

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022, AT 7.15 PM**

**PRESENT:**                    **Councillors: C Boulton - Chair**  
   **H Hellier**  
   **A Price**  
   **S Turl**

**In attendance:**                    **Mr S Mockford, Parish Clerk**  
   **Ms B Bond, Admin Officer**

**2 Members of the public**

**001/22/REC APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Councillor Asman, Coles and Haylett.

**002/22/REC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**003/22/REC MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the Recreation & Environment meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were agreed at the Full Parish Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**004/22/REC MATTERS ARISING**

All Matters Arising will be dealt with under agenda headings.

**005/22/REC CORRESPONDENCE**

- An email was received from the Environment Agency regarding a fallen tree in Quob Green. The tree is located on Eastleigh Borough Council land and has been reported to them.
- RoSPA are due to inspect all play areas in May 2022 at a cost of £70 per site. They will also be carrying out an impact test on the Hatch Grange wet pour.

**006/22/REC EVENTS FOR 2022/23**

- **Platinum Jubilee Celebration** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022
  - We have added our event to the official list of events being held for the Queens Jubilee.
  - We have a good number of volunteers but are still looking for more.
  - The event will still be going ahead even if the weather is bad. We will have something in place to cover the beacon so it can still be lit.

- **Senior Citizens Tea Dance** – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
The Singing Jukebox is confirmed
- **Community Games** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- **Remembrance Day** – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
Service to held at the Cenotaph again, no church service  
Cllr Turl asked the Parish Office to ensure all information regarding road closures and diversions is arranged and in place prior to the event.
- **Turning on the Christmas Lights** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
The Clerk has advised that this will be put back a week to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Councillors had no objections.
- **Senior Citizens Christmas Party** – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
The Singing Jukebox is confirmed
- **Children’s Christmas Event** – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Looking for new entertainment, likely a disco and a few party games. Will also reduce the event from 2 hours to 90 minutes.

A new Senior Citizens event has been proposed. This is being looked at by the Parish Office to possibly be held in the Autumn. Further updates will be provided as and when available.

**007/22/REC CAFÉ/PICNIC AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

- A report has been compiled from Dave Bowen Consultancy following a recent site visit. This has been circulated to call Councillors.
- It was recommended that the fencing be replaced as this doesn’t conform to current safety standards. The toddler play equipment in the play area also needs replacing.
- Revised quotes for the Café refurbishment are being obtained

**Due to the scale of work needed for both projects, the Clerk suggested setting up a sub committee to discuss these in more depth. Councillors were in agreement with this proposal. The sub committee will commence from June and members of this committee will be decided at next month’s AGM.**

**008/22/REC BARNSLAND/ HATCH FARM/ UPMILL**

Hatch Farm/Barnsland

- Richard Mould-Ryan and Dave Bowen will be liaising to create an Interpretation Board at Barnsland to provide information on why we are having a wildflower area.
- Councillor Asman has asked if we can register Barnsland with Land Registry.  
**Councillors agreed this would be a good idea and asked if the Clerk could look into this.**

- Work to install the new Wheeled Sports Area is due to commence shortly. The foundations are due to put down mid-May, dependant on weather.
- The Hatch Farm Working Group meeting was held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 2.30pm. The following points were discussed:
  - Dave Bowen is currently pricing up installing a proper access point between Bansland and the Bridge that links it to the Hatch Farm development.

**Councillors asked about making sure that this linkway be accessible for all, however it has been advised that due to the terrain of this area, we can only install steps here.**

- Kitty Budden advised that she is due to meet with some people who are looking to restart Public Art. She will have a further update on this next month.
- Kitty Budden also advised that the Heritage Markers should be in place in the Summer.

Upmill Close

Nothing new to report.

**009/22/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN/ QUOB GREEN/ WEST END COPSE**

Hatch Grange

The Grounds Staff have completed the fist cut of the year.

SINC Area

The cows will be introduced this year. The date is to be confirmed.

FOHG

As of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, Friends of Hatch Grange have unfortunately folded. They have confirmed that some of the remaining funds in their bank account have been earmarked for a new bench on Hatch Grange. The rest of the funds will be transferred to West End Parish Council on the proviso that these be put towards a project on Hatch Grange.

