

WEST END PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2017 AT THE PARISH CENTRE, CHAPEL ROAD, WEST END COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM

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

In attendance: **Mrs L Cooke Parish Clerk**
 Mr S Adams Head Groundsman
 Four members of the Public

114/17/REC APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Councillors Bates and Boulton

115/17/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.

116/17/REC MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2017

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th November were accepted as a true record and signed by The Chairman.

117/17/REC MATTERS ARISING

Chartwell Green Play Area Consultation

The Deputy Clerk had collated the responses to the consultation and this document was tabled. 11 in favour (1 with concerns); 5 against and 2 comments.

The Chairman welcomed two residents of Harbourne Gardens who attended the meeting to discuss their concerns with the proposal to install play equipment.

Councillor Clarke outlined the history of the site and that it was saved from development for an open space for children to play. When it was devolved to the Parish Council from Eastleigh in 2010, dogs were allowed to use the area. However, in retrospect, dogs should have been banned before now.

The residents are very concerned that the installation of play equipment will cause antisocial behaviour and asked that the Council re-consider the location of this and suggested the south end of the site – nearer to Horne Close. The current proposed location is nearest to the most densely populated area of Chartwell.

Councillor Clarke disagreed that there would be antisocial behaviour as there was natural surveillance. The suggested alternative would not provide this.

Councillor MacDonald commented that the Council must learn from mistakes in the past and to minimise disruption to local residents with any new project. Councillor Turl agreed that the Council must ensure it is in the right position and this can be re-visited as the Council does not want to create problems.

Councillor Asman commented that the proposal is only to install a set of swings so this does need to be put in perspective.

Councillor Clarke gave a resume of previous antisocial issues in the area which are taken into account when looking at new projects. Natural surveillance is essential.

It was agreed that the Council anticipate that Chartwell Green will be used by young children and their families, and to keep the area dog free. It is hoped to achieve this without impacting the lives of local residents. Councillor Turl reiterated that consideration will be given again to the location of the play equipment and will keep the residents informed.

Moorgreen Recreation Ground

It was noted that the Friday morning bootcamp/fitness sessions will be starting in the New Year booking the tennis court for their base. The Deputy Clerk will be issuing terms and conditions of use.

118/17/REC CORRESPONDENCE

EBC E'news. It was noted that EBC's Street Cleansing Service was again declared Best Overall Performer by the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) at an awards ceremony in Blackpool. First won in 2011. 7 year run.

Mill Gardens play area – 'Vita Play' (number 4) won the play area tender. 74 votes in total – the winning design received 26 votes, runner up 19. Design to be tabled. EBC have confirmed Vita Play intend to start on site on Monday 5 March 2018, with an anticipated completion date of Friday 23 March 2018. These dates will be subject to suitable weather conditions.

e-mail received from EBC ref. West End Public Art Heritage Trail.

A Steering Group for the West End Heritage Trail Public Arts Projects is being set up by EBC and representatives from the Parish Council are invited to join this. The first meeting will be held in January 2018. Other members will be

the West End Local History Society and Barratts – as Moorgreen Hospital public artwork is part of the development. Councillor Tennent has suggested that local residents' associations should also be invited.

Councillors Asman and Tennent have agreed to join this Steering Group. After discussion it was agreed that Councillors Turl, MacDonald and a couple of members of staff should also be involved. The Clerk will contact EBC.

Email received from local resident regarding Litter in West End suggesting that everybody out walking be encouraged to pick up litter and expressing concern about the plastic in the sea and the legacy that we are all leaving. The Council welcomed any suggestions from residents and this will be included in the next newsletter.

Email received from HCC ref. Rights of Way Vegetation Priority Cutting List 2018. This confirms that only 5 footpaths in West End will be cut in 2018 and asking for the Council's priorities. It was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Head Groundsman and to respond to HCC. Councillor Turl requested that the details of the footpaths which will be cut are recorded in the minutes which will enable councillors to check that this work has been carried out.

Tree Complaints

Chairman has received complaints from residents of Telegraph Road ref. overgrown trees onto highway and particularly over power cables. Awaiting response from EBC tree officer who were notified on 29th November.

119/17/REC EVENTS FOR 2017/18

Senior Citizens Tea Party held on Monday 18th December was a great success. Thank you to all staff and Councillors for helping out and making it an enjoyable afternoon for everyone that attended. The raffle raised £162 and it was agreed that a donation will be made to the Mayor's Appeal.

Children's Panto this Friday 22nd December @ 10am.

