

‘smoke free signage’ in play areas is a statutory requirement and enforceable. No response has been received to date.

173/19/REC CORRESPONDENCE

1. Public Art Meeting – The artist undertaking the commission provided the Public Art Steering Group with an illustration of his proposed artwork. This showed that the last 2 panels will represent nursing.
2. Welcome to West End signs. Cllr Asman reported that EBC is waiting to hear back from Hampshire County Council regarding the details of the replacement of the signs.
3. Email received from a resident of Elm Garden Gardens requesting permission from the Parish Council to reduce the height of trees on Parish Council land as they are blocking the satellite signal. The resident will be advised to contact our arboriculturalist directly. The resident will pay for the work and will accept full responsibility. The Head Groundsman will ask the arboriculturalist to advise on this issue prior to the next meeting. Care needs to be taken when agreeing to such work as it could set a precedent for other residents. It was agreed to wait until the arboriculturalist has given his report before making a final decision.
4. Email received from RoSPA. Annual inspections of the play areas will be carried out in May at a cost of £95.00 + VAT for each site. There are six sites in total.
5. Letter received from the Rural Payments Agency advising that the 2017 & 2018 Environmental Stewardship (ES) claims are still being processed. They have apologised for the delay and payment is expected by the end of July.
6. Complaint received from a resident regarding dog fouling outside a property running a business from home in Chapel Road. This has been reported to Eastleigh Borough Council’s Environmental Health and to the Animal Welfare Officer. Arrangements have been made by EBC to visit the property and speak to the owner of the business. Temporary Dog Fouling signs will also be erected. This will go onto EBC’s waiting list.
7. Telephone call received from a resident of Romill Close requesting that a small excavator be allowed across WEPC land at the end of Upmill close, so that he may access the rear of his garden (the side entrance from his property is too narrow). The work is expected to take one day. Concern was expressed that this request will be the first of several such requests and that damage to the existing hedge running along the border of the property is likely. The Council agreed not to grant this request.

Cricket word cup

Nothing to report.

174/19/REC EVENTS FOR 2019

Commonwealth Day – Raising the Flag. This took place on Monday 11th March at 10am. Approximately 20 children from St James School attended the event. We received very positive feedback from the Teacher’s involved and the children also enjoyed themselves.

West End Carnival. This is due to take place on Saturday 15th June, 2019. An approval letter has been received from EBC authorising temporary road closures. A bunting licence is to be submitted and a Street Collection licence is still outstanding. Cllr MacDonald indicated that funds are available for the extra bunting.

Senior citizens afternoon Tea Party. This is due to take place on Friday 26th July, 2019 and will cost £2 per person.

Remembrance Day. This is due to take place on Sunday 10th November, 2019.

Turning on the Christmas Lights. This is due to take place on Friday 29th November, 2019. The Singing Jukebox is to be booked.

Children’s Panto. A date and time of Friday 13th December 2019 at 5-7pm was agreed by the Council. The cost will be £3 per child.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party. This is due to take place on Monday 16th December, 2019 at a cost of £2 per person.

Entertainment has been provisionally booked for the following events. The charges associated with this are:

Event Date	Fee
Summer Tea Party Friday 26 th July 2-4:30pm	£185.00
T.O.L. Friday 29 th November 6-7:30pm	£130.00
Christmas Tea Party Monday 16 th December 2-4:30pm	£185.00
TOTAL	£500

Councillor Asman proposed and Councillor Boulton seconded to agree the expenditure of the above entertainment costs. The Committee agreed unanimously.

Celebration of the Scouting Movement. This was a very successfully evening at Hatch Grange, commemorating 90 years of Scouting. Daniel Wiseman was presented with the prestigious Award for Merit, for services to Scouting.

175/19/REC BARNSLAND/HATCH FARM

Hatch Farm Working Group
Nothing new to report.

176/19/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN/QUOB GREEN/WEST END COPSE

HATCH GRANGE

1. A tree survey took place on 13th March, 2019. Awaiting the report.
2. Ground staff have cleared an area along the footpath in Centenary Copse, where a fire was lit over the weekend. The fire residue suggests a bundle of newspapers from Asda was used to fuel the fire. As the fire was on the path there was no damage.

SINC Area. A resident contacted Cllr Coles to ask why there isn't adequate fencing surrounding the cow field. The Chair reported that this has been investigated previously but not deemed financially viable and detrimental to wildlife.

Staff car park to the rear of workshop. The application for this has been extended until 29th March to enable the submission of a more detailed 'Planting Plan'

FoHG. This was an extremely successful work morning with over 30 bags of bamboo removed from land adjacent to cow fields. Although this was a great project it did take the grounds staff several days to burn the bamboo.

MEGAN GREEN

Wednesday Volunteer Group

Nothing new to report.

N.I.C.E

Nothing new to report.

QUOB GREEN

Nothing new to report.

