

WEST END PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY 2018 AT THE PARISH CENTRE, CHAPEL ROAD, WEST END COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM

PRESENT: **Councillors: R MacDonald**
 C Boulton
 J Asman
 S Turl
 J Goguel

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Committee and his first as Chairman.

024/18/REC APOLOGIES

No apologies. All members present.

025/18/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.

026/18/REC MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18TH APRIL 2018

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

027/18/REC MATTERS ARISING

EBC Public Art – West End Heritage Trail

Further to the discussion at the last meeting, a copy of the amended West End Heritage Trail had been circulated to all Councillors. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Committee are happy with the document but that the EBC Public Art Officer has asked that the Parish Council prioritise the location and proposed art work of the remaining suggestions for the Heritage

Trail. It was agreed that Committee members will bring forward their priorities at the next meeting. It was noted that Committees had previously looked at this prior to the amendments to the Heritage Trail document and these comments will also be brought to the next meeting.

026/18/REC CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email received from St James Church regarding the Christmas Tree Festival – WELHS have already chosen ‘West End Through The Ages’ as their theme. Councillor Turl stated that the Council were doing ‘West End Parish Council through the Ages’, not West End.
2. Email received regarding The Ageas Bowl hosting 5 matches during next year’s Cricket World Cup in June:

Wednesday 5 th June 2019	South Africa vs India
Monday 10 th June 2019	South Africa vs West Indies
Friday 14 th June 2019	England vs West Indies
Saturday 22 nd June 2019	India vs Bangladesh
Monday 24 th June 2019	Bangladesh vs Afghanistan

Julia Birt, HEWEB Local Area Manager has recently met with the Ageas Bowl who are obviously very thrilled to host the Cricket World Cup next year and wondered if the Parish Council can suggest any ways to promote this event in a positive way so West End residents can benefit, be involved and not be inconvenienced.

Councillor Turl stated that there are many ways the Ageas Bowl can mitigate against the impact these matches will have for West End residents. They can produce a specific leaflet and include a residents’ offer, something they haven’t done for a few years. At the Liaison Panel meeting, the Ageas Bowl suggested calling a specific meeting with West End Parish Council to discuss this. It was agreed that this should be called as soon as possible in order that the Parish Council has an input into the event plan. The Clerk will contact Mrs. Birt.

This prompted a discussion on recent e-mail correspondence from residents of the Pavilions development at Moorgreen Hospital who are complaining about parking issues.

3. Councillors Asman and Boulton referred to correspondence they have received from residents of Littlewood Gardens who are concerned about the rat problems on the footpath to the rear of their properties and wondered if the Parish Council staff would have any advice for the residents. This footpath is a HCC Right of Way Footpath No. 505. However, neither HCC or EBC have been forthcoming to help with the issue. It was noted that this is not a Parish Council responsibility although advice could be given to the residents to ensure that there are no food sources or composting that will attract rats; purchase bait boxes etc. EBC do offer a service but there is a

cost for this. It was also suggested that they could form a residents' association and work together to deal with the problem.

027/18/REC EVENTS FOR 2018

West End Carnival – Saturday 16th June, 2018
60/70/80's music theme.

The Chairman reported that the Carnival Brochure has now been received ready for distribution. The road closure order and event plan are being processed by EBC.

Remembrance Day – Sunday 11th November, 2018

Morning service as usual – p.a. system has been booked.

As previously discussed, there are 12 names of the fallen missing from WW1 at the cenotaph – suggestions for location of an additional plaque include:

- Metal plaque fixed to the railings with all 47 names engraved. With hooks either side for the wreaths to be suspended on
- Additional memorial stone positioned next to existing - with the missing 12 names engraved.

After discussion it was agreed to get costings for an additional memorial stone.

Councillor Turl asked if there was any way to secure the wreaths as they are laid. It was very windy last year and the wreaths were blowing around. The ground staff will look at options for this.

Other Events

The Committee briefly discussed other events planned for the year which will be discussed in more detail at subsequent meetings.

028/18/REC BARNSLAND/HATCH FARM

Email received from resident of Barnsland asking when the grass will be cut. The Head Groundman confirmed that this has now been done but Barnsland is normally the last area to be cut as it is so wet during the winter.

The Clerk referred to the suggestion of the HEWEB Local Area Manager to set up a Working Party of Councillors and local residents to discuss the Hatch Farm Development. This had previously been discussed by the Planning & Highways Committee. It was unanimously agreed that this would be a good idea to liaise with the residents. The Clerk will contact Mrs. Birt.

029/18/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN/QUOB GREEN/WEST END COPSE

HATCH GRANGE

Staff car park to the rear of workshop.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the local architect is now working on the plans

Car Park flooding

As previously discussed – Paul Froud to improve soak away from the parish car park. Still waiting for date to be confirmed.

SINC Area/Natural England Stewardship Scheme

E-mail received from Grazier. He has completed the HLS Natural England Claim form on behalf of the Council. Unfortunately TB has affected all of his cattle and therefore under restrictions. He has suggested that an alternative grazier is used this year. Ashley Simmonds would graze Hereford/Friesian cross cattle, young yearlings, from June until September. After discussion, the Committee agreed unanimously to use an alternative grazier this year but under the same terms and conditions. It was agreed that signage with contact details is imperative. The Deputy Clerk will erect signage this week to advise residents that the area will be grazed from June.

