

WEST END PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT THE PARISH CENTRE, CHAPEL ROAD, WEST END COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM

PRESENT: **Councillors: D Clarke (Chairman)**
 J Asman
 C Boulton
 R MacDonald
 S Turl

In attendance: **Mrs L Cooke Parish Clerk**
 Mr S Mockford Deputy Clerk
 Mr S Adams Head Groundsman

Members of the Public: **Mr & Mrs Clay, J Davies & Bootclub Members**

098/17/REC APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Davis. Councillor Bates was absent from the meeting.

099/17/REC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare interests in relation to items of business on the agenda.

Councillor Turl is the Chair of Moorgreen Road Residents Association. Councillor Asman's husband is an allotment holder.

100/17/REC MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER 2017

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th October were accepted as a true record and signed by The Chairman.

101/17/REC MATTERS ARISING

As previously discussed, the Clerk was made aware of an exercise 'boot class' using the Moorgreen Recreation Ground and multi-use games area (MUGA) without consent from the Parish Council. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed not to permit a fitness boot camp to use this area. **Ref: 090/17/REC;** October's Recreation and Environment Committee Meeting minutes.

Since the decision, boot class members' have emailed Councillor Turl directly, expressing their disappointment with the decision.

The fitness instructor, Ms. J. Davies and members' of the boot class were present at the meeting.

A detailed discussion was held, Councillor Clarke commented; public money is spent maintaining the Moorgreen Recreation area. The Parish Council takes good care of people and public money and the Parish has turned down these types of requests in the past, there has to be a 'blanket rule' throughout the Parish.

Councillor MacDonald put forward a proposal to use the tennis court area, with a provision that any kettle bells or similar equipment is used on mats around the tennis court surface.

Councillor Turl commented that the Parish is trying to compromise and not just simply trying to stop these types of activities.

Councillor MacDonald proposed and Councillor Turl seconded, subject to a contract agreement; to permit the fitness class to use the tennis court for their boot class sessions. The Committee agreed unanimously.

The Parish Christmas tree was delivered on Friday 10th November.

All Matters Arising will be dealt under agenda headings.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Email received from a "young citizen of West End" requesting additional football goals in West End. They are concerned due to the Moorgreen Hospital development, the existing football goals on the Moorgreen Recreation Ground will be busier and more difficult to play on.

A discussion was held and the Chairman suggested to respond to the resident and highlight other areas in West End that have goals, such as Barnsland. Councillor Boulton suggested to ask the resident for recommendations on areas where football goals would be suitable.

A Teacher at Gregg's School has emailed Councillor Tennant regarding the feasibility of a '5k park run' around the football pitches at Cutbush lane. This has been previously discussed and turned down by the Recreation & Environment Committee during September's meeting. **Ref: 068/17/REC.**

The Teacher commented that the land owners of Marhill Copse have refused permission to have a park run through the copse area.

Mr. Adams confirmed that the ground along the perimeter of the football pitches is not suitable to hold this type of event due to drainage concerns. A discuss was held, Councillor Clarke commented alternative sites may be more suitable for a park run and suggested the Teacher to contact the Ageas Bowl. Mr. Mockford advised the committee he would be attending the Ageas Bowl Liaison Panel Meeting on Thursday 16th November and would bring this subject up during the meeting.

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EVENTS FOR 2017/18

Remembrance Day – Sunday 12th November: A very successful event. Councillor Turl has sent an email thanking all staff and volunteers that helped out during the event.

Turning on the Christmas Lights – Friday 24th November, 2017: ‘Ukebox Glory’ has emailed confirming attendance for the evening. They have asked for a charitable donation. 6 new replacements lights have been purchased.

The Youth Leader will be organising the YoutHouse children to make wooden reindeers with Mr. Adams’ in the Workshop to sell around the festive period; to raise funds for a new kitchen at the YoutHouse. No costs involved – all wood to be sourced from fallen twigs and branches in Hatch Grange.

Christmas Lights are currently being put up along the High Street.

The Mayor of Eastleigh has been invited – no confirmation of attendance to date.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party – Monday 18th December, 2017: Human Jukebox – confirmed booking. Councillor Turl commented that a ‘get up and dance’ session should be added to the itinerary - based on feedback from last year’s event.

Children’s pantomime – Friday 22nd December: Hurricane Promotions Ltd confirmed booking. Performance at 10am, Aladdin.

Tickets for both the Senior Citizen’s Party and Pantomime are now available from the Parish office.

Flying the Flag for the Commonwealth – Monday 12th March, 2018: Invitations to be sent to St. James School.

Carnival – Saturday 16th June, 2018. Theme to be confirmed.

Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea Party 2018, date to be confirmed.

YoutHouse Community Games 2018, date to be confirmed.

