

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023, AT 7.15 PM**

**Councillors Present:**                   **R MacDonald (Chair)**  
  **C Boulton**  
  **J Haylett**  
  **S Turl**  
  **T Weeks**  
  **S Willoughby**

**In Attendance:**                       **Ms B Bond, Deputy Parish Clerk**  
  **Mr S Adams, Head Groundsman**  
  **Mrs S Johnson, Admin Officer**

**0 Members of the public**

**001/23/REC   APOLOGIES FROM COUNCILLORS**

Apologies received and accepted from Councillors Coles & DuCrow.  
Cllr Price was absent.

**002/23/REC   DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**003/23/REC   MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 meeting were agreed at the Full Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**004/23/REC   PARISH EVENTS 2023**

**King's Coronation Event** - Monday 8th May 2023 – 1.00pm – 5.00pm

- An application has been submitted for a County Council grant of £1000 to help towards the cost of holding the event. We are waiting to hear back on the outcome.
- The Bouncy Castle has been booked – They will charge of £2 per user per session, approximately 5 minutes, depending on how busy it is.
- The YoutHouse & St James Church are running some craft activities for children to take part in.
- The Deputy Clerk is in the process of trying to obtain raffle prizes, some have already been donated and received.

**Cllrs MacDonald, Turl and Boulton have volunteered to help, and Cllr Haylett will try to be there.**

**Senior Citizens Tea Dance** - Friday 28th July 2023 – 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Nothing new to report.

**Community Games** - Wednesday 16th August 2023 – 11.00am – 3.00pm

Nothing new to report.

**Senior's Bingo Event** - Wednesday 25th October 2023 – 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Nothing new to report.

**Remembrance Day** - Sunday 12th November 2023 - 10.30am – 11.15am

Nothing new to report.

**Christmas Lights** – Friday 24th November 2023 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Nothing new to report.

**Children's Christmas Event** - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Nothing new to report.

**Senior's Christmas Party** - Monday 18th December 2023 - 1.00pm – 3.30pm

Nothing new to report.

**Councillors will be welcome if they are able to volunteer for any of the above events.**

**005/23/REC CAFÉ / PICNIC AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

A revised quotation and plan has been received from VitaPlay at £165,000 +VAT. Councillors discussed that the quotation needs to come down to around £130,000 to keep it within the budget.

The Deputy Clerk had a meeting with a second company Kompan. They will be submitting a quotation in the coming weeks. They use sustainable and recycled materials to manufacture their equipment. The Deputy Clerk commented that they were very positive about what they can offer to develop the area within the budget given.

A site visit has been arranged with Wicksteed for a third quote.

**Councillors agreed to wait until all three quotes had been received to discuss this further.**

**006/23/REC BARNSLAND / HATCH FARM / UPMILL**

- Shawyers are in the process of confirming their quote to install the new path. The benches are still to be installed. It has been too wet to this before now.
- The first meeting of the new Public Art Hatch Farm Steering Group took place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March where the aims and objectives for the project were set out. The next meeting will be taking place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the artist brief.

**Cllr Weeks expressed a wish to join this meeting, however, the Deputy Clerk explained that the leader of the Steering Group wanted the initial discussions to be kept small but will look to open this up to more participants once the initial stages are complete.**

**007/23/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN / QUOB GREEN / WEST END COPSE**

**Hatch Grange**

- The Head Groundsman is still liaising with the Wednesday Conservation Group for further dates to continue the work on the path on Megan Green.
- The annual RoSPA Inspections for all play areas will be completed in May. This will be at a cost of £75 per site.
- An email received from Cllr Price was briefly discussed in which he commented on the muddy area towards Megan Green. It was confirmed that the Wednesday volunteers will be working on this area.

**Sinc Area**

- Enquiries are still being made for a new grazier.
- The Deputy Clerk explained that the Environmental Stewardship Claim Form will now have to be completed by Parish Staff as the previous grazier completed it.

