

HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 APRIL 2019

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

**In attendance: Chetana Greenwood, Allotment Association
Maria Ross, Allotment Association**

R133 Apologies: Cllr Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Dave Kinloch, Cllr. Derek Pretty

R134 Minutes & Matters Arising Meeting of 13 March 2019

The Minutes were signed and agreed as a true and correct record by the Chair.

Cllr Welsh declared an interest in the Carnival Committee item.

R135 Correspondence:

- (i) JG Tennis has submitted a proposal for the use of the tennis courts at Woodhouse Lane for the 2019 season. The proposal is for a maximum of 50 hours use for a fixed monthly price. Councillors want to stipulate that no more than two courts can be booked during peak time sessions. **RESOLVED:** That this is agreed for a fixed period until end March 2020.
- (ii) Deferred from Full Council, Fencing at Upper Northam Road. The Chairman stated that herself and the Operations Manager had a site visit with the resident. Councillors discussed there is no obligation on HETC to fence the land or of any particular like for like replacement. The land is currently not registered. **RESOLVED:** That the Town Council looks into registering the land and any potential delineation that might be required.
- (iii) Carnival Committee request to use Greta Park and the two Town Council Marquees from Sunday 30th June to Tuesday 9th July and the car park on 6th July. **RESOLVED:** That this is agreed, noting that HETC only own the car parking adjoining basket ball court and permission would need to be sought from the library for the remaining spaces.
- (iv) PAC are requesting the use of HEYCA and a key during the bank holiday period leading up to Summer Rehearsals. **RESOLVED:** That this be agreed for Monday 22 April, Monday 6 May and Monday 27 May as long as it is left as found, if any additional cleaning is required PAC will be billed for it.
- (v) Request for a tablet headstone on plot G152 within the main burial area of the cemetery. The Town Clerk outlined that there is another tablet headstone nearby although this was as a result of an administrative error in 2015. **RESOLVED:** That this be agreed.
- (vi) Request for a reservation of a cremation plot. **RESOLVED:** That in line with the Green Flag Management Plan of 2017 that reservations of plots in the Albert Road Cemetery would not be offered due to preserving the remaining space in the cemetery for parishioners.
- (vii) Request as to the process for un-reserving a burial plot. **RESOLVED:** Councillors confirmed that written notice to surrender the reservation is required. The reservation fee would not be refunded.

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R136 Allotments

- (i) Plot F3 request for a 6x5ft shed moving from plot Z2. **RESOLVED:** That this be agreed subject to it being sited on the north or east side of the plot and not overshadowing adjacent plots.
- (ii) Plot Yellow 1A request for a change of use to community allotment managed by the allotment association. The allotment holder's association outlined the benefits of the community plot. They are wanting to seek funding for infrastructure, recruit volunteers and promote more widely. Officers outlined the following considerations, Insurance and Liabilities, Toilets may not be suitable for groups, A risk assessment would be required for each group accessing the site. Councillors asked about the potential charging for people to attend and to seek assurances that the project would be cost neutral. **RESOLVED:** The committee were minded to proceed subject to the concerns being addressed.

R137 Operations Manager Report

Albert Road Cemetery

- A very quiet month with no internments since last R and A. One interment is booked for later in April.
- The Albert Road and War Memorial Green Flag judging will take place in April.

Allotments

- There are currently 3 empty plots and a waiting list of 0.
- Combination locks are now in place on both gates and the allotment toilet.

Aspen Close

- Following last months sewage leak into the stream from a southern Water pipeline – repairs have now been made and we are advised that the damage to wildlife should be negligible. The EA are apparently investigating the incident.

Bowling Club

- Bowling officially opened on 6th April with a public open day on 13th April.

Conservation Volunteers

- This month's session will continue within the woodland and pond areas adjacent Tollbar Way in Dowds Farm. This will include path clearance, selective scrub clearance and litter pick. Last month we made a real impact to clearing the pond of Willow saplings.

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Greta Park

- We have made some changes to the entrance of Greta Park – The dragons' teeth were constantly being hit and knocked over; we have now removed the dragon's teeth and placed the welcome sign more clearly on the entrance.

HEYCA

- Car park block paving repairs – Repairs have been completed and the light bollards have been repaired and painted.

Local Nature Reserve

- Grazing is due to start in April May.
- HETC in association with 'Friends of Wildern Local Nature Reserve' will be putting in a grant application to Tesco Community Grant for improvements to the accessibility of WLNR, this will include infrastructure improvements and signage. There are 3 awards of £10,000, £15,000 and £25,000.
- 'Friends of Wildern Local Nature Reserve' continue their monitoring of species. I'd highly recommend joining their Facebook group for updates and some amazing photography.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2030431683870743/>

Norman Rodaway

- We've had an on going issue with youths in the area. We are working with the PCSO's and EBC to try to improve matters. As part of this work we have removed the scrub from the front of the roadside to increase visibility from the road and help give the area a less secluded feel.
- We will manage the regrowth and keep it at a lower level.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 20:35 hours.