

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
HELD ON MONDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019  
IN THE PARISH CENTRE, CHAPEL ROAD, WEST END at 7.15 PM**

**Present:** Councillor J Asman  
Chairman of the Parish Council

**Councillors:** S Turl, C Boulton, H Hellier, D Clarke, J Goguel, B Coles, R MacDonald, R Gomer

**In attendance:** Mrs Julia Birt, Local Area Coordinator

**West End Parish Council Team:**  
Mrs L Cooke, Clerk to the Parish Council  
Mrs E Davies, Admin Officer  
Mrs A Burton-Doe, Admin Officer  
Mrs N Penny, West End Youth Club

**List of Members of the Public in attendance:**

Nigel Wood - West End Local History Society; Lin Dowdell – West End Local History Society; Mrs Sheila Murphy – St Brigid’s Church; Colin Munday – St Brigid’s Church; Mr Nick Thompson – Hilldene Community Association; Zena Ramplee – Hilldene Community Association; Dick Ramplee – Hilldene Community Association; Ms Lynda Charlesworth – Hatch Grange WI; Mr Bob Hall – Life Church West End; Heather Tam – St James’ Lunch Club; Mr Sash Vale – Life Church West End; Cllr Cynthia Garton – HEWEB; Heather Bevis – MENCAP; Terry Buck – Friends of West End Copse; Paul Drew – Friends of West End Copse Alison Breakwell - Friends of West End Copse; Sarah Nichols – Brendon Care Clubs; Martin Hodgson; Mr & Mrs Clay; Rick MacDonald – Friends of Hatch Grange & West End Carnival; Avril MacDonald - Friends of Hatch Grange & West End Carnival; Janice Eastlake – Brendon Care Clubs; Lorna Hepworth – St James’ School Association; Richard Mould-Ryan – St James’ School Association; John & Joy Clements - West End Garden & Allotment Association; Jim Chamberlain – The Hannah Chamberlain Foundation; Daniel Wiseman – 10<sup>th</sup> Itchen North Scouts; Rachel Owton – St James’ Stay & Play Toddler Group; Kate Badcock – St James’ Stay & Play Toddler Group

- APOLOGIES:**  
County Cllr B Tennant; Cllr R Davis; Mr Mike Carr – West End Indoor Bowls; Mrs M Marsh – Head teacher St James’ Primary; Jim Henderson – Head teacher Woodlands Community College; Miss M Litten – Head teacher Wildern School; Mr Rodney Hall – Wednesday Conservation Volunteers
- TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 were presented as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr J Asman  
Seconded: Cllr R MacDonald

The Minutes were accepted.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**  
There were no matters arising.

4. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

- It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as Chairman and I have enjoyed representing the residents of West End this year. The Parish Council works hard to provide good quality local community services in response to need and endeavours to protect the Parish's interest to ensure the present and future wellbeing of all its residents and to promote and protect its village feel.
- The facilities provided in West End are diverse and include: seven play areas, three community centres, The Old Fire Station, football pitches and changing rooms, allotment and over 50 acres of parkland, woodland and open spaces. The Parish Council is also responsible for the Cemetery in Quob Lane and the maintenance of the closed burial ground in West End Road.
- The task of managing these facilities is vast and on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank the Grounds Team, headed by Steve Adams; the Office Team, headed by Laura Cooke; the Hatch Café Team, headed by Jo Janaway; the Youth Team, headed by Nikki Penny; and the Caretaking and Cleaning Team. I would also like to thank the Friends of Hatch Grange and Friends of West End Copse, all volunteers who help to maintain these areas.
- Maintaining the Parish's facilities cost money. Income is generated from the precept received from Eastleigh Borough Council and charges made for use of the facilities. The Council has recently negotiated a 2 year lease of the first floor of the Old Fire Station, to be used as offices. The Lease to commence at the end of this month.
- The Council has continued to support the events in West End - Remembrance Day, Christmas Lights, Senior Citizens Summer Tea Dance and Christmas Party, Commonwealth and the Community Games. We also support the Carnival and give thanks to the Chair, Rick MacDonald and the Carnival Committee for their commitment.
- In addition to the Remembrance Day Sunday morning service at St James', in the evening there was a lantern lit procession and lighting of the Beacon on Hatch Grange followed by a get-together in the Parish Centre Hall. Thanks to everyone who made this day such a success.
- The Council continue to ensure that it is heard on planning enquiries and local plan meetings in addition to continuing to raise the profile of traffic and parking problems in West End. Spearheaded by Cllr Harry Hellier a Petition has been raised by the Council requiring that the portion of the M27 which is currently concreted and therefore noisy, should be resurfaced at the same time as the current Smart Motorway Works.
- The Parish Council hosted meetings with the residents of Midlands Estate, Ivy Lane and Rosemount Court and the Borough Council subsequently carried out a parking study. As a result a planning application is to be heard shortly relating to the creation of 16 additional parking bays in Midland Estate and a TRO is to be implemented at Ivy Lane and Rosemount Court.
- Thanks to HEWEB Local Area Committee allocating Developers Contributions, funds are now available to enable Hilldene Community Centre's car park to be resurfaced; there will shortly be a sculpture placed in the Knot Garden at the new Pavilions Development on the site of Moorgreen Hospital and a steering group including West End Parish Councillors are currently considering designs for new "Welcome to West End" signs for the village.
- The Parish Council has once again asked parishioners to choose how they wish to distribute the £3,000 it has allocated to Participatory Budgeting. There were thirteen applicants this year.

