HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD 11TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Cllrs present: Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Jane Welsh (Chair)

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager

R503 Apologies Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr John Jupe

R504 Minutes and Matters arising

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 10th July 2024

R502 – An email had been received back from Snowdrop Place Care Home. The two occasion HETC had stated that the defibrillator had been used was incorrect. On one occasion the ambulance control had requested that they retrieved the defibrillator simply as a precaution until the ambulance arrived and was not used.

As a company it was not their policy to hold defibrillators on site, as all staff were trained in effective Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and it was always the request of the ambulance control that one was obtained.

Snowdrop Place were part of the community, paying taxes towards costs, with many of their residents having lived in Hedge End for all of their lives, paying into the community and supporting events. They felt sadden that HETC did not feel the same and that on this occasion, as they were abiding by the safeguarding and local policies of the South Central Ambulance Service would decline to pay.

Cllrs were unhappy with the response received and as a business they should be providing their own and replacing any consumables when used. It was asked that a further letter was sent to them.

R505 Correspondence

(i) For noting – Email from Sportworks EBC thanking HETC for the support given for this year's Summer and Easter programmes
Cllrs noted.

R506 Greta Park

(i) To consider a request from Burnetts Funfairs for the use of Greta Park to hold a Fireworks Display on the 9th November 2024

As the Carnival Committee this year would not be organising the Fireworks Display, they would like to continue to hold this event for the community and therefore requested use of Greta Park.

An application form had been sent to them, with further information on what HETC would be requiring for this event to take place, but to date nothing had been received.

RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to this application in principle subject to the receipt of all the required documents and information. There would be a deadline of the end of September for receipt of all the necessary items required and brought back to committee.

(ii) To allow the Funfair on site from the 6th to 10th November 2024
As part of the Firework Display there was a request for the Funfair to be on site for the dates mentioned, trading for just one day, 9th November.
RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed this request, subject to the receipt of all the necessary documents and £1,500 bond.

R507 Allotments
To consider the request for a 6 x 8ft greenhouse on plot Red 6, Kanes Field
Cllrs had been given information on the greenhouse required.
RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the approval of this greenhouse and asked that the Allotment T&C's were reviewed.

R508 Nelsons Gardens Play Area
A report had been given to Cllrs with recommendations in moving this project forward. A bid had been submitted for funding to HEWEB based on a like for like replacement including fencing and gates to the value of £55,900.
Cllr Derek Pretty confirmed that this had now been approved.
Cllrs were asked to consider the following:

- What type of play facility was required, LEAP or alternative.
  Cllrs recommended that this play facility should be for younger children, up to 6 years of age.
- What size area was required as a minimum.
  Cllrs recommended similar in size to Aspen & Drummond play areas but would be determined by the budget available.
- To move the existing location or work within constraints
  The current play area had a gas pipeline running underneath the corner of the site, was tucked away and had ASB issues.
  Cllrs recommended that the play area should be moved to the other side of the pathway, closer to the road within the green space.
- Minimum requirements for play facility.
  Cllrs recommended that the new play area should have 4/5 items of equipment, be basic, metal, low maintenance, ideally with bow top fencing, with safety surfacing and not grass.
- To agree the draft timeline
  Cllrs agreed that the timeline given was ideal and were very keen that this project was progressed.
- To agree when to consult and who to consult.
  Cllrs agreed that consultation letters containing details of who the play area would be for and what the play area would contain & location, as mentioned above were sent out as soon as possible to households in the catchment area within the plan, but minus Martley Gardens.

RESOLVED: Cllrs were very eager that this project was progressed and that the consultation letters were sent out as soon as possible.

R509 Operations Manager Report

The report contained the following updates:

- Albert Road Cemetery
- Allotments
- Bowling Green
- Conservation Volunteers
- Cricket & Football
- Graffiti a & Vandalism.
- Local Nature Reserve
- Paddling Pool
- General Updates

Cllr Paul Carnell, though not present at the meeting had asked that the following was noted. He had also noticed that the Salvation Army recycling bin at Rodaway was repeatedly stacked with overspill of donations and that maybe they needed reminding to empty it more often. The Operation Manager commented that the bin could well be emptied regularly and that there was also the dumping of other rubbish, which was a problem with unsupervised sites. He would submit a proposal for the removal of the recycling bins at Rodaway for the October R&A meeting.

Cllr Derek Pretty commented that EBC would be planting a further 2 mini forests at Berrywood Fields.

Cllr Dave Kinloch confirmed that he had had a request from a resident reference a running track in Hedge End. The Operations Manager confirmed that this had been previously looked at and priced and that he would find out the information and send over.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 8pm