

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 14TH MARCH, 2018**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Cliff Morris, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair).

Also present: **Brett Athow** - **Operations Manager**
Kevin Glyn-Davies - **Town Clerk**

R57 Apologies: Cllr. Stephanie Arnold

With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

R58 To introduce and welcome Brett Athow, Operations Manager.

The Chair made introductions and gave Brett a warm welcome and wished him well in his new post.

R59 Minutes & Matters Arising

H51, R46 installation of the Teen Shelter at Turnpike Sports Field has been successfully completed.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

R60 Correspondence:

i) On behalf of C. Burnett & Sons, Nick Wise, Hedge End Carnival Chairman requests permission to use Greta Park to present The Fantastic Firework Fiesta & Fun Fair on Saturday 10th November, 2018, subject to the usual terms and conditions. Access will be required on Thursday and the amusements will depart on Sunday. **The clerk is instructed to confirm the Committee's approval, however, with the proviso that if ground conditions are severely affected, reinstatement and renovation works must be conducted by the Town Council's grounds team and the cost secured from the Bond.**

ii) Nick Wise, Chairman, Hedge End Carnival Committee, requests approval to use Greta Park and the Recreation Ground on the usual terms and conditions. Greta Park from 1st July to 10th July and the car park on Saturday 7th July. Use of the Recreation Ground is only required on Saturday 7th July. Owing to recent works, at this stage, we are not intending to use the Recreation Ground for heavy vehicles and propose to keep lorries on St. Johns Road as achieved in 2017. If the 2000 Centre car park could be made available as last year this would help to overcome the temporary difficulties with access to the Recreation Ground. He adds that he looks forward to receiving the assistance of Councillors on Carnival Day this year and will appreciate any help that the grounds staff can offer. **The clerk is instructed to confirm the Committee's approval.**

iii) R49 refers, minutes of 10th January, 2018 to which John Johnston comments that there are facilities in Hedge End but not Grange Park for young teens and feels that it is unreasonable to expect young people to walk some way to Dowd's Farm or other areas away from where they live. He felt a number of the Council's responses were inaccurate and has the impression that no one really cares about Grange Park and facilities for early teens. **The clerk is instructed to arrange a site visit with Mr. Johnston at a mutually convenient time and date to meet with Ward Councillors to discuss his views and proposals.**

iv) Mrs. Diana Jackson, Allotment Black 9, requests permission to erect a 6' x 4' walk-in greenhouse on her plot. **The clerk is instructed to confirm the Committee's approval, with the proviso that the greenhouse is constructed on a temporary foundation, such as paving**

slabs.

v) Jill Burrows raises concerns with regard to the Victorian Post Box located at the Old School House on the site of the HEYCA grounds. She would suggest that it should be protected from vandalism and theft and suggests that it would be less vulnerable if relocated to the inside of a building. Questions concerning the history of the current location have been addressed by DTC. Mrs. Burrows would also suggest that the Museum Service would provide information to help preserve the box although they may event suggest moving it to a specialist museum like Milestones which would be a pity for Hedge End. A plaque explaining its history would be welcome. **The Committee certainly agree that the Post Box requires maintenance, and this will be achieved in-house. Members are aware of the history of the current location and that the box was removed from Reservoir Lane and hoisted to the Old School House, where it has been sited for over 20 years. It is believed to be in the safest location at this current time. However, it would seem sensible to incorporate it in the fabric of the building when the School and Old School House is refurbished in the, not too distant, future. For the moment it is felt that a plaque would indeed draw attention to the Post Box and, therefore, this suggestion is deferred until such time as the box becomes part of the building.**

vi) ICCM publication - The Journal Spring Issue. **Noted.**

R61 Allotments

Plot preparation update and Chairman's Report.

All applicants on the waiting list for an allotment have now been accommodated and available plots are being protected with landscape cover. The Operations Manager is looking at methods to improve monitoring and identifying plots and establishing an electronic geographical record. Allotment availability is advertised in the next publication of the Gazette.

R62 To discuss the Silent Soldier Campaign

Planning Regulations

Phil Wiseman, EBC, Development Management Enforcement Specialist, advises that he would not request applications for consent to locate Silent Soldiers, however, he would suggest that such they be placed away from busy junctions and potential hazard spots. Cllr. Pretty was able to inform members that the Chairman of HEWEB Local Area Committee will be sponsoring a Silent Soldier for each of the parishes from his personal allowance, **the clerk is, therefore, instructed to sponsor a further two Silent Soldiers to commemorate the 100 years Anniversary of the end of WW1.**

Suitable Locations

Resolved: Two locations are agreed by the Committee, i) the centre of the village, at the Band Stand, ii) 2000 Centre garden.

Third location to be determined, however, in the meantime, **the clerk is instructed to ascertain whether it would be possible to site a Silent Soldier within the Bradbeer Roundabout.**

Additional Costs

It is not anticipated that there will be any additional cost.

The Chairman expressed her thanks to Denise for minuting this Committee for many years and for her help, support and guidance over the years which has been very much appreciated.