

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
2021**

**Cllrs present:** Cllr Margaret Allingham Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Jane Welsh (Chair)

In attendance: Brett Athow - Operations Manager

**R251 Apologies** Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Ben Thomas

**R252 Minutes and Matters arising**

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R245 Cllr Jane Welsh confirmed that the family of Yonna Harvey had made contact with the Operations Manager and that all the necessary information, including location had been given. A response from the family was still to be received.

**R253 Correspondence**

None had been received.

**R254 Allotments**

i) Request for the installation of an 8' x 6' greenhouse – Black 6 Springfield  
**RESOLVED: That approval for the installation of the greenhouse was agreed by all members.**

ii) Request for the installation of an 8' x 6' greenhouse – D3 Springfield  
**RESOLVED: That approval for the installation of the greenhouse was agreed by all members.**

**R255 To consider a request for the rental of parking spaces Turnpike Way Car Park**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**R256 Turnpike – S106 Developer Contributions**

To provide a steer on the suggested improvements for outdoor recreation Turnpike Way Pavilion & Cricket Ground.

Cllr Derek Pretty asked what Rhino mulch was. The Operations Manager confirmed that this was an environmentally friendly mulch made up of shredded tyres, making it more resilient than standard mulch.

Members were asked to look at the list of the suggested priorities, along with the recommendations in the report.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Jane Welsh and seconded by Cllr Margaret Allington that the cricket nets were repaired for now, with the rest of the funds retained as earmarked reserves for improvements as required. However, it needed to be clarified if there was a timeline by which the funds needed to be spent.**

**R257 Albert Road Cemetery**

To consider the report on site longevity

Members considered the report. The report had been prepared using historic data.

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Where plots had not yet been marked out, numbers had been estimated based on geographical area and average plot size. With careful planning it was possible that the number of empty plots could be significantly increased.

Based on the current usage it seemed likely that there would be a capacity for new full burial plots for at least 20 years, potentially upward of 30 years. With the capacity of over 75 years remaining for the interment of ashes. In addition, each full burial plot had the capacity for a second interment and up to 4 ashes caskets. Even though these figures were only an estimation it did give a good indication of the longevity of the cemetery.

**RESOLVED: That no action is required at this current time and that numbers should be reviewed again in 10 years.**

### R258 Operations Manager Report

The report had been circulated to all members and give an update on the following:

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

Norman Rodaway – There were concerns on the fly-tipping that was taking place in the area of the recycling bins. The Operations Manager did confirm that now the bank of shrubs that had previously hidden the recycling bins and parking spaces had been removed, this would hopefully resolve the problem.

It was also mentioned that smashed glass from the glass bank was a problem. It was felt that now EBC had increased to fortnightly glass collections was this bank needed. The Operations Manager would complete a report on all the recycling bins located at the Norman Rodaway site and return to R&A.

Cllr Dave Kinloch asked if rough costs could also be added for the removal of any fly-tipping.

- St Johns Recreation Ground

It was hoped that the works to make the site secure would being in 2/3 weeks.

- Tennis Courts
- Turnpike Way Pavilion
- Woodhouse Lane

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Cllr Derek Pretty asked the following questions.

- i) If there was an update on the illegally felled trees at Woodhouse Lane. It was confirmed by the Operations Manager that there was nothing to report to date.
- ii) About the wildflower meadows, to date part of the plan agree by R&A had been completed, but there were parts still to be done.
- iii) Reference the cutting of overhanging branches Pomeroy Crescent. The Operations Manager had paid a site visit and would update.

Cllr Jane Welsh asked if the hedge on the corner of Albert Road/St Johns Road could be reported to HCC, as the sightline was very poor and dangerous.

Home Farm transfer was in the final stages and it was hoped all would go through in the next few days.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 7.45pm