- A long standing councillor and friend, Anne Mortimer, died in May last year and is much missed by her peers and residents alike. In remembrance of her a tree was planted in Lime Avenue.
- On behalf of West End Parish thank you to my fellow Councillors. I hope you have all enjoyed working on the Parish Council for the past year. Thank you for electing me as Chairman and for all your support. It has been a privilege and I am proud to have served as Chairman and hope that I will be able to represent the West End residents for many years to come.
- To all of you here this evening, your commitment and enthusiasm makes West End the friendly, proactive and inspiring community it is in 2019 and I look forward to hearing your reports.

5. **PRESENTATION OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 2016/17**

The Treasurer, Councillor Asman, presented the Audited Accounts for year 2017/2018 - distributed to members of the Council.

Proposed: Cllr J Asman  
Seconded: Cllr J Goguel

The Schedule of Accounts for 2017/2018 was accepted.

The full set of Audited Accounts is available at the Parish Office.

6. **REPORT FROM HAMPSHIRE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE – Police Sergeant**

No representative from the Hampshire Police was present.

**QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

7. **REPORT FROM ORGANISATIONS WITHIN WEST END PARISH**

**West End Youth Club – Nikki Penny**

- On behalf of myself and fellow youth workers we would like to thank West End Parish Councillors for its continuing support financial and professional. Thanks to the ground staff team and to our caretaker. A special thanks to all the young people for making our youth club a great place to work in and for all the parents for supporting us on all the trips and activities that we put on.
- Our highlights from the previous year. With two clubs now established, the numbers of young people attending the club has grown, with a waiting list for our Wednesday evening session at the Youthhouse. Our Community Games was another success with over 240 people attending the event. Our next Community Games will be on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019. In the last year we have raised £3042.83 from fundraising. This was from cricket parking and from firework night. We will be using this money to get the Tuck Shop at Youthhouse refurbished in the May half term. Chartwell Youth Centre has been open for 3 years now and the numbers for this group keep rising.
- This year we have been in the audience of Britain's Got Talent and X factor auditions. We also took a group of 12 young people on a residential PGL trip to Weymouth. In October half term we held a week of action in the HEWEB area and in November we opened the club on a Friday night to watch the Ageas bowl fireworks. The Youthhouse and Chartwell Youth Clubs have both put 20 young people through The UK Youth, Youth Achievement Awards. We have also

completed the Safespaces framework for both groups. We already have a lot planned for the coming year.

