

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2023**

**Cllrs present:** Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Jane Welsh (Chair)

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager  
James Buckle – Gymbuck Athletics  
Cllr Colin Mercer – Botley Parish Council

**R425 Apologies** Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty

**R426 Minutes and Matters arising**

Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

The minutes were signed.

**R427 Correspondence**

- (i) A letter received reference Westward Road play area Member felt that this was a lovely and well thought out letter that had been received. Nothing was currently programmed in and maybe this should be looked at. Cllr Lucy Jurd commented that this play area did look very tired and it was quite a distance to the next play area. It was mentioned by the Operations Manager that the Town Clerk was currently working on a Capital plan, which included play areas.  
**RESOLVED: That a response, thanking them for the letter was sent, explaining that it would be something the Town Council would be looking at.**

**R428 To receive a presentation for the use of Greta Park 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024 for a Fitness Festival**

The Chair invited James Buckle from Gymbuck's to briefly run through his proposal that had been put to the committee.

Firstly he apologised on having put the wrong date on the presentation, the date he was looking at was the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

James had been to many large events but felt they had not particularly been family orientated. He wanted to bring an event to the community involving local groups, businesses with lots of family fun which would also include food stalls, exhibitors as well as lots of activities to get involved in.

Members asked various questions on the organisation of the event, which included provision of toilets, parking and how it would work in respect to fencing the event off. He confirmed that the provision of portaloo's had been made, with use of the public facilities outside the Co-op store also available. With respect to parking the Customer packs given out would give as much advise as possible, but any support from HETC would be greatly received, as that of landowners.

He would like to have the main entrance fenced off at the entrance by the library and would like to fence off entry at the bottom of Greta Park

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however, would not stop members of the public using the park, or entering the event if they were to do so by other means.

The event was a wristband event and to be able to take part in any of the activities one would be required.

The Operations Manager commented that the cycle path through Greta Park was public highway and did not belong to HETC.

Members were concerned that this could turn into a large event and asked how far away he was expecting people from, he confirmed that he would be advertising as far as Portsmouth/edge of Winchester and that he had already started advertising on social media etc and would around March/April time start to leaflet drop.

James confirmed that there was a ticketing system in place that could be monitored. Obviously, if the weather was bad and the event could not move to another day, then the event would be cancelled.

The site plan that had been produced was explained however would be subject to change once he had further confirmations. The area marked on the former Budgens car park site would be just for the use of the exhibitors. It was confirmed that he would have to contact Eastleigh Borough Council for the use of this car park as it was not owned by HETC.

Members thanked James for a good presentation and confirmed that this would now be discussed in exempt business and that he would be contacted.

**R429 Allotments**

To consider a request for the installation of a 6' x 6' shed on Yellow 2b, Kanes Field site

**RESOLVED: All Councillors agreed that this application was approved.**

**R430 Hall hire**

(i) To review the T&C's for Regular and One-off hall hire

**RESOLVED: All Councillor agreed that these new T&C's were approved.**

(ii) To consider a request for a 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday party

An email had been received for use of a hall to hold a 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party. The Town Council T&C's stated that no coming-of-age parties were allowed unless express consent had been given by the Town Council. Following discussion, it was agreed that this party be allowed to take place.

**RESOLVED: All Councillors agreed that this party was approved.**

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**R431 Operations Manager Report**

The report contained the following updates:

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

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

**R432 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting  
– Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960**

**R433 Exempt Business**

- (i) To consider the request for the use of Greta Park on the 10<sup>th</sup> August  
2024
- (ii) Cemetery

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