**Megan Green**

Nothing new to report.

**N.I.C.E**

Nothing new to report.

**Quob Green**

Nothing new to report.

**West End Copse**

Nothing new to report.

**008/23/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND**

- The new defibrillator has been installed and registered with 'The Circuit'.

**Cllr Weeks commented that this had been discussed positively on local social media pages.**

- The M.U.G.A at Moorgreen has been offered to Eastleigh Borough Council for their Summer Park Sport programme.

**009/23/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS**

**Chartwell Green**

Nothing new to report.

**Townhill Farm & Carpathia Play Areas**

Nothing new to report.

### **Townhill Farm Community Centre**

A large patch of graffiti was discovered on the outside of Townhill Farm Community Centre one weekend and swiftly removed Monday morning by the Grounds Team and reported to the police.

### **010/23/REC CUTBUSH LANE FOOTBALL FACILITY**

- Due to recent bad weather, and a large number of fixtures having to be cancelled, mid-week evening football fixtures have been scheduled. Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April booked so far.
- The Head Groundsman confirmed that the pitches will be reseeded at the end of May. He has arranged this in conjunction with Botley Parish Council to keep costs down.
- The area has been offered to Eastleigh Borough Council as part of their Summer Park Sport programme.

### **011/23/REC DEDICATION OF BRIDLEWAY RIGHTS FOR FAIR OAK & HORTON HEATH**

#### **Footpath's 7, 702 and 703 and Part of 701 and West End Footpath 3.**

Hampshire County Council has received a request from Eastleigh Borough Council for the dedication of bridleway rights on the above routes as part of the development in the area.

**Map of area in Appendix A**

### **012/23/REC QUOB LANE CEMETERY/ BURIAL GROUND**

#### **Burial Ground**

Nothing new to report.

#### **Cemetery**

Nothing new to report.

#### **Garden of Reflection**

Nothing new to report.

### **013/23/REC ALLOTMENTS**

- The Deputy Clerk reported that since the allotment inspection letters were sent last month, a few plots have been rescinded and some holders have responded by telephone or in person to explain why their plot has not been worked or is up to standard.
- A meeting was held with the grazing plot owners and The Clerk and The Deputy Clerk. They have been asked to make improvements by the time of the next inspection or they will be given 12 months' notice.
- There is currently over 30 people on the waiting list.

### **014/23/REC GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT**

- The Head Groundsman explained that he has received an offer of £1,400 (inc. VAT) for the Ford Connect. The money received will be put towards the hire of the new van and any necessary repairs.

**Councillors were happy for this sale to progress.**

- A battery charged strimmer has been purchased and received and is working really well. Two batteries were part of the purchase. The same manufacturer produces different equipment with the same batteries.
- The Head Groundsman confirmed that the Grounds Team has been out cutting grass today as the weather had improved.

**015/23/REC THE YOUTHOUSE**

The Youth Leader's update can be found in Appendix B.

