

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023, AT 7.15 PM**

**Councillors Present:**  
**S Turl (chair)**  
**B Coles**  
**B Du-Crow**  
**J Haylett**  
**S Willoughby**  
**T Weeks**

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

**0 Members of the public**

**147/23/REC APOLOGIES FROM COUNCILLORS**

Apologies received and accepted from Councillors MacDonald, Boulton & Price.

**148/23/REC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**149/23/REC MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 meeting were agreed at the Full Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**150/23/REC PARISH EVENTS 2023**

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

- The event Risk Assessment has been completed with Peninsula.
- An application has been submitted for a County Council grant to help towards the cost of holding the event. This is for £1,000.
- Enquiries have been made with several bouncy castle providers.

**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

- Crazy M is now booked.

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

Nothing new to report.

**151/23/REC CAFÉ / PICNIC AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

- Vita Play came out for a further site visit. They have been updated on the budget, (£120,000-£150,000) and they are putting together a revised quotation.

**Councillors raised a concern that there was not much toddler equipment on the original proposal. It was suggested to feedback this to the company.**

- Two further companies have been contacted for quotes, Wicksteed and Kompan.

**152/23/REC BARNSLAND / HATCH FARM / UPMILL**

- The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the works are almost complete, just the benches and path to be completed as agreed at the previous meeting.
- As mentioned at the Full Parish Meeting, a new Hatch Farm Steering Group has been set up to discuss a Public Art Project. The first meeting will be taking place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**153/23/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 dog bins have been replaced by Eastleigh Borough Council.
- Work has now been completed on the Liquid Amber. The Deputy Head Groundsman reported that approximately 25ft has been cut off. It looks a much better shape with no loose branches and looks much healthier.
- Review of the West End Copse Management Plan.
- Councillors commented on the clear wording. No further changes or amendments were highlighted.

**Sinc Area**

The farmer who usually brings his cows to the SINC area is selling his cattle so will no longer be using the grazing area. He has given The Deputy Clerk a few contacts to see if we can get other cows to graze the area.

**Megan Green**

Nothing new to report.

**N.I.C.E**

Nothing new to report.

### **Quob Green**

Some over-hanging trees have been spotted by ground staff, although nothing has been heard from the residents regarding this.

### **West End Copse**

Nothing new to report.

**Cllr Weeks mentioned that Eastleigh Borough Council have shared their grass cutting strategy on their website.**

## **154/23/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND**

- The M.U.G.A at Moorgreen is not required for Eastleigh Borough Council's Park Sport programme.
- The Deputy Head Groundsman reported that the drains have been cleared alongside the tennis court. This is carried out once a month as part of their routine maintenance programme.
- Gaps in the fencing along the road are being repaired to deter children going through the hedge.

## **155/23/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS**

### **Chartwell Green**

Nothing new to report.

### **Townhill Farm & Carpathia Play Areas**

Nothing new to report.

### **Townhill Farm Community Centre**

The grounds team have cleared the outside area and will be looking at options to level the space and make it more accessible.

## **156/23/REC CUTBUSH LANE FOOTBALL FACILITY**

Cutbush is not required for Eastleigh Borough Council's Park Sport programme.

## **157/23/REC QUOB LANE CEMETERY/ BURIAL GROUND**

### **Burial Ground**

Nothing new to report.

### **Cemetery**

Nothing new to report.

### **Garden of Reflection**

Nothing new to report.

**158/23/REC ALLOTMENTS**

- Inspections have been carried out and photographs logged using a new Allotment App. 47 inspection letters have been sent out regarding unworked plots.
- Another meeting has been scheduled with the grazing plot hirer as no improvement has been seen in the state of the plot.

**Cllr DuCrow advised a resident has recently asked him why double rent was charged for keeping chickens on allotment plots.**

**The Deputy Clerk and Cllr Turl explained that this was due to more visits required for welfare checks and damage they do to the ground. The Deputy Clerk advised that the allotment holder can call the office for more information if they wish.**

**159/23/REC GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT**

- The Deputy Head Groundsman reported that the new van has now been collected and we will be looking to sell the old one.
- The survey on pollarding the limes is due next month with a look to the work being carried out in 2024.

**160/23/REC THE YOUTHHOUSE**

The Youth Leader provided the following update:

We are into the start of spring and are still very busy on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Thursdays are more chilled with the older young people. We are also very busy at Townhill Farm Community Centre running the two parent and toddler groups, this is very well attended, and parents are very grateful that this service is available.

Our 2 new Youth Workers are settling well at the YoutHouse. We held an induction evening on 13<sup>th</sup> March, which was attended by Steve Willis, Nikki, Hannah and also Alice attended as she is still fairly new in the role.

Half Term we held our first trip of the year, we went Bowling with 15 young people, the trip was a success. We have finally had our water bottle filling station installed, hopefully it will cut down on single use bottles left around the M.U.G.A. The new notice board has also been installed. We are now planning easter activities and trips and looking at a residential for the summer.

**161/23/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The meeting closed at 7.36pm.