Megan Green

The Head Groundsman has met with the Wednesday Volunteer Group. They have been booked in on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July to reinstate the path, starting from Quob Lane in Megan Green. The path will have edging and be 1.5m in width to enable wheelchair access.

Wednesday Volunteer Group

To enable the group to complete the above works, the parish will be supplying all materials and will be making a donation of £100 per day to the group to cover their expenses, fuel etc. Cost for materials are approximately £1,000.

N.I.C.E Nothing new to report.

Quob Green Nothing new to report.

West End Copse

An email was received from the Chair of Friends of West End Copse thanking the Parish Council for their grant money.

**010/22/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND**

- The Head Groundsman has asked for permission to reduce the height of the hedge on the right-hand side of Moorgreen to 6 feet so that it can be maintained by the Grounds Team.

**Councillor Turl was against this as the hedge was initially planted to provide a screen for residents to keep out traffic noise.**

**Councillors agreed to leave the hedge as it is**

- St James School will be hosting a “Happy Circus” within their grounds on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 1.30pm – 5.30pm. The car park at Moorgreen will be open from 12.30pm – 6pm.

**011/22/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS**

Chartwell Green Nothing new to report.

Chartwell Copse Nothing new to report.

Townhill Farm Play Area Nothing new to report.

**012/22/REC CUTBUSH LANE FOOTBALL FACILITY**

- Football season comes to an end on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- An evening games is scheduled for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April with kick off at 6pm.
- There have been two incidents recently at Cutbush. A bonfire was reported on the pitches on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April which caused significant damage. There was also a burnt out moped on the pitches on the 19<sup>th</sup> April. Both incidents have been reported to 101.

**013/22/REC WEST END CEMETERY/ BURIAL GROUND**

Burial Ground

An email was received from the Assistant Warden for St James Church regarding a proposed memorial bench in The Old Burial Ground. The Grounds Team have confirmed they are happy to assist with placing this.

### Cemetery

- Exhumation guidance has been obtained from ICCM.

**Councillors agreed that as long as all the rules are followed and the appropriate licences are obtained, they would have no issue with an exhumation taking place.**

- Councillors were asked for their thoughts on having a map/information board installed at Quob Cemetery. This would provide location details of the children's section, the ashes and burial areas and the Garden of Reflection.

**Councillors felt this was a really good idea and in keeping with the rest of our sites. Happy for the Clerk to obtain quotes.**

### Garden of Reflection

Nothing new to report.

### **014/22/REC ALLOTMENTS**

- An email has been received from the West End Garden and Allotment Association as they are looking to reinstate the Best Kept Allotment competition. The Parish have previously awarded cash prizes of the following amounts; 1<sup>st</sup> Place £30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place £20, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place £10.

**Councillors were happy for this to recommence and agreed to the prizes being offered again.**

- An email has been received from a plot holder complaining of rabbit holes and deer damaging vegetation. The Grounds Team have installed rabbit proof wire at the entrance to the allotment plot due to evidence of a rabbit warren.

**Councillors were happy with the actions taken by the Grounds Team but advised there was little more that could be done by the Council about the deer.**

- Inspections have been carried out and a number of plots have been identified as unworked. Letters will be sent out to the plot holders shortly.

### **015/22/REC GROUNDS EQUIPMENT**

The replacement van has been ordered and delivery is expected to be at the end of the year.

### **016/22/REC THE YOUTHOUSE**

A report from the Youth Team Leader was provided. This can be found in Appendix A.

### **017/22/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**EXEMPT BUSINESS:** None

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

## **Appendix A**

### **YoutHouse Report**

We have run 4 sessions over the easter holidays and 2 trips, a spa night, and a tour of Southampton football stadium.

The lighter evening are here so most young people are enjoying being outside. We did have low numbers at the beginning of April due to a lot of members with covid again. But most are back now.

We are now planning our next half term, summer holidays and community games.

Three staff members have completed a first aid course.

We are still waiting for quote to fit a water bottle fitting station.