

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS & PLANNING
COMMITTEE HELD 8TH JANUARY, 2014**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Richard Effeny, Cllr. Cynthia Garton (Chair)

Also present: Cllr. Keith Day
Mrs. Margaret Billard resident of Foord Road.

The Chair expressed her sadness to learn that Cllr. June Watson had passed away. She will be missed as a colleague and councillor. She served many years as Chairman of this Committee and was greatly valued for her wealth of experience and wisdom.

H149 Apologies: Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Ray Worley.

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

**H150 Minutes & Matters Arising
Meetings of 4th and 18th December, 2013**

H144, HCC Highway Engineer, Stephen Bradbury, reports that he has examined the Grange Road/Locke Road roundabout surface and has found a couple of stress tyre lines and this will be submitted for works, however, it is not a priority and is unlikely to be done in the next 12 months. He also spoke to the School Traffic Lady and she was concerned as to the speed of traffic and they agreed that the surface stress could be speed related. This has now been passed to Jo Folland, EBC, to consider speed monitoring. Furthermore, a request has been submitted for all the road markings at the Peter Cooper roundabout to be refreshed. The instruction is with the contractor and HCC are chasing them to get the works completed. This time of year isn't the most productive period for road marking, it's difficult for them to find enough dry days at the moment to complete all the jobs issued to them.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

H151 Correspondence:

- 1) Notification of road closure concerning Heath House Lane to allow HCC to carry out carriageway repairs: to be closed at the junction with Heath House Gardens offering an alternative route of Bursledon Road, Lower Northam Road, Kings Copse Avenue, Heath House Lane and its reverse. Period of Closure allowance will be effective from 10th February, 2014 for a period of 6 months, however it is anticipated that the works will be completed in one day (off peak) during this period.
Noted.

H152 Planning Applications:

O/13/73700, land off St. John's Road, south of Foord Road and west of Dodwell Lane.
Outline: construction of 94 dwelling units with new link road, new vehicular access to St. John's Road, pedestrian and cycle links through Greenfield Close, drainage, landscaping and public open space (access and layout only to be considered). The Chair invited Mrs. Margaret Billard to inform the Committee of her views:

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- The close proximity of plots 4 – 12 to the existing properties of Foord Road together with the development's retaining walls and the impact upon existing dwellings. It will be essential to guarantee that any window in the gable end of these properties is of obscured glazing.
- Screening is identified at between 2.5 and 3 metres and this must not rise too high.
- In the interest of the established ecology, a nature corridor should be created between the development and Foord Road thus reducing the density of housing close to existing dwellings and most importantly protecting wildlife such as the Great Crested Newt, Adder, Deer, Hedgehog and Slow Worm.
- A number of properties in Foord Road have roof and storm water drainage escaping to a soak-away within the land of the development and there is serious concern as to the effect upon this drainage.
- There has been no direct consultation with the residents of Foord Road and the Developer.

Resolved: Objection.

- **Insufficient infrastructure.** The Committee feel that it is essential that the road through the development from St. John's Road to Dodwell Lane is in place prior to development, together with necessary improvements to Junction 8, M27.
- **The Committee would recommend that plots 4 – 12 currently have a detrimental effect upon existing dwellings and should be relocated to give adequate space between the residences of Foord Road and the new development.**

F/13/73805, 4, Saxon Gardens. Single storey side extension and alterations to roof.

Resolved: No objection.

F/13/73803, 11, Hedley Gardens. Two storey and first floor side extension. **Resolved: No objection.**

T/13/73663, 64, Missenden Acres. Reduction and reshaping by 30% of three Alder, one Willow and one Birch and coppicing of two Alder. **Resolved: The Committee will accept the recommendations of the Borough Tree Officer.**

H153 Highway Matters:

The clerk is instructed to action/report the following:

- **The surface of a footpath from Bergen Crescent to Cranbourne Park remains partially tarmacked following a Foreman Homes development. Temporary fencing has been removed and the unfinished section of the path can be accessed by the public. The surface is very uneven and is a risk to pedestrians.**
- **Suggest that speed monitoring should be undertaken in Locke Road.**

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- Pavements in the centre of Hedge End, particularly red brick surfaces are flooding and causing a pedestrian hazard outside the Post Office in Upper Northam Road where there is also a depression in the tarmacadam path.
- There is serious flooding to an area of road surface outside the Post Office in Upper Northam Road.
- The reported lamp on the slip road of the Junction 7, M27 is still alight 24 hrs. per day.
- Yew Tree gardens storm drain is still blocked. HCC Engineer has been on site and assured Cllr. Margaret Allingham that this would be scheduled into works.
- The footpath opposite residences of Freegrounds Avenue needs clearing of leaves and overhanging branches to make clear passage. Furthermore, a water leak has reappeared in Freegrounds Avenue, located opposite the entrance to the Co-operative Store car park.

H154 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

None present.

H155 Exempt Business

Matters concerning enforcement issues were discussed.