### **St Brigid's Catholic Church – Sheila Murphy**

- St Brigid's Catholic Church stands at the top of the High Street, opposite the Hilldene Centre. The church was opened by the Rt.Rev. Derek Warlock on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1968. During these 50 years we have welcomed nine Parish Priests and on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 our current Priest Fr Paul Obada.
- Last year we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Following our Celebration Mass, attended by two past Priests, Fr John Buckley and Fr James Carling, a Cheese and wine Reception was held at the Hilldene Centre. Later in the year we had a Barn Dance and Ploughman's supper at the Parish Centre.
- Mass is said twice a week at St Brigid's - Sunday evening at 5:30pm and on Wednesday morning at 10.00am. Twice a week we take Communion to the sick and elderly of the Parish. We also have Weddings and Funerals. I remember the wedding of a couple who were members of the Harley Davison owners club who hired a green Cadillac and were preceded along the High Street by six pairs of "out riders".
- We enjoy an excellent reciprocal parking arrangement with the Hilldene Centre. We also have an agreement with a local hairdresser for their staff parking and, following an approach from Eastleigh Borough Council, we have been able to establish a parking facility to accommodate visitors to the Ageas Bowl, providing a welcome income for the Church.
- During Advent and Lent we have our own Penitential services but in Lent we share Stations of the Cross on alternate Wednesdays with the Church of the Assumption, our sister Church at Hedge End. After a gap of several years we are delighted once again to share Stations with St James' Church on Fridays. Last year we joined "Churches Together" and have been involved in the delivering of "Welcome Bags" to the new developments in West end.
- We support the Sunday Lunch Club and the Basics Bank as our current charities.
- St Brigid's is a prayerful, caring, worshiping community, journeying together and welcoming all.

### **MENCAP – Heather Bevis**

- The Flagship Art Club is a weekly Art Group for adults with learning disabilities. The Club provides opportunities for members to learn about different artists, new artistic skills and improve their own artistic practice.
- Members rarely miss a session. The Art tutor provides two artistic tasks each session and some of these tasks run over from week to week. For some people the Art Club is the highlight of their week. 60% of members travel to West End from other areas of the borough. Some members have become very confident in travelling to West End, an area which was not previously in their geographic "world".
- As the Club is expanding we moved this month to the Hilldene Community Centre where we have more space and wheelchair access. The Club were delighted to take part in St James Christmas Tree festival last Christmas with their entry – a 1950s Christmas.
- The Flagship Art Club members formed the backbone of our West End Carnival entry last summer. We worked with Ray Mahabir, of Sunshine International Arts on designing and producing costumes for our entry "The Village People and friends". The group won First prize in Best Overall and First prize in Most Imaginative category.
- Our running costs of the club are to hire our Art tutor, our group support worker, the purchase of art materials, the hire of the weekly Club venue and any gallery visits. It is hard to quantify the value of the Flagship Art Club in its members' lives. It is hugely important to be challenged mentally, to have a chance to express themselves

through art and to be recognised members of a productive and respected club. The Art Club is holding an Exhibition of their work on Tuesday April 2 at the Masonic Hall on Leigh Road in Eastleigh from 10.30 to 12.00.

#### **Friends of Hatch Grange – Cllr Rick MacDonald**

- The Friends of Hatch Grange continue to work alongside the Parish Ground staff, helping to maintain and improve our Hatch for today and tomorrows generations.
- It was gratifying to see 19 hardworking individuals come to help us remove some invasive Bamboo from adjacent to the “cow fields”. In two hours, we managed to remove 50sq metres. Only two of the group were local, with others coming from Winchester, Salisbury, Portsmouth, South Downs area, and a couple from Exeter. We also had the pleasure of working alongside the volunteers from NICE based in Hedge End, back in May, as part of their company’s global community payback scheme.
- We held a very successful Halloween Skittles night, enjoyed by 50 people. This year’s Skittle evening will be on Saturday 26th October 2019.
- The crowning glory of our past year was the commissioning and funding of a piece of Art from the old diseased Oak tree in the “Hatch”. New Forest based artist Richard Austin used his customary tool, the Chainsaw, to turn the old tree into a beautiful piece of sculpture, celebrating “The Hatch” and its History, Flora and Fauna.
- Our Family Fitness trail, which was installed three years ago continues to be well used.
- Major work was undertaken, pollarding the Lime trees in the Avenue. This work is necessary to prevent them rotting from the. We ended up with a small herd of cattle in the fields for the summer, with no incidents. They did a great job keeping the grass down. New signage has been placed in the fields for this year, to discourage dog walkers, while the cows are in situ.
- The Beacon was lit to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of WW1. It was wonderful to stand together with so many people lit by the fire from the Beacon, listening to the Church bells ring, in remembrance.
- Throughout the year a variety of Tree works, Scrub clearance and general maintenance, is undertaken by our Parish Ground staff, to ensure that our “Hatch” remains the “Jewel in the Crown” of West End.

