

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024, AT 7.15 PM**

**Councillors Present:**                   **R MacDonald (Chair)**  
  **D Berry**  
  **J Haylett**  
  **R Prince-Wright**  
  **S Turl**

**In Attendance:**                   **B Bond, Deputy Parish Clerk**  
  **S Adams, Head Groundsman**  
  **S Johnson, Admin Officer**  
  
  **1 member of the public**

**117/24/REC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No questions raised.

**118/24/REC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No new declarations were made.

**119/24/REC APOLOGIES FROM COUNCILLORS**

No apologies were received.

Councillor Boulton was absent.

**120/24/REC MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 meeting were agreed at the Full Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**121/24/REC PARISH EVENTS**

Both the Seniors and the Children’s Christmas Parties went really well and were a big hit with the attendees.

Following feedback from staff and Crazy M, we will be hosting two back-to-back parties, one for years R,1 & 2 (a Crazy M Magic Show) and one for years 3,4,5 & 6 (a Crazy M disco).

**2024 Events**

The following events and dates were agreed:

D-Day 80th Anniversary – Thursday 6th June 2024
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Scouts are being asked if would be able to light the beacon as they have done in the past.</li><li>- Hot drinks will be available to purchase outside the Workshop at £1.00 a drink with donations going to the Royal British Legion.</li><li>- The Reading of the Tribute will be undertaken by some of the children from West End Youth Club, alongside the Chair of the Council.</li><li>- We have been quoted £395 + VAT to hire a sound system for the event.</li></ul> |
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**Councillors requested that quotes be obtained for buying our own sound system.**

Summer Fete – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024

- It was agreed to limit the number of stall holders to 25 maximum.
  - The event will have the same setup and layout as the previous Kings Coronation & Queen’s Jubilee events.
- Councillor MacDonald volunteered to compere as previously.**

Seniors Tea Dance – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

- Gary Matthews has been booked.
- Councillor MacDonald volunteered to compere as previously.**

Community Games – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024

- To again be held on Hatch Grange.

Remembrance – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

- The Deputy Clerk will be speaking to Rev. Maunder in February to see whether we will continue to hold the service at the War Memorial.

Children’s Christmas Parties – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

- Crazy M has been booked for both parties

Seniors Christmas Party – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

- Gary Matthews has been booked.
- Councillor MacDonald volunteered to compere as previously.**

**122/24/REC BARNSLAND / HATCH FARM**

- Restricted Access notices have been put up for the required 24-hour period at Barnsland.
- A public consultation has been arranged for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to discuss the plans for the new Public Art installation at Hatch Farm. The consultation is open to the public and will take place at Townhill Farm Community Centre between 3pm-8pm. This has been advertised on the Parish’s Facebook page.

**123/24/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN / QUOB GREEN / WEST END COPSE**

**Hatch Grange**

- The Arborist has completed the pollarding of the Lime Trees.
- Restricted Access notices have been put up for the required 24-hour period at Hatch Grange.

### **Sinc Area**

Nothing new to report.

### **Megan Green**

- A restricted access notice has been put up for the required 24-hour period at Megan Green.

### **Quob Green**

- A restricted access notice has been put up for the required 24-hour period at Quob Green.

### **West End Copse**

- A restricted access notice has been put up for the required 24-hour period at West End Copse.

## **124/24/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND**

Nothing new to report.

## **125/24/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS**

### **Chartwell Green**

- A restricted access notice has been put up for the required 24-hour period at Chartwell Copse.

### **Townhill Farm Play Area**

Nothing new to report.

### **Carpathia Play Area**

Nothing new to report.

### **Townhill Farm Community Centre**

- Parking Issues – The spaces we own are being repeatedly used by others, including those visiting the Doctors surgery which is causing issues for hirers of Townhill Farm Community Centre. As such, we will be placing two signs up on the fencing outside the building notifying drivers that the spaces are for users of the community centre only.

## **126/24/REC CUTBUSH LANE FOOTBALL FACILITY**

Nothing new to report.

## **127/24/REC QUOB LANE CEMETERY/ BURIAL GROUND**

### **Burial Ground**

- Following a response from the diocese on the 10<sup>th</sup> January to approve the required tree work within the Old Burial Ground, our arborist has already been out and completed this work.

### **Cemetery**

- A discussion took place on the feasibility of having more than two ashes burials in a single plot and Councillors ultimately decided that this would not be practical.

**Councillors asked the Deputy Clerk to check with ICCM to see if there are any legal requirements for us to provide full burial spaces or if having ashes only would be possible.**

- A number of trees have been trimmed back at Quob Lane Cemetery where it backs onto Holly Gardens. Following this, we received a complaint about increased noise now coming through from the Motorway. The resident has asked if we are able to erect sound deadening to help reduce this.

**A short discussion took place with Councillors highlighting that this would fall under Hampshire Highways.**

### **Garden of Reflection**

Nothing new to report.

### **128/24/REC ALLOTMENTS**

A plot holder has asked to move to an alternative plot as his current one has had issues with waterlogging this year.

**Councillors discussed the plot highlighted and decided not to allow the plot holder to swap to a different plot but advised them they can go back onto the waiting list for another plot if they are unhappy with their current one.**

### **129/24/REC GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT**

- The Head Groundsman highlighted again the hard work done by the Arborist along Lime Avenue with the tree pollarding. The grounds team then tidied up the path with the use of Botley Parish Council's tractor.
- More allotments will be cleared, and rubbish removed next week.

### **130/24/REC THE YOUTHHOUSE**

A written update was provided from the Youth & Community Leader and read out by Councillor MacDonald:

December was, as always, a very busy month for us. We had a stall at the turning on of the Christmas lights where we sold light up sticks and raised £168.00. We took 65 young people to the pantomime at the Mayflower Theatre on 15<sup>th</sup> December and we organised Christmas parties for each youth session. We were also very busy and popular on a Tuesday and Thursday morning running our parent and Toddler groups. We had two Christmas parties where a total of 49 toddlers attended and two craft mornings all before Christmas.

We started back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January and have a full timetable of activities arranged. We made bird feeders last week and this week we are doing a guess the flavour where we have nine different flavours of popcorn for the young people to guess what they are. We are certainly getting some interesting answers. Over the next few weeks, we will be making pizza's, doing an escape room and valentines arts and crafts.

We have also reintroduced a waiting list at youth club for a Tuesday evening as we are currently full.

### **131/24/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.49pm.