

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2023, AT 7.15 PM**

Councillors Present:
A Price (Chair)
C Boulton
B Coles
B Du-Crow
J Haylett
S Turl
T Weeks
S Willoughby

In attendance:
Ms B Bond, Deputy Parish Clerk
Mr N Thorne, Deputy Head Groundsman
Mrs S Johnson, Admin Officer

2 Members of the public

131/23/REC APOLOGIES FROM COUNCILLORS

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor MacDonald.

132/23/REC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

133/23/REC MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 18th January 2023 meeting were agreed at the Full Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 8th February 2023.

134/23/REC CANCELLATION OF MAY'S RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT MEETING

Due to the upcoming Parish Council elections and following guidance from HALC, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 17th May 2023. (There will be no Parish Meetings on Wednesday 10th May).

135/23/REC PARISH EVENTS 2023

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

- A TEN license has been obtained due to the selling of alcohol from St James Church.
- An application is to be submitted for a County Council grant to help towards the cost of holding the event - £1,000.
- Eastleigh's Citizen's Advice Bureau will be coming to the event to offer free legal advice.

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

- Gary Matthews has been booked.
- Ticket prices £5.
- 70 people limit.

Community Games - Wednesday 16th August 2023 – 11.00am – 3.00pm
Event to be held on Hatch Grange.

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
This will run with the same setup as 2022.

Christmas Lights – Friday 24th November 2023 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm
This will have the same set up as 2022.

Children's Christmas Event - Friday 15th December 2023 - 4.00pm – 5.30pm

- Crazy M to be booked once again.
- Ticket prices £5
- 80 children limit.

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

- Gary Matthews has been booked.
- Ticket prices £5.
- 70 people limit.

136/23/REC CAFÉ / PICNIC AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

A revised quote from Vita Play was shared with Councillors after their previous feedback.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to set a budget for the project of £150,000. Councillors were then asked to think about the scope of the project and come back to the next meeting with ideas on how the project could be scaled down to meet the agreed upon budget.

137/23/REC BARNSLAND / HATCH FARM/ UPMILL

- Part of the S106 money received for Barnsland is to be used to install an established footpath. Of the two choices presented, Councillors opted to go with the C shaped path which links to the bridges on either side of Barnsland.
- The bridges have now been finished. The next set of works will include digging out a section in front of the kissing gate and putting down an area of hardcore.
- The Parish Office received a phone call from a resident of Barnsland suggesting installing an established path along the side the garages up to the bridge to Hatch Farm. The Deputy Head Groundsman explained that as this is not Parish land, we would be unable to action such a request.

138/23/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN/ QUOB GREEN/ WEST END COPSE

Hatch Grange

- Awaiting dates for the Wednesday Conservation Group to continue work on the path at Megan Green.
- The Parish Office received a phone call from a resident whose property backs onto Hatch Grange following the closure of access notes being places on residents' gates. The resident claimed to have right of way onto Hatch Grange following a court hearing but was unable to provide any documents to prove this.

Councillors were unaware of any such claim.

- The Community Payback service is now available for projects within the parish. The Deputy Clerk reported that the Head Groundsman may ask them to paint fences.

Sinc Area

Nothing new to report.

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.

139/23/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND

The M.U.G.A at Moorgreen has been offered to Eastleigh Borough Council for their Park Sport Programme as has been done previously.

140/23/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS

Chartwell Green

Nothing new to report.

Townhill Farm & Carpathia Play Areas

The broken baby swing has now been replaced in Carpathia.

Townhill Farm Community Centre

Councillors were asked for their ideas on what to do with the outside area at Townhill Farm Community Centre now the pre-school are no longer there.

Councillors agreed to table the discussion for next month's meeting.

141/23/REC CUTBUSH LANE FOOTBALL FACILITY

- A new smart meter has been installed.
- As in previous years, the area has been offered to Eastleigh Borough Council as part of their Park Sport Programme.

142/23/REC QUOB LANE CEMETERY/ BURIAL GROUND

Burial Ground

Nothing new to report.

Cemetery

Nothing new to report.

Garden of Reflection

Nothing new to report.

143/23/REC ALLOTMENTS

- Next inspection is due at the end of February, hopefully people will have started to work their areas.
- The waiting list is approximately 30 people.

144/23/REC GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT

- The White Van's MOT is on 20th February 2023.
- The new van has been built and we are waiting for a delivery date.
- The fleet's motor insurance will renew on 9th March 2023. The cost of the yearly cover has gone up from £1833.82 last year to £2425.75 for this coming year.
- The Ground Staff have started painting the Coffee Lounge at Townhill Farm Community Centre.
- All the edging has been completed at the Cemetery.
- An email was received from a visitor of the cemetery complimenting the grounds team on the wonderful work they do and highlighting how well the cemetery is maintained.

145/23/REC THE YOUTHOUSE

No report from the Youth Leader.

146/23/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15th March 2023

The meeting closed at 8pm.