



West End Parish Council

The Parish Centre, Chapel Road, West End, Southampton, SO30 3FE

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You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the **RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING** which will take place on **WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2024 at 7.15pm** in **THE PARISH CENTRE**

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Mr S Mockford
Clerk to the Parish Council

13th March 2024

AGENDA

148/24/REC Public Participation

149/24/REC Declarations of Interest

150/24/REC To Receive and Accept Apologies from Councillors

151/24/REC Recreation & Environment Meeting Minutes

- No minutes to be approved.

152/24/REC Eastleigh Borough Council Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034

- The Strategy sets out Eastleigh Borough Council's approach for the protection, maintenance and enhancement of biodiversity and the natural environment in the Borough. A consultation on this strategy is currently open for residents to provide feedback on. The closing date is Friday 25 March 2024 – **TO DISCUSS & MAKE COMMENT**

153/24/REC Parish Events for 2024

- D-Day 80th Anniversary – Thursday 6th June 2024
 - 10th Itchen North Scouts will be helping us to light the beacon. We are arranging a meeting with the Scout group leader to discuss this further – **TO NOTE**
- Summer Fete – Saturday 8th June 2024
 - Requests are currently being received from local charities and businesses to have a stall at the summer fete. Final list will be determined later this month – **TO NOTE**
 - We are booking in St Johns Ambulance to provide first aid support at the event – **TO NOTE**
 - A risk assessment is currently being composed for the event – **TO NOTE**

154/24/REC Grounds Team Report

- A verbal report will be provided by the Head Groundsman – **TO NOTE**
- The Head Groundsman has reviewed all of the teams Risk Assessments – **TO NOTE**
- A piece of land just outside of Townhill Farm Community Centre had been damaged by reversing trucks. This has now been repaired by the Grounds Team and new bushes planted – **TO NOTE**
- A fence panel on the Ullswater Avenue side of West End Copse was in need of fixing. This work has now been completed by the Grounds Team – **TO NOTE**
- The fleet's motor insurance has been renewed. The cost of the cover for the coming year is £3088.33 - **TO NOTE**

155/24/REC Youth Team Report

- A written report will be provided by the Youth & Community Leader – **TO NOTE**
- The water fountain outside the YoutHouse has been damaged. We are currently looking into a fix for this – **TO NOTE**



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156/24/REC Open Spaces/Recreation Areas

- The Open Spaces Risk Assessment has been reviewed – **TO NOTE**
- A verbal update will be provided by Councillor Prince-Wright on the work being done by the Eastleigh Borough Conservation Alliance at Telegraph Woods – **TO NOTE**
- There is a leak under the oak tree outside the Parish Centre which has been reported to Hampshire County Council – **TO NOTE**
- Councillor Tennent was contacted by a resident that had a visit from a tree surgeon who informed him work was needed on an overhanging tree in his garden which backs onto Megan Green, as per Council instruction. No such instruction was given, and we informed the resident that should the Council ever need to conduct any tree work, the resident would always be notified in advance – **TO NOTE**

157/24/REC Play Areas

- The bench in the Hatch Grange Play Area needs replacing as the wooden slats are rotten. This will be at a cost of £650.00 + VAT – **TO NOTE**
- The rope swing has had to be removed again at Townhill Farm play area due to damage – **TO NOTE**

158/24/REC Quob Lane Cemetery and Burial Ground

- There has been a lot of sinkage at Quob Lane Cemetery due to the weather. The Grounds team have been topping these areas up as and when they occur – **TO NOTE**

159/24/REC Allotments

- WEGGA have asked the Parish if we are able to provide the prizes for their Best Kept Allotment awards again as we have done in previous years – **TO DISCUSS & DETERMINE ACTION**
- The SSEN generator has now been removed from the allotment site – **TO NOTE**
- The next inspection of the allotments by the Grounds Team will take place in April - **TO NOTE**
- The current waiting list stands at 30 (10 Parishioners, 20 non Parishioners) – **TO NOTE**
- The current number of vacant plots is 13 – **TO NOTE**

160/24/REC Date & Time of Next Scheduled Meeting

- Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.15pm.