



#### West End Football Facility – Disabled Access

The Deputy Clerk had updated the resident who had requested the installation of disabled access onto the field. She was present at this meeting for an explanation of this decision. She was very disappointed with the response that this would not be installed until ‘special project’ funds are available in next year’s budget, and considers it atrocious that the Parish Council were ignoring their statutory duty to provide disabled access. Compiling with DDA should not be a ‘special project’. The Equality Act states that barriers should be removed for disabled people and the Parish Council is discriminating against them.

Councillor Turl explained that in the Parish Council’s budget process, a special project was a term used for a ‘one off’ project which is not a revenue expenditure. Councillor Turl also advised the resident that the Committee would be considering an interim solution this evening which is to provide her with a key to the existing gate to allow her access but to ask her to sign an agreement that she will lock the gate behind her at all times.

The Committee agreed unanimously to this suggestion.

The resident was very pleased and would be happy to have a key and sign an agreement as discussed but asked why this could not have been offered to her nine months ago when she first raised this. Councillor Turl replied that a process had to be followed and a quote obtained for the gate before discussing this option.

It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk will contact the resident when he has prepared the agreement for her to sign. She thanked the Committee and left the meeting.

#### EBC Public Art – West End Heritage Trail

It was noted that there will be a meeting of the Steering Group on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 when there will be an update on the Pavilions Public Art and the shortlisting of the artists for the new Welcome Signs in West End. Councillor Asman and the Deputy Clerk will be attending this meeting.

### **092/18/REC CORRESPONDENCE**

1. MP Enquiry received asking for clarity ref. cost of allotment plots. One allotment holder had contacted Mimms Davies, MP to ask her to investigate why he was being charged more than other allotment holders. He was present at this meeting to participate in discussion on this issue. This allotment holder had previously challenged the Council’s decision not to allow him to keep chickens on his plot. Following a lengthy process and considering all relevant legislation, the Council agreed to allow up to 4 chickens on an allotment plot but to charge an extra amount to cover the additional monitoring which the Council has an obligation to do under the 2006 Animal Welfare Act. As requested by the resident, the Committee

considered his concern that he should not pay extra. However, after discussion the Committee do not agree that this extra charge is excessive and will continue to charge this if any allotment holder wants to keep chickens.

The resident was disappointed with this decision but thanked the Committee for their time discussing this again and left the meeting. The Deputy Clerk will forward a concise response to the MP's enquiry.

2. Email received from the Deputy Local Area Manager for HEWEB regarding the forthcoming Ageas Bowl Liaison Panel meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November asking if Councillors have any specific comments on issues with the Ageas this summer. Parking issues at The Pavilions and refuse lorries not able to access September Close when the cones are out, were two complaints received.

Cricket World Cup 2019. Councillors were disappointed that there has not been a meeting with the Ageas regarding next year's World Cup as this will have a significant impact on West End. It was agreed to raise this at the Ageas Panel meeting. Councillor Turl commented that she would like to see the Ageas sending out a Residents' newsletter, as they had done in previous years although none had been produced for the last couple of years.

3. Re-surfacing of M27 during forthcoming installation of SMART motorway. It was noted that the Planning & Highways Committee have agreed to petition residents of West End to request that the motorway through West End is resurfaced during these works.
4. Councillor Turl referred to the national campaign to reduce plastic waste and considers that the Parish Council should be seen to be minimising their use of plastic. She suggested setting up a Working Party to look at sustainable alternatives. To be discussed further at next meeting.

## **093/18/REC EVENTS FOR 2018**

West End Carnival – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

Deputy Clerk has submitted the event plan and temporary road closure application to EBC.

Remembrance Day – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. Clerk and Deputy Clerk have met with Rev. Linda Galvin to discuss the Service. She agreed to contact Hamble Valley Brass Band to advise them of the hymns. Deputy Clerk has submitted the event plan and temporary road closure application to EBC.

Ref. stewarding of the Road Closure. Councillors Turl and Goguel, and a representative from Friends of West End Copse had previously agreed to steward. Councillors Collett and Coles will advise if they are available. A letter has been sent to local groups asking for help with the stewarding.

With reference to the additional twelve names of the fallen in World War 1 which are missing from the memorial stone, the Stone Mason had suggested an additional stone and sandblasting the names instead of engraving which was agreed at the last meeting. This will be installed prior to Remembrance Day. The groundstaff will also install sand boxes for the small wooden crosses.

WW1 A Nations Tribute – Beacon Lighting Ceremony 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm - WEPC will be participating by Lighting of the Beacon.

All as previously discussed. Posters have been prepared and the tickets are now on sale. The Deputy Clerk has also prepared a Press Release.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The Deputy Clerk referred to the Christmas Fayre being externally organised and asked if the Committee were happy for the groundstaff to make Christmas reindeers and for the Staff to have a stall and sell these at the event, with proceeds back to the Parish Council. This was agreed.

Turning on the Lights – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

The Singing Jukebox has been booked. The Mayor will be attending. The Committee agreed to refreshments as in previous years – mulled wine and mince pies.

The Head Groundsman had sourced some solar tree lights for the trees in the car park which cannot be reached by the existing electricity cabling.

St. James' Church Christmas Tree Festival - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

The Parish Council's theme – West End Parish Through the Ages. Suggestions were previous councillors; old Parish Centre building; trees on Hatch Grange etc.

Children's Panto – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 5pm – 7pm

Sleeping Beauty. The Committee agreed to refreshments as in previous years – snack/drink during the interval and selection box from Santa.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

The Singing Jukebox is booked for the afternoon and St. James School has also confirmed that their Choir can attend and perform at 2.00 p.m. The Committee agreed to refreshments as in previous years.