#### **West End Garden & Allotment Association – Mrs Joy Clements**

- WEGAA was formed 33 years ago and currently has about 150 members. Many people think of us as an allotment association but we have many gardening members too.
- Last year’s growing season was particularly difficult for both gardeners and allotmenters for many reasons, the most drastic being the severe drought we suffered in the summer months.
- The roof of our trading hut was damaged last year. The Perspex roof lights had become brittle with age. We replaced the broken one with a corrugated iron sheet ourselves to keep the cost down. We are hoping to replace some or all of our other roof lights this year.
- I would like to thanks West End Parish council on behalf of WEGAA for the support given over the years by providing prizes and certificates for our annual Best Kept Allotment competition among other things.

#### **West End Carnival Association – Cllr Rick MacDonald**

- There are three days that stand out in our Carnival year. The Carnival day itself, our Awards Evening, where we distribute the monies raised to the local groups involved, and the Parish Assembly, when I can re-call to you all, the success, the joy and the feeling of community spirit that our Carnival brings to West End.

- Despite Carnival day being cooler than previous years, the crowds still turned out in their thousands, lining the streets and attending the Carnival Fete. Last year's "Music of the 60s,70s, and 80s" theme provided us with lots of varied entries for our Carnival procession. Well done to all the groups for your hard work.
- Our local Mencap group, who won Best Overall Cup in the Procession tell us that "the Cup goes on display at every opportunity" which shows how much being involved means to them.
- The Fete on "The Hatch" had more stalls than ever, and the performances in the arena helped keep the crowds entertained. A Big Thanks to Blue Cross who ran our popular Dog Show. They are back with us this year.
- The Carnival Committee were able to distribute over £4000 to local charities and not for profit organisations.
- This year's Carnival will take place on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, with a theme of **Children`s Television**. Preparations are already well on the way. A variety of events will be taking place in the weeks leading up the Carnival - the shop window treasure hunt, Carnival Walk, Quiz night, Best Allotment and Best Garden competitions, and more. I am also delighted to announce the return of The Big Noise Community Samba Band.
- Our official photographer Tom has confirmed that he will return. Our Tea Tent is back, bigger than ever, thanks our local Scout group, for the loan of their marquee. We are currently, short listing candidates to be our Citizen of Honour - a member of our community who provides a valuable contribution to West End, but fly under the radar with little recognition.
- It is truly wonderful to see all the happy smiling faces on Carnival day, and this is a culmination of months of hard work by our small team. Huge thanks to all involved. We are always looking for people to join us in some capacity, to continue the tradition of West End Carnival. We really do treasure the way the Carnival brings our community together, and we look forward to welcoming you all on the day.

#### **West End Local History Society – Nigel Wood**

- A busy year for the History Society and Museum, we are now approaching the end of cataloguing and storing the archives. We now have a computerised searchable database which will give us a useful tool, after nearly 3 years of work from our team of volunteers. We have worked our way through 21 years of artefacts, photographs, documents, maps etc.
- The museum encourages visits from local groups, where we also provide refreshments and homemade cakes. Last summer we visited Oaklands Care Home in Allington Lane, taking some of the reference files and photographs from the museum for the residents to have a look though.
- "Westender" the society newsletter goes from strength to strength and is always eagerly awaited. Thanks are due to our dedicated band of contributors who have produced such excellent articles over our 20 years of continuous production. Our thanks also go to the production team. We are in the process of putting together a searchable article database for Westender.
- Our monthly meetings held at the Parish Centre regularly attract 55-60 people. Talks and presentations during these meetings cover subjects ranging from the City of Salisbury, The Normans in Wessex, The Mayflower and Speedwell, and many more. One talk was about the monumental masons Garret and Haysom who were responsible for our West End War Memorial.
- Towards the end of last year we hosted an art installation from a local resident who was doing her M.A. This was an audio\visual display of some of her relatives talking about old West End.
- Our thanks go to West End Parish Council staff and the groundsmen, as well as HEWEB for all their support.

