

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HIGHWAYS & PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD 24TH FEBRUARY, 2010**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Peter Hughes (Chairman), Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Ray Worley

Members agreed this evenings meeting to be quorate on the basis that three of the total twelve members of Committee are Borough Councillors and excluded from a deciding comment - a third of the remaining nine would be in accordance with Standing Orders. The meeting, therefore, progressed as quorate.

H148 Apologies: Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Sally Lloyds, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Jenny Hughes.

**H149 Minutes & Matters Arising
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H139, Cllr. Jane Welsh pointed out that whilst Cllr. Derek Pretty was present at the meeting he had also been recorded as giving his apologies. Noted.

H135, Val Kitt reports that there is quite a lot of remedial work to be done to the verge and suggests that the heavy gravel may be referring to the French Drain which runs along the western side. However, Cllr. Pretty has confirmed that the gravel to which he refers is not for the French Drain. Noted.

H144, the Windhover markings are due to go back, previous attempts to replace them have failed due to the weather not being suitable. Noted.

H144, street lighting defects in Charles Watts Way (w) have been reported as numbers 6 to 15. Noted.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

H150 Correspondence:

- i) Notification of Tree Preservation Order No. 680 relating to an Oak on the frontage of The Oaks, Heath House Lane and a further Oak close to the boundary with 214 Cranbourne Park at the said address. Noted.
- ii) Notification that application number F/09/66261 for the erection of 3.6m high canopy to cover existing play area, Hedge End 2000 Centre, will be considered at the Local Area Committee on 1st March, 2010. Noted.
- iii) Paul Garrod, Traffic Management Team, responds to Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya's enquiries with regard to the feasibility of a residents' parking scheme for nos. 1 to 15 Freegrounds Avenue.

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Although a residents' parking scheme would help the current difficulties in Freegrounds Avenue, the implementation of such a scheme is very costly with ongoing costs. The set-up costs amount to several thousand pounds because of legal processes and creating a Traffic Regulation Order to designate the road as parking for permit holders only. The ongoing costs relate to administering the permit scheme and enforcing it. The Council's policy relating to permit schemes is that any new scheme from now onwards should be self-financing. This means that residents would have to pay for their permits since income from parking penalties alone is not enough to cover the running costs.

EBC have only provided permit schemes so far that cover an area rather than a single road. By solving the problem in one road it can pass the difficulty to another. In this particular situation, the problem would probably move to the main section of Freegrounds Avenue, meaning EBC may need to include that and other roads in a permit scheme too.

There is a demand for permit schemes, so much so, that not all can be investigated. HEWEB Committee decides on a shortlist of traffic issues that are investigated every 18 months or so. A list of the comments re traffic issues, from residents and councillors are reported to help HEWEB arrive at its shortlist, and this request for a permit scheme has been noted.

Whilst a permit scheme in Freegrounds Avenue should be feasible, there are no plans for one at the moment. In order to bring the matter forward, the next time that HEWEB decides on its shortlist of traffic issues for the Traffic Management Team to investigate, this concern will be listed, however, no indication as to the likelihood of it being included can be guaranteed.

H151 Planning Applications:

A/10/66441, land adjacent to 41, Wildern Lane. Display of one non-illuminated free standing sign to front. **Recommendation: Objection. Too large, visually intrusive and a distraction to motorists.**

F/10/66541, Unit 1a, Hedge End Retail Park. Installation of a mezzanine floor. **Recommendation: No objection.**

T/10/66601, 62, Thistle Road. Reduction of limbs of three Oak trees to give clearance of property by 2-3m. **Recommendation: The Committee will accept the recommendations of the Borough Tree Officer.**

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F/10/66567, 72, Granada Road. Enlargement of previously approved dormer window. **Recommendation: No objection.**

F/10/66565, Devon Lodge, 23a, Grange Road. Erection of 2.2m high railings and electric entrance gates, 2.2m high close boarded fencing, reconfiguration and surfacing of car park, external landscaping to include infill of external swimming pool and erection of pergola, bicycle store and four bollard lighting, following felling of trees. Elevational and internal alterations to main building and enclosure of existing carport and enclosure of entrance porch on annexe. **Recommendation: No objection.**

F/10/66648, 43, Haileybury Gardens. Rear conservatory. **Recommendation: No objection.**

T/10/66650, 28, Marsh Gardens. Crown reduction by 25% of one Oak tree in rear garden. **Recommendation: The Committee will accept the recommendations of the Borough Tree Officer.**

H152 HEWEB Decisions:

F/09/66414, 18 Pretoria Road. Creation of rear vehicular access off St. Johns Road. **Decision: Refuse planning permission.**

H153 Highway Matters:

Cllr. Helen Corben - could the Clerk make the Police aware of a new group of youngsters on scooters and motorbikes riding recklessly in Wildern Lane, doing wheelies over the speed humps.

H154 Councillors Questions:

Cllr. Helen Corben - is it possible to remind Councillors of the courtesy of submitting apologies for non-attendance, in advance of meetings?

The Chairman announced his apologies for meetings over the forthcoming two months and that this would be his last meeting as serving Chairman.

H155 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

None present.

H156 Exempt Business

Matters concerning enforcement issues were discussed.