

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 9TH SEPTEMBER
2020**

Cllrs present: Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Anne Small, Cllr Jane Welsh (Chair)

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager

R212 Apologies Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ben Thomas

R213 Minutes and Matters arising

Meeting 10th June 2020

Minutes were signed.

R214 Correspondence

- a) A request had been received from Circus World Entertainment for the use of Greta Park – Sunday 13th June to Sunday 20th June 2021.

RESOLVED: That this request for use of Greta Park was agreed. The usual bond of £1,500 was to be paid, along with the rental charged of £81.32 + vat per day, however on top of this charge would be added the annual percentage increase from April 2021 All agreed.

R215 Allotments

- a) Plot Green 6b, Kane's Field – request for a small plastic greenhouse to be placed on the plot.

RESOLVED: That the placing of this greenhouse was agreed.

- b) Plot Yellow 3b, Kane's Field – request for the installation of a 6'x8' greenhouse.

RESOLVED: That the installation of this greenhouse was agreed, subject to safety glass being used and that evidence of this was to be produced by the plot holder prior to installation.

- c) Plot B5, Springfield – request for a 2mx2m polytunnel to be placed on the plot.

RESOLVED: That the placing of this polytunnel was agreed.

R216 Operations Manager Report

This report had been circulated to all members and contained brief updates on the following:

- Albert Road Cemetery – x3 interments had taken place since the last R&A meeting.
- Allotments – There were currently no available plots and 53 on the waiting list. 18 non-cultivation letters had been sent, giving the opportunity to cultivate prior to any final eviction letters being sent.
- Conservation Volunteers
It was hoped to resume the volunteer sessions in October.

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- **Football and Cricket**
The Turnpike Cricket Nets had now been replaced, following their removal earlier this year over safety concerns. The nets had been paid for in partnership with Eastleigh Borough Council. Both sports had resumed with limited facilities.
- **Local Nature Reserve**
'Friends of Wildern Nature Reserve' continue their monitoring of species. Their Facebook group could be joined using the following link
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2030431683870743/>
- **Open Spaces**
Dowds Farm – There had been some tension over the summer between a limited number of anglers and dog walkers. It is believed that the issues related to non-authorized anglers of the pond not club members. HETC were engaging with the local site bailiff, scheduling regular meetings to try and reduce any future issues.

The rocker in the play area had temporarily been removed due to concerns about excessive movement in the mechanism. This should be covered under the warranty, but HETC were waiting for an update regarding this from the supplier.

Drummond Road

There was still ongoing issues with large groups of youths. Litter had increased significantly, with 15 windows currently requiring replacement.

Greta Park

Repainting, repair, and cleansing of the veranda area was being carried out.

Locke Road

A large TPO Oak within the play area had lost 2 large branches over the summer, this tree had now been significantly reduced to prevent further breakage.

Norman Rodaway

Items were still being dumped at the clothing and glass banks.

Turnpike Way

A teenage girl had got trapped within one of the toddler swing seats and had to be cut free by Hampshire Fire and Rescue.

Westward Road

The MUGA had been cleaned, with ROSPA repairs continuing to the play area.

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Woodhouse Lane

Last month it was discovered that there had been built a bike/motorbike track within Bottom Copse. This area was a designated SINC (site important for nature conservation) and was covered by a TPO. All tools had been confiscated, the ground levelled and cease/desist notices put up. This incident was reported to the police and EBC Planning Enforcement.

- Other

Work was continuing to open up narrow paths and reclaim overgrown footpaths.

Following a member of the Ground staff leaving, HETC were in the process of recruiting a new member for the team.

With the anti-social behaviour issues currently being experienced the Operations Manager asked for committee support in putting details of any vandalism along with photos on social media.

Members were in full support in the use of social media for this purpose.

R217 All members of the Public and Press are requested to leave the meeting – Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

R218 Exempt Business

Cemetery

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 8.20pm