HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD 10TH JULY 2024

Cllrs present: Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Jane Welsh (Chair)

R496 Apologies Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Derek Pretty

R497 Minutes and Matters arising

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 12th June 2024
Minutes were signed.

R498 Correspondence

Request received from Happy Circus to use Greta Park on the 8th to 11th August 2024

Cllrs felt the circus was a good event, always leaving the site clean and tidy and that they should be allowed to return this year. It was noted the provision of Portaloo's by the circus and request to display posters advertising the circus in play areas, on the understanding that they would be taken down after the weekend hire.

RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the use of Greta Park, costs would be the usual £1,500 bond and a daily charge of £110.20 + vat.

R499 Resignation of a Committee member

To receive the resignation of Cllr Cliff Morris on the Committee
It was noted by Cllrs the resignation of Cllr Morris, they thanked him for his contribution to the Recreation and Amenities Committee over the last few years.

R500 Nelsons Gardens Fence Removal

To consider removing the front and side section of the fence at Nelson Gardens following vandalism.

Cllrs felt that as there were only a couple pieces of play equipment now remaining in this play area, having been gradually removed over the last 5 years, this did offer limited value as a play site, with any replacement funding having yet to be secured. Removal of this fencing would remove the risk of injury and reduce the ongoing maintenance of the deteriorating fencing.

RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to the removal of the fencing at Nelson Gardens play area.

R501 Berrywood Fields

To note the pitch allocations for the 2024 season at Berrywood Fields
Cllrs noted the pitch allocations for this coming season and as agreed by Policy and Resources committee previously these were community pitches and therefore there would not be exclusive use by a single team.

R502 Operations Manager Report

The report contained the following updates:

- Albert Road Cemetery
- Allotments
- Bowling Green
- Conservation Volunteers
- Cricket
- Football
- Graffiti and Vandalism
- Local Nature Reserve

- Paddling Pool
- Play Areas
- General updates

The Operations Manager asked Cllrs to consider the use of the Bowling Green defibrillator by the Snowdrop Place Care Home. This defibrillator had been used twice by the care home over the last year, as they do not have their own equipment. Each time the defibrillator is used the pads and accessory packs need replacing, at a cost of £56.00 for new pads and £20.00 for an accessory pack (gloves/scissors etc) The battery lasts for 4 years and may withstand a couple of uses in this time, replacement cost £205.00. Whilst the defibrillator is available for all to use, should there be a contribution made to replace items.
Cllr Leigh Hadaway commented that it was not a legal requirement for care homes to have an AED (Defib), however the Care Quality Commission did recommend that the minimum suggested equipment to support CPR included an AED (Defib).
Cllrs agreed that they should be contacted, asking for a contribution to cover costs involved for any replacement parts and gain a better understanding of why they did not have their own provision .

Cllr Lucy Jurd commented how very disappointing it was to see so much vandalism taking place and asked if the Snows car dealership who have kindly offered to replace the damaged tree at Rodaway would be recognised, this would be confirmed.

Cllr John Jupe asked if the bridge repair at Greta Park needed to be done, as twice this month vandalism had occurred and was costly to repair each time. This was part of a pathway well used over a ditch and therefore did need replacing.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 7.30pm