

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2023, AT 7.15 PM**

Councillors Present: **S Turl (Chair)**
 B Du-Crow
 J Haylett
 R Prince-Wright

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

 No members of the public

071/23/REC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

072/23/REC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

073/23/REC APOLOGIES FROM COUNCILLORS

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Berry, Boulton & MacDonald.

074/23/REC MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 20th September 2023 meeting were agreed at the Full Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 11th October 2023.

075/23/REC PARISH EVENTS 2023

Senior's Bingo Event - Wednesday 25th October 2023 – 1.00pm – 3.00pm

- No tickets sold to date.

It was agreed to cancel this event.

Remembrance Day - Sunday 12th November 2023 - 10.30am – 11.15am

- The Road Closure Application has been approved by Eastleigh Borough Council.
- The bus companies have been emailed to inform them.
- Volunteers needed for marshalling.

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

- St James Church choir to sing carols.
- Councillors were asked for suggestions on who to switch on the Christmas Lights.

It was suggested to approach the Mayor of Eastleigh.

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

- Tickets will go on sale on Monday 27th November.

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

- Tickets will go on sale on Monday 27th November.

076/23/REC HATCH GRANGE PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- The Parish's CIP list will be updated later this month at the Policy & Resources meeting to include the Play area project.
- A meeting is due to take place with the Local Area Manager from Eastleigh Borough Council at the beginning of November at which time, the Parish Clerk will discuss any possible funding that may be available.

077/23/REC BARNSLAND / HATCH FARM / UPMILL

- The new path at Barnsland has now been completed. A walk around with Dave Bowen has been arranged for Friday 20th October at 10am. All Councillors are welcome to attend.
- Hatch Farm Public Art Project - The artists will be conducting two Cyanotype Workshops on 1st November: one in the morning with St James Primary School and a second in the afternoon with Hatch Farm residents. Townhill Farm Community Centre is being used for these workshops.

078/23/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN / QUOB GREEN / WEST END COPSE

Hatch Grange

A Communication Board (provided by Eastleigh Borough Council) has been put up, on a trial basis, in the Play Area at Hatch Grange. So far, we have received nothing but positive comments about it.

Sinc Area

Nothing new to report.

Megan Green

Nothing new to report.

Quob Green

Nothing new to report.

West End Copse

Nothing new to report.

079/23/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND

The replacement piece of play equipment has been installed in the Play Area.

080/23/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS

Chartwell Green

Nothing new to report.

Townhill Farm & Carpathia Play Areas

- The basket swing at Townhill Play area has been damaged again.

- A draft Play Area consultation letter and survey has been drafted to send to residents close to Carpathia Play Area. A copy of this was tabled at the meeting.

Councillors suggested adding an open-ended question for general feedback regarding the play areas. The questionnaire will be posted through targeted resident's doors around Carpathia Play Area initially. This will form the start of a roll-out to other areas where the form will be posted.

Townhill Farm Community Centre

Nothing new to report.

081/23/REC CUTBUSH LANE FOOTBALL FACILITY

The Policy & Resources Committee have agreed for CCTV to be installed.

082/23/REC QUOB LANE CEMETERY/ BURIAL GROUND

Burial Ground

The Grounds Team have cut the hedges and strimmed the ground foliage.

Cemetery

A date has yet to be confirmed for the exhumation of Mui Yip.

A short discussion was held about the recent 2 burnt-out vans with a suggestion of a high, remote, movement-activated camera at the Cemetery entrance with associated signage. It would have to be SIM or SD card run and battery powered. This would need to be checked with Eastleigh Borough Council as it is their land. It was also suggested to instal boulders or similar on the verge to fill the space where vehicles have been abandoned or temporarily parked.

Garden of Reflection

Nothing new to report.

083/23/REC ALLOTMENTS

22 reminder letters were sent out at the beginning of the month for unpaid rent. 10 are still outstanding.

084/23/REC GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT

Update from the Deputy Head Groundsman:

An allotment inspection is due to be carried next week. A week was spent at the Old Burial ground. The team have been having to cut grass every other day due to the amount of rain.

It was mentioned that patches of grass are growing through the new path in Barnsland. The contractors will be contacted to check that a weed suppressant was laid. The connection between Hatch Farm to the steps is overgrown. This will be dealt with by the Grounds Team on their schedule of works.

085/23/REC THE YOUTHOUSE

We have now started our autumn programme. Lots of our Tuesday night young people have now moved up to a Wednesday night, freeing up spaces for young people that have been on the waiting list. Our new members are enjoying all the activities that we have

planned, including making friendship bracelets, Autumn crafts and vegetable tasting. We are also planning to do a trip in half term and a Halloween party.

We took 25 young people to Thorpe Park for fright night on Friday 13th October, the young people were all well behaved and had a great day.

From October half term we will be closing Chartwell Youth Centre as numbers are very low and we will instead be concentrating on detached work in West End.

During the Half Term holidays we will be holding a craft afternoon on Wednesday and also opening Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

We are planning to open the Youth Club on Friday 3rd November to watch the Ageas Bowl fireworks. We will be offering hot drinks and hot dogs to all the people that come and watch from Moorgreen.

Nikki was thanked for her report and for moving onto outreach work.

086/23/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15th November 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.