

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HIGHWAYS & PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD 7TH JULY, 2010**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Peter Hughes, Cllr. Sally Lloyds (Chairman), Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Ray Worley.

H21 Apologies: Cllr. Val Houghton

With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

**H22 Minutes & Matters Arising:
Meeting of 2nd June, 2010**

H15, Cllr. Helen Corben confirmed that the resident of Freegrounds Road has not received any further response to the matters raised with regard to a tree in Freegrounds Road. The clerk is instructed to chase the required response.

H15, the Chairman reported that overgrown hedges and trees in Upper Northam Road and Turnpike Way have still not been cut back. However, the War Memorial has been attended.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Meeting of 16th June, 2010

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

H23 Correspondence:

- i) Planning Aid England (PAE) has launched its new website. PAE provides free planning advice to individuals and communities who cannot afford to pay professional fees, including parish councils. The new site provides its clients with detailed information on the advice and support it gives individuals, communities and its partners. Planning Aid England director, Sue Percy, said "Our new web site is clearer, brighter and more informative than ever. The past 18 months has seen PAE engage with even more people and many enhancements we have made to the Planning Aid England service. It points our clients in the direction of the help that is available to them for effective engagement with the planning process and clearly communicates the services we provide. After all, that's what PAE is all about - ensuring people have all the information they need to get involved in the planning of their local area." To view the website: <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/planningaid/>. Noted.
- ii) Peter Shelley, Head of Passenger Transport, HCC re Concessionary Fares Consultation. An invitation to a representative of the Town Council to attend a series of special forum meetings, outlining the current situation

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with regard to responsibility for administration of concessionary fares and the move from District Councils to County Councils from 1st April, 2011, the changes required by law and then consider a number of options and their potential implications. Forum members will then be able to provide their views and ideas on these options and feedback used to assist the decision by Members later in the year.

A place to attend one of the forum meetings can be arranged by registering interest by either telephoning Anne Gillott on 01962 846785 or by Emailing community.transport@hants.gov.uk. Alternatively a response form will be available and should be returned by 12th July.

Details, times and venues of the forums, taking place during the course of the next two weeks, are available from the Town Council Offices.

Any further information at this stage, about concessionary fares should be directed to Mark Miller, telephone 01962 845077.

The clerk is instructed to pass this information to Cllr. Pearl Hicks as Transport Representative.

- iii) Notification of Tree Preservation Order No.686, 2, Fredericks Cottages, Heath House Lane, Hedge End, 2010 - a Sycamore Tree on the frontage of the aforesaid property. Noted.
- iv) Notification that a Certificate of Lawfulness has been issued on an existing use of land at 9, St. Johns Road, as an office and store for the sale of films/plastics and paper shredding service is for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house as such and did not constitute development under planning law. Consequently as the use does not require planning permission it is lawful. However, should the use increase then it may be planning permission would be required.

Cllr. Jane Welsh reported that she had received a telephone call from a local resident who was most upset that consent had been issued and contested the declared use. She would advise that this be closely monitored.

- v) Eric Reed, Principal Development Engineer, EBC informs the Council that Foreman Homes have asked whether the Town Council would wish to suggest street names on the former Kings Copse School field housing site. Only two street names are required, one name for the loop road and another for the minor link road between each side of the loop.

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Resolved: The clerk is instructed to submit the Committees' suggestions of Hindmarch Drive and Watson Way and request that with regard to the latter, if acceptable, a courtesy telephone call to the wife of the late Cllr. Don Watson would be appropriate to seek her approval.

- vi) Tracy Haskett, Senior Traffic Management Assistant, EBC provides a copy of her letter in response to matters raised in correspondence from Mrs. Jill Burrows of 61, Allen Road.

In the meantime an Email from Sarah Wallbridge, Sustainable Transport Manager, EBC confirms that from a travel plan point of view, she is working with Wildern School on their School Travel Plan review and a travel plan for the theatre development. The school have recently conducted travel surveys with the pupils and staff on how they get to school, how they would like to get to school and what barriers are preventing them from travelling by sustainable modes of transport. The results of this will be included in the Travel Plan document, which the school hope to complete shortly.

EBC have already started to work on initiatives to alleviate parking pressures around the school such as the park and stride from Budgens which will be open to both Wildern and Shamblehurst school and theatre goers in the evening. We are also putting in a bus shelter opposite Wildern School (the ground works started last week) to encourage travel to the schools by public transport. There will also be measures in place as part of the theatre development to encourage travel by non car mode i.e. bus timetable information, directions to the park and stride at Budgens etc.

Ms. Wallbridge is also going to start work shortly with Shamblehurst Primary School on their School Travel Plan review so hopefully by working with both schools at the same time, they can get the message across to parents about the importance of sensible parking and the benefits of travelling by sustainable modes.

She agrees with the view, apart from at the junctions, double yellow lines are not the answer. At the end of the day, there are two very big schools on Wildern Lane, like with all schools in the Borough we are never going to get 100% of pupils travelling by non car modes, and some parents need to travel by car. Education and awareness plays a fundamental role encouraging safe, sensible and considerate parking in the vicinity of Wildern Lane.

