

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2022, AT 7.15 PM**

PRESENT: **Councillors: A Price Chair
J Haylett
B Coles
H Hellier
C Boulton**

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

2 Members of the public

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Cllr Price volunteered to act as chair.

Councillor Coles proposed and Councillor Hellier seconded that Councillor Price chair the meeting of this session.

103/22/REC APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Turl.

104/22/REC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

105/22/REC MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Recreation & Environment meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2022 were agreed at the Full Parish Meeting on Wednesday 9th February 2022.

106/22/REC MATTERS ARISING

All Matters Arising will be dealt with under agenda headings.

Councillor Boulton joined the meeting and agreed for Cllr Price to continue on as chair

107/22/REC CORRESPONDENCE

1. The local community business Dream Empire Market Co who attended last month's meeting have now confirmed a booking for a community event at the Parish Centre on Saturday 30th July.

2. A request has been received from a local resident asking to plant two saplings in Hatch Grange. One of these is a beech tree, the other a Red Dog Wood. The Head Groundsman has located a potentially suitable spot in the bottom field where a fallen oak tree used to be situated.

Councillor Haylett proposed, and Councillor Coles seconded that as there is currently a space where a tree used to be, they would allow the Beech tree to be planted there.

3. An email has been from a group looking to hold a Good Friday Walk of Witness. They have asked if they would be able to use the area around the Tree Sculpture and the Beacon to gather and pray and to hand out information to local residents.

Councillors agreed they would be happy for the group to use and enjoy Hatch Grange as any other residents would as it is a public open space. They would just kindly ask that they ensure any litter is correctly disposed of.

4. Welcome back to the High Street Fund – So far, the fund has been used to cover the cost of the Christmas lights purchased for the Parish Centre and for new Bunting that will be put up along the High Street. Councillors were asked for any further ideas on how this fund could be used.

Councillors' suggestions included

- **A sign promoting The Hatch Café.**
- **Plants be placed outside of the Parish Centre Car Park entrance.**
- **Planters over the railings along the high street.**
- **A living Wall on the side of the Parish Centre, just outside the main hall.**
- **A Rose display in Fir Tree Gardens**
- **A licence for a new booking system.**
- **Money towards a new website – This is something that Botley Parish Council have used their fund towards.**

108/22/REC EVENTS FOR 2022/23

- **Platinum Jubilee Celebration – Thursday 2nd June 2022**

An updated from the Sub Committee meeting held prior to this meeting was presented by Cllr Price:

- The event is to be held on Hatch Grange from 6pm-10pm with the Beacon due to be lit by a local scout group at around 9.45pm.
- St James' Church will be arranging a BBQ, but people are welcome to bring along their own picnics.
- There will be a number of stalls, hosted by local businesses and groups as well as an ice cream van, a tombola, a bouncy castle, and a vertical wall.
- An event will be put on Facebook to gauge numbers to see if a free ticketing system needs to be used.

- **Senior Citizens Tea Dance** – Friday 29th July 2022
- **Community Games** – Wednesday 17th August 2022
- **Remembrance Day** – Sunday 13th November 2022
- **Turning on the Christmas Lights** – Friday 25th November 2022
- **Senior Citizens Christmas Party** – Monday 19th December 2022
- **Children’s Christmas Event** – Date To Be Confirmed – Provisionally set for Friday 16th December 2022

A new Senior Citizens event has been proposed. This is being looked at by the Parish Office and further updated will be provided as and when available.

109/22/REC BARNSLAND/ HATCH FARM/ UPMILL

Hatch Farm/Barnsland

The final 2 designs for the wheeled sports area now available. A meeting to decide the final layout is due to be held at the Youthouse at 6:30pm on Wednesday 9th March. Those who have been involved in the process so far will be invited.

Upmill Close and Play Area Nothing new to report.

110/22/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN/ QUOB GREEN/ WEST END COPSE

Hatch Grange

- New signage is being prepared.
- There is ongoing bramble clearance and hedge work.
- The Pond area at the bottom of Hatch Grange is being left and going back to a natural state. As such, it is proposed that the Bench in the area be moved and reused in the Playground at Hatch Grange. Councillors were happy with this.

SINC Area Nothing new to report.

FOHG Nothing new to report.

Megan Green

New signage being prepared

Wednesday Volunteer Group Nothing new to report.

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

Quob Green Nothing new to report.

West End Copse

There is some ongoing tree work.

111/22/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND

The new contracts manager for Vita Play has informed us that having swapped out the bearing, top dish, and housing they believe the issue with the new roundabout is now resolved. Further checks will be made in a few weeks.

112/22/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS

Chartwell Green Nothing new to report.

Chartwell Copse Nothing new to report.

Townhill Farm Play Area

Benches have been ordered for both Townhill Farm and Carpathia play areas.

113/22/REC CUTBUSH LANE FOOTBALL FACILITY

- A defibrillator has been ordered for Cutbush Football Facility.
- The pitches are in good order.

114/22/REC WEST END CEMETERY/ BURIAL GROUND

Burial Ground Nothing new to report

Cemetery

- An inspection of the headstones was completed with five gravestones having been identified as loose and subsequently staked. The owners have been contacted.
- A dead deer was found beside the drive at and has been buried by the Grounds Team.

Garden of Reflection Nothing new to report.

115/22/REC ALLOTMENTS

Nothing new to report.

116/22/REC GROUNDS EQUIPMENT

- The Ford Ranger and Ford Connect are both having MOT's today - Wednesday 16th February.
- There is a very high possibility the Ford Connect will need to be replaced next year. It is nearly 20 years old, and we are spending more money on repair bills each year.

Committee members unanimously agreed to the Parish Office obtaining quotes for a replacement vehicle.

- Two of the push mowers are currently being serviced by Valley Mowers. These have been taken off site for servicing.
- Two new heads for the hedge cutters have been ordered.

117/22/REC THE YOUTHOUSE

A report was provided to Councillors from the Youth Team Leader.

118/22/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 16th March 2022

EXEMPT BUSINESS: None

The meeting closed at 19:55pm