### **Brendon Care West End Club – Sarah Nicholls**

- West End Club offers fun and friendship to roughly 20-25 older people every Monday afternoon at the Hilldene Community Centre. It is one of a network of 92 clubs across Hampshire and Dorset, run by the Brendoncare Clubs charity. The club is for people in later life, who may be lonely or isolated. Nearly 80% of the members and volunteers live within West End, with the remaining living in neighbouring villages. We aim to promote a positive, healthy experience of ageing and want every older person to feel valued and included in their community.
- West End club is led by a fantastic team of volunteers, who listen to the needs and interests of the members when planning activities. The members enjoy lots of different activities including games, quizzes, guest speakers, demonstrations and performances. A few recent activities have included: ‘Cooking for One’, live cooking demonstrations; physical exercise with indoor Curling; an information talk about diabetes; entertainment by a local musical duo and a ukulele band.
- Any grants received will be used to provide high quality entertainment for the members. One club member said, in our 2018 survey, “The West End Club gives me friendship. I have met and made friendships with people in the village, and enjoy the games which keep my brain active.” That quote summed up what West End Club is all about – friendship and activity.

### **The Hannah Chamberlain Foundation – Jim Chamberlain**

- The Hannah Chamberlain Foundation was established five and a half years ago in memory of Hannah Chamberlain who died of an aggressive form of bone cancer at age 20.
- Jim Chamberlain is one of 7 trustees of the Foundation, whose aim is to raise money for Southampton General Hospital, specifically for 17-25 year olds suffering from cancer. The Foundation provides grants to these youngsters for anything they might need.
- Fundraising last year was relatively quiet, with one of the trustees having moved to London, another got married and another had a baby. However over £1200 was raised through various fundraising efforts, which included a quiz night hosted by the Hilldene Centre. Thanks also to the Parish Book Club for raising £118 through their donations box.
- The Foundation continue their efforts to make themselves known to the community and thank West end Parish council for their support.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Itchen North Scout Group – Daniel Wiseman**

- The Scout Association is the UK’s biggest mixed youth organisation with over 520,000 members, offering young people aged 6 to 25 fun and challenging activities. The HEWEB area falls under the control of the Itchen North District and currently has five groups.
- The total number of young people aged 6 to 18 participating in Scouts in the HEWEB Area has increased substantially over the last year, and is up by 43 (a 9% increase) which correlates with the general population increase in the area.
- A lack of Scouting provision in Botley is compounding capacity issues in Hedge End and West end, with waiting lists in both area growing substantially as a result.
- The developer of new homes on land south of Maddoxford Lane wish to build a purpose designed Scout Hut and gift the building and land to the Itchen North District to enable the opening of a new Scout Group to serve the residents of Botley and Borley Green.
- Scouts of all ages continue to enjoy a huge range of activities including night hikes, weekend expeditions and summer camps. Activities and challenges include climbing, caving, archery, sailing, canoeing, DIY, cooking, first aid, and many more.

**Hilldene Community Association – Nick Thompson**

- Hilldene Community Centre has had a busy year with a typical week having around 40 diverse hirers from all areas of the community, from pre-school to retirement groups.
- As a committee we run various fundraising events throughout the year. Our skittles evening took place earlier this month with all tickets sold long before the event. We will also be having a stall at the Carnival as well as helping with the marshalling on the day.
- We are very pleased to again offer Hilldene as the venue for refreshments following the annual Remembrance service in November.
- Recently we have been able to give the go ahead for the resurfacing of the car park and entrance area. This work is due to be completed in the school Easter holidays.
- Thanks to the staff of West End Parish Council for their support of Hilldene in the past year.