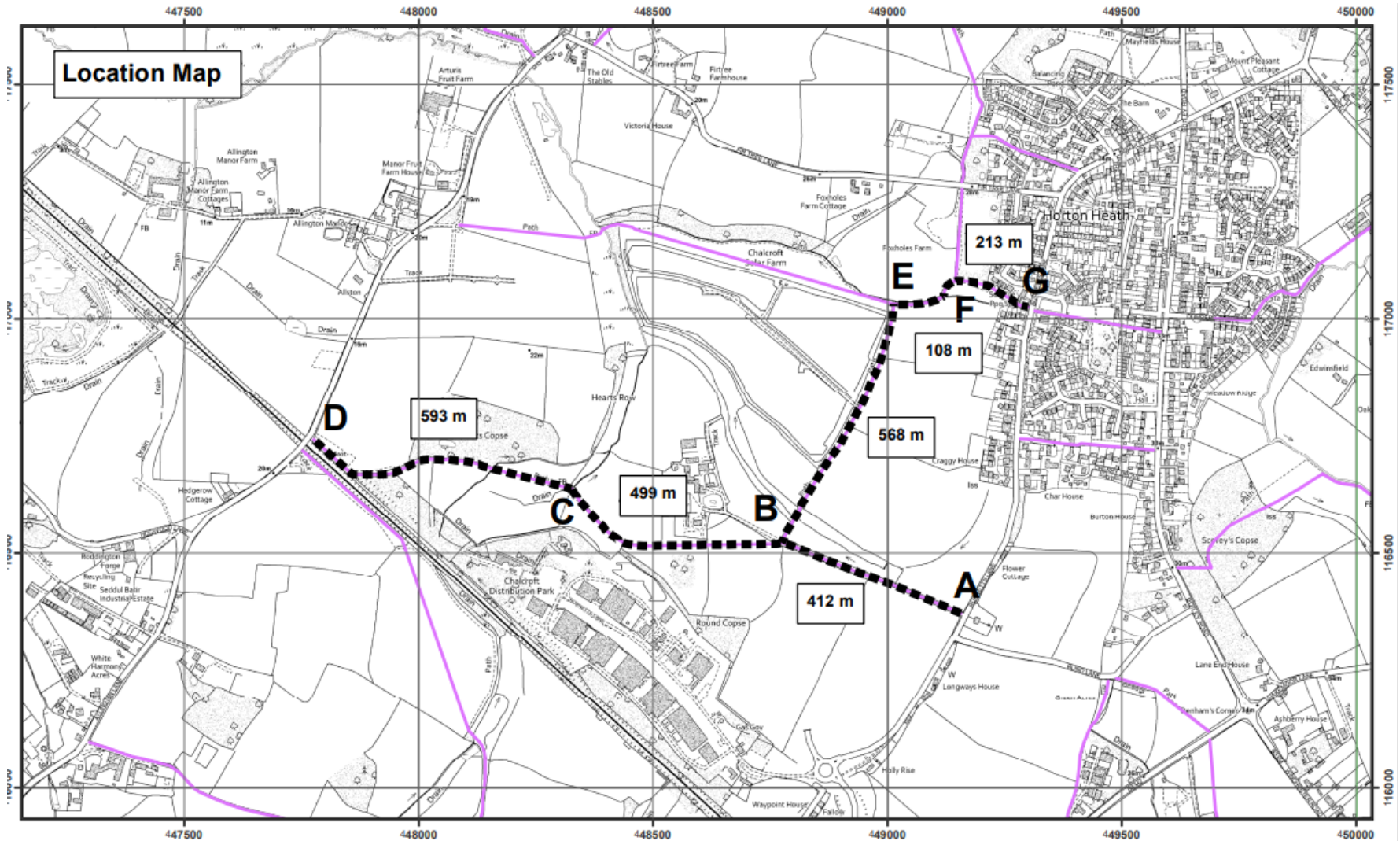
**016/23/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

*No meeting in May due to the Annual Meeting of the Council.*

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

# Appendix A – Dedication of Bridleways at One Horton Heath – Consultation Map



**Application for a Creation of Bridleway Rights for West End 3, Fair Oak and Horton Heath 702, 703 and 7 and Part of 701**



### LEGEND

- Footpath
- Footpath to be upgraded to Bridleway

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## **Appendix B - Youth Leader Report**

Report: April 2023

We are now back from the easter holidays, although we still opened Tuesday and Wednesday nights and still opened the Toddler groups every Tuesday and Thursday. We also hired the Quay swimming pool for an evening session and had a Chocolate workshop come in a make chocolate with our young people, which when down very well.

Our 2 new youth workers are enjoying their time with us and are enjoying the outside space now that we have the lighter evenings.

Young people are now using the water bottle fitting station, which is good to see and we have also had the defibrillator to the building, this was purchased out of our cricket parking fundraising.