during games at Turnpike Way Sports field. A sample of the banner was supplied for illustrative purposes which is anticipated to be 4' x 2' and removed after each match. Cllrs discussed how many there would be, 2 seems a reasonable number. The sponsors would need to be made aware that there is no storage and they would need to be removed at the end of the session. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that this was acceptable, subject to them being removed after each match. This permission is only given as sponsor of the team and does not set a precedent for future advertising or sponsorship.**
- (v) Request from Happy's Circus for the use of Greta Park 16th to 21st August 2022, the intention is to provide a portaloos for the performers and ask visitors to use the main town centre toilet facilities. They would like to place advertising in the play areas within Hedge End. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to this proposal as long as the advertising is removed afterwards.**

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R346 Grazing Fields

Request received from the tenant of Grazing Field No. 4 for the installation of a shed. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to this as long as it was not on a permanent base and was removed at the end of the tenancy.**

R347 Allotments

- (i) To discuss commemorating the 100th anniversary of the purchase of the allotments by the Town Council. Cllr Cliff Morris asked if we have any direct descendants of the first allotment holders as it would be nice to have some kind of article and presentation to the families.

The Allotment Committee felt it would be nice if something could be held at the allotments and do something with a cake on the day. Cllr Morris felt that it wouldn't be an issue if the allotment association wanted to organise their own event and as Chair of Council, he would be willing to attend.

Cllrs discussed the idea of having a commemorative plaque for the gates. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that it would be nice for the allotment association to organise their event and for the Town Council to provide a plaque. Officers to follow up with the Gazette article and a trip to the archives.**

- (ii) Request for a 7' x 6' shed on Blue 1b, Kanes Field.
RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed this would not be out of place on the plot as its under a tree.

R348 Play Trail – Hellyar Rise / Hedge End Way or Another

To consider a name for this recently installed play trail. Suggestions were given as Hellyar Rise or Hedge End Way; however alternatives could be submitted to EBC. **RESOLVED: Cllrs preference was that it should be called Hellyar Rise, mainly because this follows the format of the other play areas and also makes a nod to the late Cllr Hellyar, although they could see the rationale for Hedge End Way.**

R349 Christmas Lights

To agree the date for the 2022 lights switch on event to either coincide with the Market on Wednesday 23rd November or to revert back to the Thursday 24th November. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that the Wednesday with the Market worked well last year and the date was agreed as Wednesday 23rd November.**

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R350 Serving the Community Awards

Cllrs received a previously circulated report presenting options for the future of the Serving the Community Awards. There has been a decline in nominations, and this could be due to a number of factors, there are several awards locally, the nomination process is onerous with two references required or that the award is insignificant. Cllrs discussed the option to make changes and considered if they wanted to continue with the award. Cllrs agreed that we could make the form simpler, and this might attract more people. It was discussed that we should only need one statement with no word limits and then get a seconder. Cllrs considered that the prize was not enough incentive, it was felt that a gift voucher option was more appropriate, and it was proposed that it should be £100 for the Serving the Community and £50 for the Youth Serving the Community. It was agreed that the winners should be able to choose where they want a gift certificate for. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that we should make the form simpler for both awards with a single statement by the proposer and then seconded. The prize to be £100 for the Serving the Community Award and £50 for the Youth Award in a gift voucher of their choice.**

R351 Norman Rodaway Sportfield

There has been an increasing number of complaints regarding horses entering and exercising on the Norman Rodaway Sports field. Cllrs had in the past discussed making the ditch and bund larger, however this has not deterred them. Cllrs were asked to consider what options might be suitable for the site. Cllrs discussed the option for potentially fencing HETC land on Green Lane to the Boundary which is a possibility. The suggestion was to ask the Borough surveyor to measure this out accurately. **RESOLVED: Officers to look at a temporary fix whilst the fencing option is explored and costed.**

R352 Cricket facilities – Turnpike Way Sportsfield

Councillors were in receipt of correspondence from one of the clubs using the cricket facilities at Turnpike Way. The clerk had responded to the EBC Councillors, however consideration should be given to the requested improvements. Cllrs felt that it was wrong to bypass the landlord and go direct to EBC Cllrs, the report was not provided to HETC to make an informed decision. The project would be a considerable amount of funding and this may not be the priority for the area. Cllrs discussed the option of looking for sport England funding etc. There was a concern that a club could apply for this however this would probably require security of tenure. It was felt that this would not be an appropriate route to take. Officers advised that the nets and surfacing are coming to the end of life and a decision would need to be taken as to if they are repaired or removed for next season.

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RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that the requisite 3 quotes would be sought separating the artificial wicket and the cage, nets and surfacing. Cllrs also felt that a concern should be raised with EBC officers regarding the lack of cooperation. Officers to explore with the Ageas Bowl the potential for recycling their used nets and if they would fit HETC cage.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:23