Friends of Hatch Grange

The Chairman reported that volunteers from N.I.C.E. have removed the epicormic growth from the Lime trees and the Wednesday Volunteer Group have spent two days improving the paths; and working on the stream between Megan Green/Hatch Grange.

Email received from a local family whose parents lived adjacent to Hatch Grange for 60 years and they would like to buy a bench to be installed in Hatch Grange as a memorial. The Head Groundsman commented that there are two benches which need to be replaced. The Committee agreed to this request provided that the specification for the benches is met and it was agreed that the Head Groundsman will meet with the family to discuss further.

Oak Tree on Hatch Grange

Steve Adam has met with the Sculptor and discussed carving options, possibly a ‘story board’ of West End. Treemenders have prepared the tree for this work.

E-mail received from local resident expressing concern that the work carried out to remove the limbs from the dead Oak tree was disturbing bats – he had previously seen a Noctule bat in the vicinity. He has advised that the Parish Council install appropriate Bat boxes nearby and also have the tree checked prior to the sculpture being done.

It was agreed to contact the Sculptor to ascertain when he intends to carry out the work. He has indicated that he could do this in June, and then seek further advice regarding the possible presence of bats.

MEGAN GREEN Nothing new to report

QUOB GREEN

Tree survey carried out and identified works being carried out on 17th May

WEST END COPSE

Tree survey carried out and identified works being carried out on 17th May. An grant application to upgrade the paths will be made to the HCC Small Grants Scheme in due course.

Friends of West End Copse. Workday held on Saturday 12th May, members identified a dangerous tree which will be dealt with during the visit by Treemenders on 17th May.

030/18/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND

Tennis Court

Bookings increasing steadily now the weather has improved

The Clerk reported that a local builder is currently parking in Moorgreen Recreation Ground whilst working on a property in Chapel Road in order to alleviate the problems if he parked on the road. He has agreed to make a donation to the Youth Club for using the facility.

031/18/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, members of the Committee had met at Chartwell Green/Chartwell Copse.

Chartwell Green

The Committee visited the site to consider complaints received. It was agreed that Chartwell Green should be a dog free, child friendly and safe area for children. The location of the play equipment for young children was also considered and that it should be at the widest point, very visible and the furthest location from most houses. The provision of this is dependent on securing a grant.

Chartwell Copse

Due to the complaints from dog walkers, the Head Groundsman had suggested that Chartwell Copse be designated a specific dog walking area. Members of the Committee were very impressed with this idea. It was agreed that additional signage and dog bins would be required. The grounds staff will clear a path to provide a trail through the Copse for dog walkers to follow.

Upmill Play Area

Nothing new to report.

032/18/REC WEST END FOOTBALL FACILITY

It was reported that Eastleigh Football Club are very pleased with the facilities at Cutbush Lane and wish to increase their training sessions in June from 2 per week to 4 per week. The Groundstaff have considered the implications of this

and agreed that if Eastleigh Football Club don't use the specific areas that they may be working on during the summer, they would be happy to see how it goes this year. Having organised training on the site will prohibit others using the site without permission as has occurred in previous years.

The Committee agreed to this request whilst appreciating the extra work for the groundstaff and caretaking staff.

033/18/REC WEST END CEMETERY/BURIAL GROUND

Burial Ground - Strimming and clearing site – ongoing. Nothing new to report.

Cemetery

The Clerk reported that, as agreed at the last meeting, she had sent a letter to the bereaved relative offering reimbursement of the cost of the burial plot and interment fee. Unfortunately the bereaved relative is not happy with this offer and does not feel that the Council have shown sympathy or any consideration for the trauma caused to her. The Clerk and Chairman of the Council are meeting with her on 21st May to discuss.

Request from non West End Resident

Request received for a cremation plot for her stillborn son located near to her grandparents who were West End Residents and interred in Quob Lane Cemetery. After discussion, the Committee agreed to this request. The Deputy Clerk will make contact and discuss detail with her.

034/18/REC ALLOTMENTS

The Committee noted the following:

- Currently no vacant plots – small waiting list
- Allotment inspection carried out on 14th May. Letters to be sent to 15 plot holders. Next inspection due 14th August.
- Request from allotment holder to keep chickens - discussed at the last meeting. She is aware of the terms and conditions for keeping chickens and has been advised to improve the standard of her proposed coup before permission is given to her. Head Groundsman to monitor.
- Report received from plot holder attacked by a swarm of bees. Groundstaff have visited but there is no obvious sign of a nest. Groundstaff to monitor.

035/18/REC YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Leader reported that the young people are enjoying outside activities with the lighter evenings, but also have made stress balls, cakes and pizzas over the last couple of weeks.

During the May half term, there will be one trip, a drop in on the Tuesday evening and the Youth Workers will participate in a sexual health training session.

From June, the youth club sessions are changing. Junior Night will be on Tuesday, 6.30 – 8.00 p.m.; Pre-nagers on Wednesdays, 6.30 – 8.30 p.m., and the Senior Night will be Thursdays from 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.

036/18/REC GROUNDS EQUIPMENT

The Deputy Clerk reported that the new WEPC van will be delivered by the end of May.

037/18/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20th June 2018

The meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.

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