WW1 A Nations Tribute – Beacon Lighting Ceremony 11th November 2018 at 7pm: Councillor MacDonald suggested WW1 poetry to be read out prior to the lighting of the beacon and Councillor Mortimer suggested a talk to be held by the older generation in the main hall after the beacon is lit.

Mr. Mockford advised the committee a reprint of 100 copies of the ‘Men Who Marched Away’ would be £1,200. Councillor Clarke advised Mr. Mockford to contact Councillor Tenant and Councillor Craig and ask for £600 each, from their devolved budget from Hampshire County Council.

The next Events Sub-committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th January, 2018 at 6.15pm: All Councillors are invited to attend.

Tree Complaints since the last Recreation & Environment meeting

LOCATION	NO. OF COMPLAINTS
Barbe Baker Avenue	0
Barnsland	0
Chartwell Green	4
Hatch Grange	1
Upmill Close	0

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BARNSLAND

Nothing new to report.

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HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN/QUOB GREEN/WEST END COPSE

Hatch Grange

As previously discussed – the planning application for a staff car park to the rear of the Workshop has now been submitted.

Groundstaff have repainted the two disable bays in the parish Centre car park and have scheduled to repaint the rest of the car park on the 28th and 29th December.

Play Area – Replacement parts for the multi-play toddler apparatus have been ordered.

SINC Area – Cows removed from the meadow on Friday 29th November. ‘Thank you’ signs have been put up at the entrances to the meadow and lower field.

FOHG – Looking into the possibility of creating a sculpture/carving out of the dying oak tree.

Natural England Stewardship Scheme – Nothing new to report.

Megan Green – Nothing new to report.

Wednesday Volunteer Group – Date TBA.

Quob Green – Nothing new to report.

West End Copse – Tree surgeon has completed scheduled works to the tree line of Monnow Gardens.

Mr. Mockford and Mr. Adams met with a resident of Monnow Gardens who is unhappy that work has now been completed and feels that work still needs to be carried out on the tree behind his property. A copy of the tree policy was provided.

Ongoing tree work behind houses bordering the copse.

Small Grants Scheme – As previously discussed - application to be submitted to improve the pathways.

FoWEC – Nothing new to report. Councillor Hellier is interested in volunteering.

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MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND

As previously discussed - regarding the unauthorised installation of a footway along Moorgreen Road. A further meeting is to be held with Hampshire County Council, Eastleigh Borough Council and West End Parish Council – date to be advised.

The Clerk has sent a letter to Mr. David Lawrence of Barratt Homes regarding the erection of replacement fencing along this strip of land. Temporary Harris fencing has been agreed to be erected.

Following complaint from resident - footpath adjacent to tennis court issue with flooding and drainage, trying to establish responsibility – ongoing.

Tennis Court: Mr. Mockford commented that he is in discussion with Jem Tennis regarding spring/summer programmes for the New Year.

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TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS

Chartwell Green – As previously discussed; the new play area consultation leaflets have been delivered to all residents of Harbourne Gardens, Duddon Close and Horne Close. Mr. Mockford is in the process of collating responses.

Chartwell Copse – Nothing new to report.

Upmill Play Area – Existing piece of play equipment damaged – needs replacing. Deputy Clerk to obtain quotes.

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WEST END FOOTBALL FACILITY

- Ash tree has now been removed by S.C.C. stump remaining. The issue of responsibility on the strip of land is still ongoing and requires legal advice.
- Dog fouling continues to be a problem. W.E.P.C.'s dog fouling sign has been moved here.
- Groundstaff have repaired the fencing behind the Cutbush building.

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WEST END CEMETERY/BURIAL GROUND

Burial Ground

- Nothing new to report.

Cemetery

- Nothing new to report.

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ALLOTMENTS

- 6 available plots – 3 full size; 3 half plots
- Currently 2 people on the waiting list; would like specific plots.
- Good response from leaflet drop advertising allotment availability: Mill Gardens, Barrowfields Close and Noyce Court.

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GROUNDS EQUIPMENT

As previously agreed; the order for a new Ford Ranger has been placed. 3 month delivery time.

Mr. Adams in the process of obtaining quotes for a cut and collect mower.

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YOUTH CLUB

Youth Club report attached as 'Appendix I' to the minutes.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 20th December 2017

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

**'APPENDIX I' TO MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Youthouse Report – by Nikki Penny, Youth Leader

November 2017

“The Youth Club has now started its winter programme, young people can take part in biscuit decorating, wooden reindeer making, Christmas card making and Christmas jumper week.

We have tickets for the Mayflower Theatre to see the panto which is ‘Snow White’ this year and also our annual Christmas parties to look forward to.

Our new kitchen is now complete and all the users of the Youth Club are enjoying using it.

Steve Willis is back working with us and will be running a training session on Wednesday, 13th December for the newest members of staff.

Youth Club staff are also volunteering at St James’ School Fayre again this year in Santa’s Grotto.”