**St James' School Association – Lorna Hepworth**

- SJSA's purpose is to engage in activities and provide facilities and equipment which support the school and advance the educations of the pupils. We also develop relationships between the staff, parents and people associated with the school, building a sense of community.
- We run events such as Christmas and Summer Fairs, Discos and an Easter Hunt at Hatch Grange. We have also run a Christmas Shopping event, a quiz night and a film evening as well as running a weekly lottery and a clothes recycling scheme amongst others. The events have a dual purpose of fundraising but also they provide an opportunity for the children, staff and parents to come together and have fun and develop their relationships.
- SJSA have funded a number of valuable resources. We have provided some brand new laptops for the school, as well as funding a "Life Bus" which visits the school, educating the children on personal, social and health issues. We are now excited about getting some fantastic new playground equipment for the children. Last year we had a brand new building constructed to accommodate the expansion of the school, but some of the play equipment was lost as a result. We are in the process of acquiring some equipment that focuses on imaginative play, and some new colourful playground markings which this money will go towards. We think is a fantastic use of our money and are very excited to see the finished results.

**Life Church West End – Mr Bob Hall**

- The Life Church welcomes people to our weekly Sunday meetings for worship, prayer and teaching for all ages. Weekly Tuesdays and Wednesday night Life Groups, with discipleship and various social activities.
- We celebrate with other Life Church sites across Southampton with baptisms at our One Church conference in Botley.
- We held a stall at the West End Carnival where people could decorate rocks and find out more about our activities.
- Over 150 people attended our Greatest Show these Christmas Carol service and a local choir sang at our Christmas Family Service.
- We continue discussion with the Baptist Union over the transfer and continued use of the Beacon Road chapel.
- In April we will be hosting a free barn dance of the community at the Parish Centre.

### **Hatch Grange WI – Lynda Charlesworth**

- Hatch Grange and the Women's Institute as a whole, have had a year of Anniversaries. Last year was Hampshire Federations Centenary and all the local WI's took over Eastleigh Recreation ground on a sunny day last May with stalls, choirs, bands and local dignitaries enjoying a fun filled celebration.
- I took over as President in June and promptly dressed up in a Kaftan with some of our member to take part in the West End Carnival.
- We have also visited the 'Poppy Factory' in Richmond and heard all about the start of the factory and the work they do for ex-servicemen all over the country. We enjoy being part of the community of West End and like to take part in the Remembrance Service every November.
- We had fun making items for St. James's Church Christmas Tree in December, which again involved an anniversary as the theme as 2018 was the centenary of women getting the vote.
- The WI has its own charitable causes. One of our members, who was brought up in Zimbabwe, went back there recently to visit family. We provided money and small items for her to take in support of the schools projects she is involved with.
- Hatch Grange WI sends items to the Premature Baby Unit in Princess Anne Maternity Hospital. We also collect toiletries for women's refuges and safe houses, amongst other causes.
- Next Year with see our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for which we are planning some extra activities. We still have some founder members who come along and it is a tribute to them that we keep up the work of bringing women together in a sociable, educational and charitable way.

The following organisations had applied for a grant but did not wish to give a report:

- **Friends of West End Copse**
- **St. James Church Stay & Play**
- **West End Pre-school.**

### **School Governors**

#### **St James Church of England Primary School**

The following report was received from Mrs Marsh, Head teacher and read out by Cllr Gomer.

- The past year has been a busy time for everyone at Saint James Primary School. There have been numerous changes during the year with a clear focus on raising standards, building community links and developing as a church school.
- We have continued to develop as a church school since our successful Church School Inspection (SIAMS). Our Christian Values 'Love, Respect and Courage' form the basis of our behaviour policy. Our links to St James' Church are very important to us and we celebrate Harvest, Christmas and Easter through services held at the church which are led by the children. We are also fortunate enough to have Reverend Linda Galvin working with us one day a week as our School Chaplain.
- We have devoted much staff training time to the latest methods and strategies for teaching English and Maths. We have also been developing our wider curriculum to offer children engaging and meaningful opportunities in other subject areas. Saint James also offer opportunities such as swimming at Wildern, 'Listen to Me' music, outreach music, bike training, specialist sports teaching and residential weeks for both Years 4 and 6. A favorite annual event is 'Arts week' where specialists are invited in to work with the children on creative projects.

