

WEST END PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2019 AT THE PARISH CENTRE,
CHAPEL ROAD, WEST END COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM**

PRESENT: **Councillors: C Boulton Chair**
 R MacDonald
 A Price
 J Asman
 S Turl
 B Tennent

In attendance: **Mr S Mockford Deputy Clerk**
 Mr S Adams Head Groundsman
 Ms E Davies Admin Assistant

0 members of the public

115/19/REC APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Coles.

116/19/REC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare interests in relation to items of business on the agenda.

Councillor Asman's husband is an allotment holder and Councillor Turl is a member of the Moorgreen Residents Association.

117/19/REC MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20th NOVEMBER 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2019 had been previously agreed by Full Council on 11th December, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

118/19/REC MATTERS ARISING

Request from a Youth Club member to install Bottle Filling Stations in West End. The previous quote received was for a filling station for indoor use only. The following quotation is for an outdoor bottle filling station:

- Purchase price £1,895
- Installation £300 (approx.)

- 6 monthly maintenance £89 (chemical flush of pipework)

The Youth Team have applied for several grants to help fund the purchase costs of the filling station and will undertake various fundraising efforts. Councillors proposed that a new water bottle filling station could be installed in Spring 2020 (April 2020). The results of any fundraising efforts and grant applications will be better known by then so it was agreed that the project will be discussed again at the March 2020 meeting.

All other Matters Arising will be dealt with under agenda headings:

119/19/REC CORRESPONDENCE

1. Request from Hatch Grange WI for their bench to be re-installed outside the main entrance of the Parish Centre. This was removed in the summer as we were having trouble with a group of youths gathering there. Councillors were asked if they are happy for the bench to be-positioned in the same place. Head Groundsman will fix suitable brackets to the base, so the bench can be easily removed if required. Councillors agreed that the bench be re-installed at its original location.
2. Email request received from a local resident regarding placement of a memorial plaque at the base of a tree in Lime Avenue in memory of late mother. The tree was planted end of 2017. Councillors agreed to deny the request for a memorial plaque, as per the discussion and agreement on memorial plaques which took place during the November Recreation & Environment meeting.

This policy for the placement of memorial plaques is reserved for commemoration of individuals with local community connections, dignitaries, civic and historic occasions.

3. Email received from Eastleigh Ramblers to inform us that they have repaired Footpath No1, which is located at the bottom of Allington Lane, past the railway bridge.

Public Art

Nothing new to report

120/19/REC EVENTS FOR 2019/2020

Turning on the Lights – Friday 29th November, 2019 at 6.30 p.m.

This evening saw a good turnout. The lights have been very well received and complemented upon.

Children's Panto – Friday 13th December, 2019, 5.00 – 7.00 p.m.

Jack and the Beanstalk. Numbers down on previous years. The panto clashed with St James School Christmas Fayre. We will liaise with them to ensure the events do not clash again.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party – Monday 16th December, 2019, 2.00pm – 4.30pm

St James' School choir have also confirmed their attendance. Yes/No quiz. Tickets sold out. Many positive responses from attendees of this, on all aspects of the afternoon. The number of raffle prizes will be slightly reduced next year, to free up some time. £200 was raised from the raffle, which will be donated to the Mayoral Appeal.

125th Anniversary of Parish & Town Councils

WELHS helped put together archive information of WEPC for the Full parish meeting on Wednesday 11th December including details of the 100th celebrations. Many Parish staff and Councillors dressed up in the apparel of the day. Refreshments were served after the meeting. Councillors thanked the café manager for the catering efforts.

VE Day 75 – this will cover the weekend of 8th – 10th May, **2020**:

On Saturday 9th May 2020, we will be holding an evening event in the Parish Centre main hall, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. A live band, ploughman's and a glass of fizz for a toast. 'Bourne Valley Jemz' have confirmed attendance. £375 deposit paid. Total cost of band: £675. The format will be similar to last years' celebrations to commemorate 100 years since WWI.

West End Carnival

Saturday 20th June, 2020. Deputy Clerk will contact the Life Church. Cllr MacDonald has been in touch with a group of local Harley Davidson owners to discuss them leading the parade.