## **094/18/REC BARNSLAND/HATCH FARM**

With reference to the Hatch Farm Working Party, a meeting date has still not been set although Borough Councillor Gomer had reported at full Council that the Residents' Association have now agreed names of their representatives.

The Head Groundsman expressed interest in attending the meeting in view of the open space that will be devolved to the Parish Council.

**095/18/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN/QUOB GREEN/WEST END COPSE**

HATCH GRANGE

Memorial Tree for Councillor Anne Mortimer

The Committee agreed unanimously to plant a Lime tree in memory of Anne. The Head Groundsman will source a suitable tree and a date will be agreed for the tree planting.

Request for a memorial Bench

The Deputy Clerk reported on a request for a memorial 'rainbow' bench on Hatch Grange in memory of a young pupil of St. James School who tragically lost her battle with brain cancer. The Committee agreed unanimously to this request.

Oak Tree on Hatch Grange

The Chairman reported that Friends of Hatch Grange are still receiving many positive comments about the Carving and that a plaque will be installed stating that it was commissioned and funded by the FoHG and not the Parish Council. Councillors Asman asked that thanks be recorded to Friends of Hatch Grange for funding this project.

FoHG Work Day

The work day, scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> October, was cancelled due to the forecasted adverse weather. Another work day will be organised in the New Year.

Staff car park to the rear of workshop.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the planning application is now 'live' on EBC's planning list.

Littering on Hatch Grange

The Head Groundsman had recently contacted Wildern School as their pupils were regularly littering in the play area. The Deputy Head has replied that he will raise this with all pupils.

SINC Area Signage

Head Groundsman will order two no. signs as agreed at the last meeting.

A member of the public had attended this meeting to express concern regarding a large amount of Bamboo which is growing on the edge of the SINC area. This is a foreign and very invasive species that will spread. The Head Groundsman agreed to investigate.

Letter received from Blue Cross thanking the Parish Council for agreeing to allowing them to host their dog show this year on Hatch Grange and they raised £4160.60.

MEGAN GREEN

### Wednesday Volunteer Group

The Head Groundsman has arranged for the Volunteer Group to carry out coppicing and clearing at Megan Green on 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November. It was noted that their daily charge has increased from £75 to £90. The Chairman commented that this is still extremely good value.

### Soil Deposits

A resident had attended the meeting to complain about the soil deposits which had been left to the rear of a property in Elm Gardens. The history behind this was explained and it was noted that the groundstaff have now cleared an access for the digger and any other necessary machinery to remove this soil.

### Tree Issues

Two tree complaints have been received from residents of Megan Road. The Head Groundsman has visited and after referring to the tree survey, reported that there are no safety issues. A copy of the Tree Policy has been given to the residents.

### QUOB GREEN

The Grounds Team have now cleared the gravel from the culvert following the advice from the Environment Agency.

### WEST END COPSE

FoWEC Action morning - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

This was a very successful morning, clearing paths; cutting back foliage and litter picking.

## **096/18/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND**

Nothing new to report.

## **097/18/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS**

Nothing new to report.

## **098/18/REC WEST END FOOTBALL FACILITY**

The request for disabled access was discussed under Matters Arising.

### Eastleigh Football Club

There was a misunderstanding with the Eastleigh Women's Team who play on a Sunday afternoon and the time scale required by them for a match to be cancelled. They have an agreement with their opponents to advise them by 10.00 a.m. if the pitch is unplayable as many of these teams have a 2-hour trip to get to Cutbush. The Groundstaff and Cutbush Caretaker had now agreed guidelines to work to if the weather deteriorates on a Saturday and the Sunday matches may need to be cancelled. A member of the Grounds Team will visit Cutbush first thing on a Sunday morning to make the decision.

### Outstanding Account

With reference to the outstanding payment from a football team who have now folded, the Deputy Clerk had contacted the Small Claims Court and an offer of £10 per month payment has been agreed.

## **099/18/REC WEST END CEMETERY/BURIAL GROUND**

Burial Ground - Strimming and clearing site – ongoing.

### Cemetery - Scattering of Ashes Area

The Head Groundsman reported that the new pathway has now been installed and he is preparing a list of trees/shrubs to be planted. Staff are currently working on guidelines for the scattering of ashes to be discussed at the next meeting.

## **100/18/REC ALLOTMENTS**

The Committee noted the following:

- Currently 5 x half plots and 7 x full plots available.
- Allotment inspection October half term.
- Skip to be ordered for Groundstaff use – waste from vacated plots.

## **101/18/REC YOUTH CLUB**

The Youth Leader reported on activities over the last few weeks including making and hiding ‘kindness rocks’ around both Youth clubs. The young people enjoyed making and eating treats for Jewish New Year; pizza making; making dream catchers and Halloween themed crafts.

During half term, there will be drop in for young people to come along and try different activities including sports, arts/crafts; lanterns for Remembrance Day and cooking. There is also a trip to the Mayflower to see Wicked.

Forty young people have just finished the UK Youth Award Programme and are waiting to hear if they have passed.

## **102/18/REC GROUNDS EQUIPMENT**

The Deputy Clerk reported that the set of flails on the Trimax deck need to be replaced together with a new rod and flaps. This is being carried out in house,

approximate cost £500. Long term, the Council will need to consider replacement of the ride on mowers and the white van and it was agreed that the Deputy Clerk will obtain costings for leasing new vehicles for discussion at the next meeting.

Groundstaff had compiled their wish list for the 2019/20 Financial Year (approx. costs) : Bench Saw, £200; Leaf blower £900; Kango Hammer £160; Electric Sander £100; Set of sockets £60; Safety harnesses £500 – total £1920.

The Groundstaff have also raised the issue of storage at Cutbush for a ride on mower and equipment which would save them a lot of time. This can be raised during budget discussions, although concern was expressed over security.

**103/18/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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