- OFSTED inspected the school in November 2018 and we were pleased to be judged ‘Good with outstanding areas’. OFSTED noted that leaders have worked hard to drive improvement, that Teachers and Teaching Assistants meet pupils’ needs well, and that Governors support and challenge the school effectively. It was reported that pupils achieve well in all subjects, that their behaviour is outstanding and that pupils embody the school values of ‘love, respect and courage’.
- We have continued to be involved with our local community. A team of parents, grandparents and other members of the community come in regularly to hear children read and to help in the classrooms. We also have an enthusiastic group of volunteers who run a knitting club. Our school Choir sang at the church at Christmas and have visited other places in the community such as Sunnycroft Care Home. SJSA (Saint James School Association) organise events which benefit the children and we are grateful for their hard work as the money raised provides essential funds for the children. Inconsiderate parking around schools is often an issue for the community. We have developed our ‘drive-through’ with signage and floor markings, enabling parents to drop children off within the school grounds. We have provided additional storage for bikes and scooters and have a team of Junior Road Safety Officers who help us to develop our School Travel Plan.
- We are on an exciting journey to become more eco-friendly. A team of children formed a committee called ‘Eco Schools’ and worked hard to achieve Bronze Award. The children have made a noticeable impact around school with their ideas and actions. They have many plans for the coming months, including ‘waste-free lunch’, ‘switch-off fortnight’, and ‘The Big Pedal’ where children will be encouraging everyone to cycle or scoot to school.
- Our building project was completed in September 2018. This provides seven classrooms, group working areas and a planning room for staff. In addition to the classroom block, we also now have a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) and a significant hall extension. The new building has transformed our school and we are delighted with the end result. We would like to thank the Parish Council and members of the community for the support they have shown us during this period.

## **8. REPORT FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

### **Borough Councillor’s Report – Cllr. C Boulton**

- I am standing down at this Borough Election in May, after 16 years on Eastleigh Borough Council. When I was re-elected last year it was an “all up” election instead of the usual three or four candidates up for election in one year. Like a General Election we all had to fight for our “patch” but in order to return to the usual system, the person with next highest (second number of votes) to the Candidate who shared their Ward has to fight another election the following year.
- I have served West End as a Borough Councillor as well as being a Parish Councillor for over 20 years. In addition to this I was elected to the County Council in 2001.
- I managed to serve on both County and Borough for 4 years but in 2006 I stood down from EBC as personal and work commitments meant that I simply didn’t have enough time. However, I was persuaded back to EBC in 2015 as what our Leader called a “Retread”. So, from my first election in 1994 to the present day I have been your serving Councillor in one capacity or another. I have been very proud to serve West End. Despite huge changes West End is still “our village” and long may it remain so. I hope to continue to be a Parish Councillor and to represent West End residents for as long as they wish me to.

