HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD 12TH MARCH 2025

Cllr present: Cllr Margaret Allingham (Chair), Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Derek Pretty

In attendance: Brett Athow – Operations Manager

R538 Apologies Cllr Jane Welsh

R539 Minutes and Matters arising

Minutes of the meeting 12th February 2025
R534 (iii) It was confirmed that no response had been received from Wipeout World following agreement for the use of Greta Park. It was asked that a reminder was sent to see if they still required its use.

The minutes were signed by the chair as an accurate record.

R540 Correspondence

None received

R541 Hedge End Bowling Club

To approve the request for the replacement of the side access gates
The replacement of these gates would be an improvement to the Bowling Green, providing a more secure entrance. It was confirmed that a metal sheet would be placed behind the railings on each gate.
RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that the replacement of the side access gates was approved.

R542 Nelsons Gardens & Locke Road Tender Evaluations

To agree preferred suppliers for public consultation
The Operations Manager confirmed that at this stage councillors were just approving the designs to go forward for the consultation. Information about this would be advertised via the website and social media. Those wishing to vote would need to come into the offices.
Cllrs agreed that all the designs looked good and discussed the option of incorporating different design elements, such as fencing or surfacing, from one play area design into another.
Following the conclusion of the consultation the preferred design would be brought back to the next R&A meeting for further consideration.
RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that all the tenders submitted were put forward for the consultation

R543 Operations Manager Report

The report contained the following updates:

- Albert Road Cemetery
- Allotments
- Conservation Volunteers
- Cricket

- Football
- Graffiti and Vandalism
- Local Nature Reserve
- Paddling Pool
- General updates

Cllr Derek Pretty commented it was good to see the improvements taking place to the football pitches at Rodaway.
Cllr Lucy Jurd asked reference the churning up of playing surface, this had been a problem for many years, with signage having also been put up over the years and recently this week. Fencing would be a possible answer but would require work to clear back the boundary etc to start again, with a cost involved.
There was no Byelaw for this site and if there were, would be hard to enforce. The Operations Manager commented that the way forward would be to go and speak to those concerned.
Cllr Dave Kinloch reported that there was a large amount of litter around the Avenue/Woodhouse Lane areas near to Berrywood Fields. The Operations Manager confirmed that HETC were only responsible for the football pitches and that the land involved belonged to HCC. If he could provide pictures on the location of this litter, then it would be easier to report.
He also asked about the Dowds Fm benches, it was confirmed that these overtime were being removed for the woodwork to be treated and then replaced.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting closed at 7.24pm