

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 11TH APRIL 2018**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Cliff Morris, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair)

Also Present:

Terry Crow	-	Wildern Meadow
Elaine Kendall	-	Itchen Valley Division Brownies/Guides
Alison Richardson	-	Itchen Valley Division Brownies/Guides

R63 Apologies: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. David Kinloch, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

**R64 Minutes & Matters Arising
Meeting of 14 March 2018**

The Minutes were amended to include the attendance of Cllr. Derek Pretty and Cllr. David Kinloch. With the inclusion of the amendment, the Chair signed the Minutes as a true and correct record.

Further to Minute H52 (i) regarding the placing of commemorative hand-made poppies in strategic locations, members agreed that the poppies should be placed on stakes and will be placed on railings of the bandstand, the hedges/bushes at the war memorial and on the flower bed by the 2000 Centre preferably raised and will spell 'WWI' and on surrounding bushes. In addition, poppies will be placed in baskets hanging from the basket tree.

Members also agreed that the three Silent Soldier tributes will be located at the Bandstand, on the front Green by the Town Council Offices and at the War Memorial. The suggestion of creating poppies coming from the gun of the Silent Soldier at the 2000 Centre was discussed and it was agreed that this idea be explored to see if this is feasible.

Cllr. Derek Pretty commented further to R60 (iii) that he met with John Johnston and established that his complaints and concerns related to Berrywood Meadow behind Berrywood School. Cllr. Derek Pretty advised that he has approached Julia Birt to request that this area be cut back.

R65 Correspondence:

- i) Publications: Parks and Recreation Magazine – Issue 2, December 2017;
- ii) Publications: CPRE, Issue 15, Spring/Summer 2018, Countryside Voice;

R66 Wildern Meadow Nature Reserve

To discuss the Management Plan prepared by Messrs. Terry Crowe and George Baker

The Chairman referred to the previously circulated Draft Management Plan for the Wildern Nature Park upgrade proposal for review and comment. One of the main requirements for the Local Nature Reserve application is the production of a boundary map and a declaration that the local authority control the land under consideration. The Town Clerk explained that if the Committee is satisfied with the draft Management Plan, members need to provide authority to the Town Clerk to submit the Plan together with the supporting map to Natural England in line with their Local Nature Reserve application process, which has also been circulated. The application procedure requires a management plan, a simple outline map

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and a one page application confirming the Council is responsible for the site under consideration. Members agreed that it was positive to encourage volunteers and school involvement to promote wildlife and nature conservation.

Members agreed to accept the Management Plan and delegate authority to the Town Clerk to carry out the necessary paperwork to obtain Local Nature Reserve status for the Wildern Nature Park.

R67 Allotments:

To receive a written update report from the Operations Manager

The Chair referred to a written report prepared by the Operations Manager. She was able to report upon the following:

- 19 vacant plots
- 14 plots still require clearance – will be worked on through summer months.
- Toilets and water now live for 2018.
- Plot X5 decommissioned - poor light levels due to close proximity and angle to the adjacent trees – to be maintained as grass until required in the future.
- Compost heaps now cleared/ spread/ pushed back.
- Area adjacent Busikids has been cleared/ seeded and fenced off. Signs in place asking to keep off and don't dump rubbish.
- Suggestion – Partnership with local garden centres/ DIY stores and secure discount for plants and sundries for allotment holders.
- The Town Clerk advised of an application received from the allotment holder of White 4 B for the erection of a very small container of 1 metre squared to serve as a pond to attract frogs to eat slugs etc. **Members agreed to this request on condition that it is not embedded in the allotment and remains on the surface.**

R68 Rodaway Drainage Proposal

To discuss concept from Dave Pescott – Hedge End Rangers on the Rodaway Sports Pitches

In the absence of Dave Pescott not being in attendance, this agenda item was not discussed. Cllr. Paul Carnell requested that the matter of the rear entrance at Rodaway and the associated flooding be an agenda item at the May Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting.

R69 Paddling Pool Railings

To receive a written update report from the Operations Manager

The Chair referred to a written report prepared by the Operations Manager. She was able to report upon the following:

- Replacement of wooden fencing around the paddling pool –
The Bow Top Fencing (from putting green) that has been retained at the Depot is not suitable for use on this site. The height is too short and would require bespoke kickboards to install to the required height.
- Cost to install new Bow Top fencing along the northern edge will cost around £4618.50.

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- Replacement of top rails of existing wooden fencing to be completed in-house by ground staff.
- Recommissioning of paddling pool to commence around Whitsun time.

Members RESOLVED that new Bow Top Fencing along the northern edge of the paddling pool be installed for the cost of around £4,618.50

R70 Dowd's Farm Play Area Refurbishment

To discuss progression of this project

The Chair reported that in order to progress this, there needs to be a clear understanding what the requirements of the project are. How big an extension, age range, zoning, materials etc. The current Play area is approximately 960m³ with a perimeter fence of approximately 120m. The Chair advised that following a recent site visit with the Operations Manager, it was felt that the existing play area really was still in a very good condition. The thought was that swings could be moved as they were taking up a lot of unnecessary space. New equipment was discussed and it was felt that a zip wire would be a very good item for the older youngsters and also some climbing rocks would be a good addition rather like the 'spider climbing rocks' at the Playbuilder scheme on the Recreation Ground. The scheme should also include seats and a picnic table, be zoned and equipment provided should suit older children. Members agreed that the footprint needs to be larger than the initial suggested outline.

Members agreed that a draft spec be prepared in preparation for 'Invite for Tenders' to potential suppliers and that catalogues be obtained from suppliers to give an idea of latest availability and products and be brought to the May Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting.

The Chair referred to the new hard standing concept at Dowd's Farm contained in the Operations Manager report whereby quotes have been received for installation of such hard standing at £10,386. The price includes for soil to be kept on site to create a low 'bund' around the kickabout area, which can be seeded.

Members requested that an additional quote be obtained before a final decision is taken in this regard at the May Recreation & Amenities Committee.

Members complemented the Operations Manager report, which was well received.

There being no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 20.32 hours.