### **Hedge End, West End and Botley Local Area Committee – Cllr C Garton**

- This has been my first year as the Chair of the Hedge End, West End and Botley Local Area Committee. I have thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the key decisions for the local area and also meeting and supporting people from local organisations and working with local.
- **HEDGE END** - The Woodhouse Lane application is extremely significant for Hedge End. The building of a secondary school (Deer Park School) is desperately needed and subject to final approval from councillors. Wildern Academy Trust will be managing the school. The Committee has approved planning permission for a replacement pool roof and spectator seating at Wildern School. The purchase of the former Budgens site meant that the car park could be re-opened and the Park and Stride scheme re-launched. The Sunday Hill's Bypass has been open for a few months. These works were part of the planning agreement for Boorley Park. The Committee has agreed to projects to increase parking in Ratcliffe Road; a road widening scheme in Waterbeech Drive; a dropped kerb in Downscroft Gardens, and the replace the boardwalk at the back of Berrywood School. In partnership with Hedge End Town Council we have jointly funded new play equipment at Dowd's Farm and building improvements at the old school house, known locally as HEYCA. We also provide match funding for the Teenage Drop in Centre (TADIC).
- **WEST END** - Hatch Farm has been the largest new housing development in West End this year. Disruption should be minimal now and the benefits of the site can start to be realised in terms of much needed affordable housing and community projects. New signage and rebranding at Itchen Valley Country Park has been well received. New play trails have been introduced and proved to be an instant hit with children and their parents. In the summer holidays we were pleased to provide a new interactive play area inside the Highwood Barn. The Barn also benefitted from a new kitchen and café. The Country Park also achieved the Green Flag standard for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Other major projects in West End such include the Mill Gardens Play area, and the public toilets near to the Parish Council. The Ageas Bowl is another major focus of our work which hosted a test match this year. Traffic management arrangements worked well and complaints were at a record low. Hilldene Community Centre has been given some funding to improve their car park. We have also been working with West End Parish Council on 2 public art projects. The first is for the former Moorgreen Hospital site and the second project involves replacing the current "Welcome to West End" signage.
- **BOTLEY** - The focus of much of the Committee's work has been in Boorley Green. The site is developing with over 260 homes now occupied. The community centre and sports pavilion will be open later this year. These facilities along with the allotments, sports pitches and the Multi Use Games Area will be managed by Botley Parish Council. The Boorley Park Primary School is also part of this development and will be managed by the Wildern Academy Trust. The Boorley Green Public Art project is also underway, with a public consultation held in October. Other significant planning applications have been the waste water treatment plant at the Boorley Gardens site and the Land North and East of Winchester Street for up to 375 homes. We also had an application from Sparshatts for improvements to parking, deliveries and landscaping on Brook Lane. We continue to work with the Parish Council on planning matters.
- **ACROSS HEWEB** - Decisions about the allocation of Committee resources are based on local need. Larger projects are prioritised and these form part of the Committee's Community Investment Programme. There is a long list of expenditure for on-going issues approved by the Committee. These include litter bins; tree works; flower towers in the village centres; protection of grass verges; fly tipping; traffic regulation orders; speed limit reminders; roundabout landscaping; street name

plates and Parksport. We have also raised issues with the appropriate authorities on behalf of our residents such as the new Maypole Roundabout and we work with other bodies e.g. the Environment Agency and Southern Water to help resolve the impact of flooding in Hedge End.

- On behalf of the Committee, I would like to acknowledge the support that we receive from our partners, staff, local organisations and volunteers. Looking to the future, our new local area action plan highlights our priorities including maximising the community benefits from the major housing developments. We will shortly commence consultation on the uses of Barnsland Recreation Ground and the skate park project for West End; finalise agreement for Woodhouse Lane to secure community use and ensure with Botley Parish Council that Boorley Park's community facilities are ready for use later this year. Furthermore we will deliver improvements at Itchen Valley Country Park and continue to strengthen the HEWEB Youth Partnership.

**9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions raised.

**10. PARTICIPATORY BUDGET - ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS**

154 voting slips were received, with a percentage of the total sum available (£3000) awarded to each group based on the average award which the voters gave to each group. A breakdown of the individual votes is available in the Parish office. Cllr Asman presented each cheque as follows:-

<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
MENCAP	<b>£242</b>
HILLDENE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	<b>£252</b>
ST JAMES WEST END LUNCH CLUB	<b>£265</b>
ST JAMES CHURCH STAY & PLAY TODDLER GROUP	<b>£115</b>
WEST END LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY	<b>£232</b>
FRIENDS OF WEST END COPSE	<b>£257</b>
WEST END PRE-SCHOOL	<b>£238</b>
ST JAMES' SCHOOL ASSOCIATION	<b>£268</b>
HATCH GRANGE WI	<b>£188</b>
HANNAH CHAMBERLAIN FOUNDATION	<b>£192</b>
BRENDON CARE	<b>£264</b>
10 <sup>TH</sup> ITCHEN NORTH SCOUT GROUP	<b>£248</b>
WEGGA	<b>£237</b>

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.56p.m.**