

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2023, AT 7.15 PM**

**Councillors Present:**                   **R MacDonald (Chair)**  
   **C Boulton**  
   **D Berry**  
   **B Du-Crow**  
   **J Haylett**  
   **R Prince-Wright**

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

**0 Members of the public**

**017/23/REC APOLOGIES FROM COUNCILLORS**

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Turl.  
Councillor Henry was absent.

**018/23/REC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**019/23/REC MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 meeting were agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**020/23/REC RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**RESOLVED:** Councillors reviewed and agreed the draft Recreation & Environment Terms of Reference.

**Proposed:**     Cllr MacDonald

**Seconded:**   Cllr Du-Crow

**In Favour:**    Unanimous

**021/23/REC TREE SURVEY**

Details of the proposed tree works, and subsequent cost as identified by the Arborist were shared with Councillors.

**022/23/REC GEOCACHING POLICY**

**RESOLVED:** A draft Geocaching Policy was reviewed and approved unanimously by Councillors.

**Cllr Boulton joined the meeting.**

**023/23/REC PARISH EVENTS 2023**

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

The event went really well, despite the weather and we raised a wonderful £591.00 from the raffle and a donation from the Ice Cream Van. This money will be split between the Mayors Charity and Mountbatten Hospice.

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

Tickets to go on sale Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, £3.00 a ticket.

**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.

The Deputy Clerk advised Councillors of the intention to put on an event to replace the carnival on the second Saturday in June until such time that the Carnival can be restarted.

**024/23/REC PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Proposals for a new play area at the Parish Centre have been obtained from three companies.

**RESOLVED:** After a lengthy discussion, Councillors agreed to select Kompan as the company to provide our new play area. This will now be referred to the Policy and Resources committee to determine how this will be funded.

**025/23/REC BARNSLAND / HATCH FARM / UPMILL**

- Work will begin on the new path at Barnsland on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Shawyers estimate the work will take approximately 3 weeks to complete. The parish will be leaflet dropping to residents that back onto Barnsland to advise them of the work.
- The artists brief for the new Public Art project at Hatch Farm is now live. The deadline for expressions of interest is midday on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**026/23/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN / QUOB GREEN / WEST END COPSE**

**Hatch Grange**

- The annual RoSPA play are inspections have been completed and sent to all Councillors.
- A fire and a number of patches of graffiti on Hatch Grange have been reported to the Police.
- Councillors were asked for their thoughts on a dog washing station being installed at the Parish Centre. Councillors agreed with the proposal in principle but were not happy with location chosen.

**Sinc Area**

Enquiries are still being made for a new grazier.

**Megan Green**

The Wednesday Conservation Group are looking to continue the work on the path at Megan Green in August.

**Quob Green**

Nothing new to report.

**West End Copse**

Work continues on the boardwalk at West End Copse. Awaiting delivery of materials.

**027/23/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND**

Nothing new to report.

**028/23/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS**

**Chartwell Green**

Nothing new to report.

**Townhill Farm & Carpathia Play Areas**

Nothing new to report.

**Townhill Farm Community Centre**

Nothing new to report.

**029/23/REC CUTBUSH LANE FOOTBALL FACILITY**

The football pitches have been reseeded with the help of Botley Parish Council.

**030/23/REC QUOB LANE CEMETERY/ BURIAL GROUND**

**Burial Ground**

Nothing new to report.

## **Cemetery**

- A burnt-out van was abandoned outside the front gates of Quob Lane Cemetery but has now been removed by Eastleigh Borough Council and the Parish Council grounds team have repaired any damage to the area.
- West End Local History Society have requested a spreadsheet of names, dates of interment and whether ashes or burial for all plots at Quob Lane Cemetery for their records.

## **Garden of Reflection**

Nothing new to report.

### **031/23/REC ALLOTMENTS**

- **RESOLVED:** Councillors agreed to provide cash prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed winners of the Best Kept Allotment Competition.
- **RESOLVED:** Councillors agreed to the following amendments to the Tenancy Agreement:
  - Limit allotment plots to one per person.
  - No more bonfires to be allowed.
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### **032/23/REC GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT**

- The Head Groundsman explained that there have been issues with graffiti and fires which when on Parish owned land they have been clearing as much as possible.
- The back-up plan for maintaining the Sinc Area this year in the absence of cows is to cut it and collect.

### **033/23/REC THE YOUTHHOUSE**

Youth Leader Update:

In the May half term, we took 14 young people to see the Britain's Got Talent semi-final, the young people really enjoyed the experience. Now that we are in our summer term, we have been busy planning activities and trips for the summer holidays. This summer we have planned trips to:

- Woodmill, canoeing
- Romsey rapids by train
- Mayflower Theatre trip to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- A Hamble River Boat cruise with lunch
- A weekend residential to Osmington Bay.

We are also busy arranging this year's community games for 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Cricket parking is going very well so far. We also offered parking for the Arctic Monkeys concert in which we raised over £600.00.

Interviews were recently held for a new Youth Worker and a successful candidate was chosen.

### **034/23/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.02pm