

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE HELD 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. David Kinloch, Cllr. Cliff Morris, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya , Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair)

**In attendance:**  
**Brett Athow – Operations Manager**  
**Dave Pescott (Hedge End Rangers)**  
**Gary Hawkins (Hedge End Rangers)**  
**George Baker**  
**Terry Crow**  
**Pete Tomlin**  
**Heather Jones and Allotment Holders**

**R76 Apologies:** Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Derek Pretty

**R77 Minutes & Matters Arising  
Meeting of 9 May 2018**

The Minutes were signed and agreed as a true and correct record by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

**R78 Correspondence:**

- i) ICCM Journal, Summer Issue, 2018
- ii) Letter of application from Carol Mason (Manager) Smiles Pre-School to hire the Norman Rodaway Pavilion, Monday to Thursday 8.15am to 3.30pm and Friday mornings 8.15am to 12.30pm for term times from 3 September through to 19 July 2019 inclusive. Members agreed the application.
- (iii) Query from a member of the public commenting that when they sign up for family membership, they can only book one court per day. However, when they wish to play with another family member later on in the day, the current tennis system does not allow for two bookings in one day. It does not allow for family members not playing together all the time. Members agreed to allow for two family members to be nominated to overcome this issue.

**R79 Matter for Recommendation  
Consideration of cemetery report and review of burial regulations**

The Town Clerk drew members specific attention to a detailed report previously circulated setting out proposals for policy change and the accompanying effects regarding any such change to burial regulations. The report was tabled for members specific consideration. In addition to the report, by way of an appendix, there was also a comparison report of charges levied by other parishes in the local area. After long debate, members unanimously agreed to make the following RECOMMENDATION:

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Recreation & Amenities committee accepts the officer recommendation to permit non-parishioner burials at the Albert Road Cemetery at double whatever the prevailing fee may be to include the Grant of Exclusive Right on a need basis. No rights to be granted to a non-parishioner or parishioner for reservations or pre-purchase.

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**R80 Hedge End Rangers – Rodaway Drainage Proposals**

Dave Pescott advised members that pitches 3 and 4 at the Rodaway were only used once this season due to inclement weather and the pitches being rendered unusable due to waterlogging. Conversely, pitches 1 and 2 are excellent although a small part of pitch 2 tends to waterlog. Dave Pescott requested potential funding help to consider drainage of this area. Members advised that this is a very costly project to undertake and there was no capacity in this year's budget to consider any works. **Nevertheless, members requested that contractors be invited to quote for the work and give an indication as to the level of costs involved for potential consideration for the budget 2019/2020. In the meantime, members asked that the Operations Manager liaises with Dave Pescott and looks at potential short-term solutions with regard to drainage.** It was confirmed that Hedge End Rangers may be able to obtain potential grants from various football foundation sources towards the cost of this project.

**R81 Disabled Allotments Update**

The Town Clerk drew members attention to a specific report prepared by the Operations Manager setting out the cost implications of introducing Disabled Allotments. The report was tabled at this meeting. The Town Clerk explained that if the Town Council can prove that the scheme is cost prohibitive and there are only a minority would benefit from any change, there is no statutory legal requirement to undertake such works.

**It was agreed to pursue the concept of disabled allotment provision and a reasonably accurate price/costings analysis for consideration of the project be prepared for possible inclusion in the 2019/2020 budget.**

**Dowd's Farm Play Area Refurbishment Update**

Dowds Farm Play Area Extension Tender is live. 10 companies have been selected and also advertised on notice boards and the website.

Schedule is as follows:

1. Tender closes 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018;
2. Public consultation commences Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August for 4 weeks;
3. Final decision on 12<sup>th</sup> September R & A committee meeting;
4. Contractor to begin work as soon as possible after final design has been agreed, however it may be 8+ weeks before the contractor can start on site.

Members advised allotment holders present at this meeting, how pleased they were that allotment holders have formed a committee and have created an excellent Website. Heather Jones thanked members for having been allowed to be part of allotment discussions at past recreation & amenities committee meetings and for being allowed to participate. She stated that she now has a greater appreciation of how the Town Council operates.

**Kickabout Area Update**

Hard standing 'kickabout' area is due to start week commencing 02/07/18.

**Coltsfoot Close Pond Update**

The Operations Manager would like to explore other options for management of Coltsfoot Pond. He has had a brief discussion with Julia Birt and there may be an opportunity to pool resources and look at management of all Town Council owned ponds (EBC/HETC) as a joint

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project. The Operations Manager explained that he has worked closely with The Environment Agency on Hiltingbury Lakes and whilst no expert, he believes very good results can be achieved by opening up the area to reduce leaf fall, increase aeration and light and could also look at alternate ways of removing the invasive Parrots feather weed via manual herbicide application. The funding already allocated could be spent on overall management of Town Council ponds. Messrs. Baker and Crow stated they would wish to see the whole budget be spent on Coltsfoot Close and enhance the priority biodiversity link. George Baker requested a copy of the survey of the pond commissioned by Carcinus to help gain an understanding as to what has been recommended. Messrs. Baker and Crow also requested the opportunity to read the document and understand the consultant comments and put forward their views and opinions for consideration.

**Rodaway Entrance Pre-School Painting Colour Scheme**

Repainting is required to the gated areas. The previous brown colour scheme is dowdy and in desperate need of repainting. The Operations Manager would very much like to see the gates painted in a scheme more fitting of a Pre-school and request approval of a fun, lively and uplifting colour scheme. He believes this would be a significant uplift for the site. Members agreed to this proposal.

**R82 Memorial Regulations Query**

This agenda item was dropped and no discussion took place.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.21 hours.