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- vii) Nicki Pinkney, Traffic & Road Safety, EBC responds to matters raised by Mr. Painter re parking in Foord and St. John's Road and reports the following:

"I have taken a look at the situation in Foord Road. Several cars were parked in the immediate vicinity of Paling Stride on the south-western side of Foord Road. Although on this occasion no vehicles were obstructing access to properties, I appreciate that sometimes the presence of these vehicles opposite driveways can also make it difficult to manoeuvre in and out of the entrances to properties, as well as the obstruction across entrances you refer to.

She explains the length of time, implications and costs involved to achieve Traffic Regulation Orders and that to reduce costs the Borough group together roads where restrictions are needed and produce a TRO for that particular area. She will add Foord Road to the list to be investigated further and a TRO progressed if appropriate. St. Johns Road can also be added to the list. Noted.

H24 Planning Applications:

F/10/67365, 11b, Foord Road. Single storey front extension with covered porch area to front. **Resolved: No objection.**

F/10/67376, 49, Stirling Crescent. First floor side extension. **Resolved: No objection.**

F/10/67364, 22, Sherborne Way. Rear conservatory. **Resolved: No objection.**

F/10/67321, Oak Tree House, Netley Firs Road. Retention of side conservatory. **Resolved: Objection. Overlooking and contrary to original planning conditions.**

F/10/67399, 25 Upper St. Helens Road. Construction of detached building to be used as an annexe/garden room, study and gym. **Resolved: No objection. However, the Committee would wish to comment that with such a large building and its potential to habitable use, they would strongly object to such use and feel that this should be considered a proviso within conditions of planning consent.**

F/10/67294, 106, Lower Northam Road. Siting of log cabin within rear garden: **Resolved: No objection.**

H25 HEWEB Decisions:

R/09/66299, Kings Copse Primary School, Kings Copse Road. Reserved matters

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Pursuant to outline planning permission O/05/54780 for construction of 118 dwelling units with car parking, bin and cycle storage, open space, access road and landscaping (matters to be determined: appearance, landscaping, layout, scale and access). **Decision: Approve the reserved matters.**

T/10/67219, Royal London Park, Flanders Road. Crown lifting of Oak, Beech and Hawthorn trees to 3m over drainage culvert and 4m over goods yard and parking area. Clear lamp columns by 1.5m. Remove Beech limb directly under light. (G1) and (G2) and pollarding at 5m of one Alder Tree. **Decision: Consent to Tree Works.**

F/10/66995, 18, Lewry Close. Two storey side extension to include extension to front and rear dormer windows. **Decision: Permit.**

F/10/66944, 54, Watkin Road. Repositioning of boundary fence and change of use of land from landscaped area to domestic garden. **Decision: Refuse planning permission.**

F/10/66971, 6, St. Johns Centre, St. Johns Road. Change of use from retail (A1) to takeaway (A5), new shop front, two Air Compressors and new flue. **Decision: Refuse planning permission.**

F/10/67052, 38, St. Johns Road. Formation of new vehicular access and construction of detached double garage within rear garden, following demolition of existing out buildings. **Decision: Permit**

F/10/67097, 46, Downscroft Gardens. Single storey side extension and alterations to widen front door. **Decision: Permit.**

F/10/67116, 52, Downscroft Gardens. Construction of first floor and two storey side extension. **Decision: Refuse planning permission.**

H26 Highway Matters:

Cllr. Jane Welsh reported that following a complaint from a resident of Granada Road re traffic difficulties at the entrance to Granada Road caused by parked vehicles, which included Paddling Pool visitors and the vehicles of workmen from the neighbouring housing development. The clerk is instructed to write to Traffic & Road Safety and request that this area be examined for the implementation of Traffic Regulation Orders.

Cllr. Helen Corben introduced discussion with regard to the naming of the new theatre within the Wildern School Complex and referred to an interesting article in the Evening Echo, however, it did imply that the facility was certainly allied to the school and was the late Mr. Threlfall's dream. Cllr. Cynthia Garton

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explained, on behalf of the Theatre Management Committee, that it was hoped and encouraged that the naming of the Theatre would be influenced by community groups and indeed that the Town Council would submit a suitable community name to be considered.

Resolved: The Committee agreed upon their suggestion of “The Pinnacle”, the inference being a community theatre at its best and highest level. The clerk is instructed to submit this suggestion on the EBC website on behalf of the Town Council.

Cllr. Jane Welsh informed members of her observations with regard to a piece of land in Netley Firs Road that creates a hazardous sight line problem. She has been informed that the land was sold by the developer of Strawberry Fields to a resident and understands that it is the corner property but will confirm the address with the clerk, so that the necessary request can be made for the hedge to be cut back.

Cllr. Cynthia Garton reported that TROs have been effected in the Grange Road cycleway and Woodhouse Lane near the Skateboard Park, by the entrance in Woodhouse Lane.

The Chairman represented a complaint from Mrs. Jenkins of Birch Road:

- Parking on the corner junction of Birch Road/Longclose Road causes an obstruction and traffic problems
- Also the trees on the corner block sight lines
- At the egress from Longclose Road to Lower Northam Road, sight lines are impaired by the height and mass of the highway hedges for motorists, pedestrians and those that need to use a mobility scooter.
- A residence in Lower Northam Road between Birch Road and Maypole Nursing Home has up to 3 Ambulances permanently parked and once again, causing difficulty for the elderly and those with mobility scooters to pass safely.

H27 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.
None present.

H28 Exempt Business:
Matters concerning enforcement issues were discussed.