Remaining events to be discussed during February's Recreation & Environment Events sub-committee meeting on Wednesday 21st February at 6.15 p.m..

120/17/REC BARNSLAND/HATCH FARM

The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail trail ref. a meeting of the Hatch Farm Residents' Association who have raised concerns with EBC regarding the Hatch Farm Development. The Committee noted the concerns and that EBC are dealing with this.

121/17/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN/QUOB GREEN/WEST END COPSE

Hatch Grange

Staff car park to the rear of workshop.

It was noted that the planning application has been submitted but EBC has now requested additional information which is currently being collated. The Groundstaff have repainted the two disabled bays in the Parish Centre car park and are scheduled to repaint the rest of the car park on 28th & 29th December. The Traid clothing bin has been removed and the salt bin has been relocated to create an additional car parking space.

Play Area

Replacement parts have been ordered for the Multi-play toddler apparatus, which is currently out of use.

SINC Area:

Email received from The Conservation Volunteers, thanking WEPC for the grant and offering additional work required with the pond project, or to help boost the membership of the Friends of Hatch Grange. The Committee suggested that they assist Friends of Hatch Grange. The Clerk will respond.

Friends of Hatch Grange

The group are 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 for next Work Day to be advised

Quob Green – Nothing new to report

West End Copse

The Tree Surgeon has completed scheduled works to the tree line at the rear of Monnow Gardens. As previously reported, the Head Groundsman and Deputy Clerk met with a resident of Monnow Gardens who was unhappy that work was not carried out on the tree behind their property and who had then contacted Councillor Asman to complain. The e-mail trail was tabled and the contents were noted.

The Clerk reported that the tree surgeons are scheduled to carry out further work in West End Copse on 9th February 2018.

Environment Agency has now replaced a missing culver drain cover.

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

Friends of West End Copse Councillor Hellier's appointment to FoWEC was agreed at full Council. Councillor Clarke confirmed that Councillor Hellier has now met with the Group.

122/17/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND

Moorgreen Road hedge

Temporary fencing now erected along Moorgreen Road as requested by the Parish Council. As reported to full Council, it has been agreed that the hedge will be reinstated and the crossing point has been relocated to a mutually agreeable position further along Moorgreen Road.

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

Tennis Court: Nothing new to report.

123/17/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS

Chartwell Green – Discussed earlier in the meeting under Matters Arising.

Chartwell Copse – Nothing new to report.

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

124/17/REC WEST END FOOTBALL FACILITY

The Committee noted the response received from SCC regarding the issue of responsibility on the strip of land next to the football pitches. Location map was tabled.

The Deputy Clerk is currently reviewing football charges for the season starting in September 2018/19 for discussion at the January meeting. West End is one of the lowest priced pitches in the area. Councillor Turl stated that it would be helpful to have comparative costs from other parishes when discussing annual increases.

Councillors were asked if they have any ideas to increase revenue at Cutbush. Would one off games be an option? The facility was booked recently to hold a UK National Cup game between Hampshire Fire Brigade and London Fire Brigade. It was noted that a one-off match agreement and booking form would be required and it was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Councillor Clarke reported that a local Archery Club are looking for a new venue and suggested that they be contacted so see if Cutbush would be suitable for them.

125/17/REC WEST END CEMETERY/BURIAL GROUND

Burial Ground - Strimming and clearing site – ongoing

Cemetery

Request received to scatter ashes at the Cemetery which is currently not permitted. The Clerk reported that other Parish Councils allow this and suggested that perhaps this could be considered. It was agreed to consider the feasibility of this and to look at relevant legislation. To discuss further at next meeting.

126/17/REC ALLOTMENTS

- 4 available plots – 3 full size; 1 half plot
- Currently 2 people on the waiting list; would like specific plots.
- Water supply has been turned off for the winter period
- No issues with the chickens.

127/17/REC GROUNDS EQUIPMENT

One member of the grounds team to attend hedge cutter training in February.

A sum of £1,300-£1,400 plus VAT has been offered for the Isuzu which will be sold when the leased vehicle arrives. The Committee agreed this was fair offer.

128/17/REC YOUTH CLUB

No written report received this month as Youth Club are very busy with Christmas activities. In the New Year, the Youth Workers will be focussing on the 'Empowering Young Women' project to be held at the beginning of March.

129/17/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 17th January 2018

A meeting of Eastleigh District Association of Local Councils has been arranged for 17th January at 7.15 p.m. at West End Parish Centre which members of the Committee wish to attend. Therefore the Recreation and Environment meeting will commence at 6.15 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

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