

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

Councillors Present: **R MacDonald (Chair)**
 C Boulton
 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

087/23/REC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1 member of the public was present.

088/23/REC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations to declare.

089/23/REC APOLOGIES FROM COUNCILLORS

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Berry & Du-Crow.

090/23/REC MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 18th October 2023 meeting were agreed at the Full Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 8th November 2023.

091/23/REC PARISH EVENTS 2023

Remembrance Day - Sunday 12th November 2023

The service and all arrangements went very well. Councillors thanked the staff and volunteers.

Christmas Lights – Friday 24th November 2023 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm

St James Church choir to sing carols, a wooden Reindeer Raffle will be held.

The Mayor of Eastleigh is unavailable to switch on the lights, therefore, Councillors agreed that the Chair of the Council, Cllr Turl, will switch on the lights.

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

Tickets went on sale on Monday 13th November.

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

Tickets went on sale on Monday 13th November.

092/23/REC BARNSLAND / HATCH FARM

The next Hatch Farm Public Art steering group meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 22nd November.

093/23/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN / QUOB GREEN / WEST END COPSE

Hatch Grange

Nothing new to report.

Sinc Area

Nothing new to report.

Megan Green

The Wednesday Conservation Group will be continuing their work on the path at Megan Green on the 3rd & 10th April 2024.

Quob Green

Nothing new to report.

West End Copse

Nothing new to report.

094/23/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND

Nothing new to report.

095/23/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS

Chartwell Green

Nothing new to report.

Townhill Farm Play Area

Nothing new to report.

Carpathia Play Area

The resident consultation regarding Carpathia Play Area has been updated and will be distributed in January.

Townhill Farm Community Centre

Nothing new to report.

096/23/REC CUTBUSH LANE FOOTBALL FACILITY

CCTV has now been installed at Cutbush Pavilion.

097/23/REC QUOB LANE CEMETERY/ BURIAL GROUND

Burial Ground

- A Faculty request has been submitted to the diocese to approve the tree work required.
- Three quotes have been obtained from the company who put in the new path at Barnsland, for a new path to be installed within the Old Burial Ground. This is to replace the main driveway directly inside the Burial Ground as well as the Path that wraps partially around the site. The quotes obtained were as follows:

Quote 1	£49,994.95 + VAT	to tarmac both the driveway and path.
Quote 2	£37,408.69 + VAT	to tarmac the driveway and use self-binding gravel for the path
Quote 3	£24,212.44 + VAT	to use self-binding gravel for both the driveway and the path

A short discussion took place on the best materials to use, and Councillors were in favour of using tarmac for the driveway and self-binding gravel or similar for the path. Councillors asked that quotes now be obtained from other companies to allow for a cost comparison.

Cemetery

- The exhumation of the late Mui Yip has been moved back to 2024. A date is still to be confirmed.
- Investigations are ongoing into the feasibility of having more than two ashes in a single plot.

Garden of Reflection

Nothing new to report.

098/23/REC ALLOTMENTS

- The current terms and conditions do not cover requests from existing plot holders to swap plots. This is not something other Parishes in our area allow unless there is a valid reason such as mobility issues whereby, they would need to be nearer to the car park.
- **A long discussion took place regarding the background around how this issue has arisen. A suggestion was made that going forward all requests of this nature would be referred to the Recreation & Environment committee to approve. If approved, the plot holder would then be asked to sign a new agreement which would give them a set amount of time to bring their current plot up to a suitable standard to be relet and relocate to the new plot. Draft guidelines will be drawn up for Councillors approve.**
- The Admin Officer is in the process of allocating out the vacant plots to those on our waiting list.

099/23/REC GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT

The Head Groundsman advised that the team have had ongoing issues with the football pitches at Cutbush being waterlogged which has resulted in matches having to be cancelled. The Grounds team are doing all they can to aid drainage and try to keep play going.

The team have now put up all of the Christmas lights down the High Street.

100/23/REC THE YOUTHHOUSE

The Youth Leader provided an update as follows:

In half term, we opened for 3 sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Wednesday daytime for a Halloween craft and lunch session. We also opened on Friday 3rd November

to watch the Ageas Bowl fireworks, where we sold hot dogs and hot chocolate and made a total of £386.15 which was up by £100.00 from last year.

We are now busy with the run up to Christmas. We are now selling ticket for the pantomime at the mayflower on 15th December and organising Christmas parties for every session.

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

101/23/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20th December 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.01pm.