121/19/REC BARNSLAND/HATCH FARM

Hatch Farm

First meeting to be held on Monday 27th January from 2.30 – 3.30pm, in the library.

Barnsland

Nothing new to report.

122/19/REC HATCH GRANGE / MEGAN GREEN/QUOB GREEN/WEST END COPSE

HATCH GRANGE

Hatch Grange Management Plan

As previously discussed, Dave Bowen has provided a quotation to update the management plan.

“Hatch Grange Management Plan to include Megan Green. To:

- 1) *Carry out a review of the previous Management Plan for Hatch Grange (February 2013 – 2018) in consultation with the Grounds team and Management team.*
- 2) *Visit Hatch Grange and Megan Green with the Grounds team to gain an understanding and requirements of the areas to be covered in the Management Plan.*
- 3) *Subject to findings and results of the above, revisit and update the Management Plan (to include Megan Green) for the next Five (5) years. This will include working with Staff and Members to ascertain and include agreed improvement priorities and budgets for Hatch Grange and Megan Green for the term of the Management Plan.*
- 4) *Working with the Grounds staff incorporate a Maintenance Schedule for all areas covered in the plan.*

For the Total sum of £2520.00”

Cllr Price commented that he would like to see some more information on future plans for Hatch Grange, e.g. biodiversity and climate goals. Cllrs responded that they want to see the area maintained in its current state of natural beauty and that updates to the plans are mostly to ensure legal compliance and to include areas not included on the current plan.

Councillors were asked if they wish for any other persons to be contacted to quote for updates to the Plan. They agreed that an additional quote would be warranted and the Deputy Clerk will source this.

SINC Area:

As previously discussed, a letter was received from the Rural Payments Agency advising they have made an error with the ‘revenue claim payment’ and over paid us by £900. No further updates.

Staff car park to the rear of workshop

Nothing new to report.

FOHG

Thursday 23rd January a group of local Geocachers are due to come along for a work morning.

Megan Green

Nothing new to report.

Wednesday Volunteer Group

Nothing new to report.

N.I.C.E

Nothing new to report.

Quob Green

Nothing new to report.

West End Copse

As previously reported, the insurance claim is still ongoing for damage to property due to fallen tree in Ullswater Avenue. No further updates.

Two large trees have fallen within the copse. One is a very large Oak tree. The arboriculturist has been on site to make safe.

FoWEC

Nothing new to report.

123/19/REC MOORGREEN RECREATION GROUND

Tennis Court

Nothing new to report

124/19/REC TOWNHILL FARM RECREATION AREAS

Chartwell Green

Nothing new to report.

Chartwell Copse

Nothing new to report.

Upmill Play Area

Nothing new to report.

Townhill Farm Play Area

Nothing new to report.

125/19/REC WEST END FOOTBALL FACILITY

Pitches are extremely wet and drainage from the nearest pitch is very poor.

The barrier and the kissing gate are due to be delivered this week. Groundstaff will install these at the beginning of January 2020.

126/19/REC WEST END CEMETERY/BURIAL GROUND

Burial Ground

Strimming and clearing of the site is ongoing.

Cemetery

Nothing new to report.

Garden of Reflection

First scattering of ashes will take place on Monday 23rd January 2019.

127/19/REC ALLOTMENTS

- Healthy waiting list.
- Groundstaff have replaced broken fence posts.
- Water supply will be turned off on Monday 23rd December 2019. WEGAA have been informed.

128/19/REC GROUNDS EQUIPMENT

As previously agreed, a new ride on mower will be ordered for delivery at the beginning of March 2020.

Vehicle:	Kubota 1.55cm flail mower
Colour:	Orange
Monthly Cost:	4 year lease £391.00 5 year lease £378.00
Includes:	Breakdown Annual service Sign writing

Councillors agreed to pursue the 5 year lease.

129/19/REC THE YOUTHHOUSE

Cllr Boulton read out the report from the Youth Leader.

130/19/REC DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15th January 2019 at 7:15pm.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm

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