

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE HELD 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. David Kinloch, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair)

**In attendance:**  
**Brett Athow – Operations Manager**  
**Chetana Greenwood – Allotment Committee Chairman**  
**Maria Ross – Secretary Allotment Committee**  
**Keith Day – Allotment Holder**

**R83 Apologies:** Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Cliff Morris, Cllr. Derek Pretty

**R84 Minutes & Matters Arising  
Meeting of 13 June 2018**

The Minutes were signed and agreed as a true and correct record by the Chair. There were no matters arising. In pursuance of Minute R81 concerning the Rodaway entrance pre-school painting colour scheme, members agreed that the changing room colours need to be in black but were happy for the main gate to be in bold, uplifting colours.

**R85 Correspondence:**

(i) Request from an allotment holder to place a 7 x 6 shed on his allotment as he has obtained the shed from an allotment holder who has given up his plot. Members REFUSED this application on the basis that the rule is to only permit 6 x 4 wooden apex roofed sheds on allotment plots.

**R86 Matters for Resolution**

*'That all plots must be enclosed by a chicken wire (or similar mesh fencing) and gate, the cost and maintenance of which, to be at the Allotment Holder's expense. Once the perimeter fence is in place, it is not to be removed under any circumstances'.*

The Town Clerk explained that the request had come from the Allotment Committee with reference to fencing and the issue with deer. Deer continue to be a problem at the allotments and the Allotment Committee would suggest that plot holders be permitted to increase the height of their fences if they wish, to deter the damage caused by the deer. The current wording of the regulations specifies that all plots should be enclosed by a 3' high chicken wire.

**RESOLVED**

That all plots must be enclosed by a chicken wire (or similar mesh fencing) and gate, the cost and maintenance of which, to be at the Allotment Holder's expense. Once the perimeter fence is in place, it is not to be removed under any circumstances.

*'That the Town Council permits the Allotment Committee to rent a vacant plot, to be cultivated specifically for bees and looked after by the Allotment Committee'.*

As this matter was not pertinent for the current time, no discussion took place and the proposed Resolution was dropped. Members requested this be deferred to the September Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting for discussion.

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**R87 Dowd's Farm  
Glass signage Consideration/Teen Shelter  
Kickabout Update  
Turnpike Way  
Glass Signage Consideration/Teen Shelter**

Members were advised that the new bin was destroyed at the teen shelter and there is an on-going issue with broken glass and litter. Coupled with this, there are issues with litter, broken glass and damage to property. The Operations Manager commented of the concern in the rise in debris especially in relation to broken glass. This poses a danger to Town Council staff as well as the public and wildlife. The suggestion was made to potentially install sturdy aluminium signs at both Teen Shelters, appealing to users to keep the area tidy and throw the rubbish in the bin. Members were shown an example template of the sign tabled at this meeting. In addition, it was also suggested to consider removing one or more of the panels from the Dowd's Farm shelter to make it more visible and perhaps help decrease anti-social behaviour and litter/broken glass.

Members considered both suggestions and **AGREED** by way of a trial to place a laminate sign at both locations to gauge the reaction and **AGREED** by way of a trial to the removal of the panels from the Dowd's Farm teen shelter.

**R88 Operations Manager Report**

The Operations Manager report was tabled for members consideration and covered the following areas in brief:

Albert Road Cemetery;

Allotments;

Dowd's Farm;

St Johns Road Recreation Ground;

Turnpike Way;

Local Nature Reserve – Members agreed for this to be deferred until Spring 2019

Teen Shelters.

Members noted the report and conveyed their thanks to the Operations Manager.

The Chair invited the Allotment Committee Chair to speak. Chetana Greenwood gave a brief summary of matters that the committee are discussing, events and plans for the future, which were well received. She advised that Andy Hallett is the Vice-Chair of the Allotment Committee and responsible for the new allotment website. The Chair explained to Chetana Greenwood the basis of the allotment inspections and criteria and that there are no set dates on which inspections take place and the intention is that the current system will remain. Members expressed their thanks to Andy Hallett for the Allotment Website.

**R89 Poppy Memorial Update**

An alternative concept for the display of the poppies and the Silent Soldiers was discussed. The essence of which is to display the poppies on the front wall of the 2000 Centre with two Silent Soldiers either side. An indicative picture was tabled for members consideration and to illustrate the idea. It would also mean that a spare Silent Soldier becomes available and as a suggestion, it could be placed to the rear wall of the Old School House/HEYCA at the

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junction between Bursledon Road/St Johns Road. Members **AGREED** with this placement of the Silent Soldiers.

**R90 To agree date for Recreation & Amenities Walkabout in August**

Members discussed suitable dates for recreation & amenities committee members to carry out a walkabout in August. It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk circulate three dates for consideration for all recreation & amenities committee members to establish, which is the mutually convenient date. The dates are: 8 August, 15 August and 22 August.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.32 hours.