WEST END COPSE

A large tree has come down recently. The fallen tree is away from the main path but still considered dangerous as it could fall further. An arboriculturalist is due to come out on Friday 22nd March 2019 to undertake the clearance work. The wood will be stacked in the copse. Cllr Coles asked about potential donations in exchange for the wood. The Head Groundsman indicated that this is done on occasion, if there sufficient time to chop the wood into a manageable size, with the donations going to charity. There is also merit in leaving some wood at the site of the felled tree, for environmental reasons.

FOWEC

Nothing to report.

177/19/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND

Tennis court

Nothing new to report.

178/19/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS

Chartwell Green

Email received from a local resident requesting further fencing be removed along the perimeter of the open space, as existing gaps have been filled with unauthorised netting/fencing. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that this would be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

Chartwell Copse

Email received from a resident of Gatcombe Gardens, reporting a fallen tree to the rear of their property. The Head Groundsman visited the site and arrangements made for the arboriculturalist to remove the tree. Work has now been completed.

Upmill Play Area. A telephone call was received from a resident of Upmill Close expressing their disappointment with the quality of the play equipment and asking if the council have any plans to upgrade the equipment. Unfortunately there is no money into the reserve this year for play equipment (a double swing costs about £10k). The resident will be advised that the issue is formally under review and will be looked at in the future when funds are available.

Townhill Farm Play Area

Nothing new to report.

179/19/REC WEST END FOOTBALL FACILITY

The Council were asked for their agreement to a request by Eastleigh Football Club's Junior Girls teams to train at Cutbush on a Monday and Tuesday evening from the beginning of June 2019. The same team trained at this site last year, with no issues reported. The Council unanimously agreed to this request.

The Head Groundsman reported that there has been an incidence of motor cross bikes being driven onto the football pitches, having gained access to the site through the hedges. Minimal damage to the pitches was reported. The Head Groundsman will put some wire fencing in place to prevent future incursions.

180/19/REC WEST END CEMETERY/BURIAL GROUND

Burial Ground

Ongoing strimming and clearing to the site.

Cemetery

Nothing new to report.

Garden of Reflection

The Head Groundsman reported that trees are due to be planted within this site. Cllr Asman asked if the site can be used. The Head Groundsman responded that there is no reason that the site cannot be used but will be more aesthetically pleasing once the trees are in place.

181/19/REC ALLOTMENTS

- There is currently 1 x half plot available
- Southern Water are due to replace the faulty water meter, the date of which is still to be advised.
- Cllr Asman has made enquiries to EBC regarding the reuse of waste bins returned to the council. EBC can provide these free to allotment holders for use as water butts. Cllr Asman has asked Hedge End depot if any such bins are available and will report back at the next meeting.
- An email has been received from WEGAA requesting a skip. Allotment holders have a contractual obligation to manage the removal of their own rubbish, with green waste composted and anything larger to be taken away from the site. Concern was expressed that non-allotment rubbish could end up in a skip. The Council agreed to refuse this request and a letter will be sent to WEGAA informing them of this decision. The Council has no issue with WEGAA funding their own skip on the site.
- The Head Groundsman reported an increase in the number of tyres being used on the site, with one plot containing 48 tyres. Cllr Boulton advised that tyres are polluting to the soil and their use should therefore not be encouraged. The Council unanimously agreed that the following text be used to support the gradual phasing out of the tyres:-

“Tenants who already use rubber tyres are asked to expect their eventual removal and are advised that existing tyres are only to be used as plant containers and/or to hold down ground cover. No additional tyres are to be brought into the allotment garden due to the environmental impact. Plot holders should consider suitable alternatives”

- The Council were asked to agree to changes to wording regarding dogs on the allotment site. The current tenancy agreement states that no dogs be allowed but some leniency has been applied to date. Unfortunately there has lately been some abuse of this leniency, with one holder regularly having 4 dogs on their allotment. The Council unanimously agreed to the following changes to the wording:

“A single dog per allotment will be permitted. This dog must be held or tethered on a lead at all times and must not be allowed to stray onto other plots. Any fouling must be picked up and disposed of off-site. Any disruptive behaviour could result in the forfeit of your allotment”

- The Head Groundsman is due to undertake an allotment inspection next week and will check for signs of dogs.

182/19/REC THE YOUTHOUSE

Report received from Youth Leader and noted.

183/19/REC GROUNDS EQUIPMENT

The Head Groundsman has obtained quotes for a replacement ride-on-mower. In his opinion, the current mowers have approximately one more years' worth of use. The current quote received is as follows:

Model	Lease Cost
Shaft Driven 1.6 Metre Flail Deck	1 + 35 Monthly payments of £460.93 + VAT
Shaft Driven 60" Rear Discharge Deck	1 + 35 Monthly payments of £436.60 + VAT

In addition to the above, a service plan can be purchased at an annual cost of £387.74 +VAT per machine. Cllr Turl requested that further quotations be requested in order that adequate comparisons be made in terms of cost and quality. Cllr Boulton asked if the new mowers have to be diesel. The Head Groundsman did not know of any alternative petrol mowers but will look into it with further quotations. Money for the replacement mowers is to be included in the next budget.

184/19/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17th April 2019.

The meeting closed at 8:27p.m.

**‘APPENDIX I’ TO MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2019**