

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS & PLANNING
COMMITTEE HELD 6TH APRIL, 2016**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Ian Corben, Cllr. Cynthia Garton (Chair), Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Chris Yates

H86 Apologies: Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya

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

The Chair moved that a matter concerning Highways should be discussed at this juncture in order that 7 residents from Upper St. Helens Road might have the opportunity to express their concerns with the Committee and this was unanimously agreed.

All residents had lived in Upper St. Helens Road for some considerable time, in one instance up to 46 years and all agreed that the following problems experienced in their road had progressively become worse and exacerbated over the years and more recently, which they now feel has reached a stage that risks serious health, safety and potential accident issues.

The following is a summary of the views expressed to seek the support of the Town Council in resolving the situation:

- Many residents operate a business from home and the associated vehicular activity i.e. deliveries, contractor vehicles, clients or commuters using the business to leave their vehicle for onward journey.
- Vehicles parked on the pavement or grass verges, obstructing the pathway and making safe passage for the less able or those using prams virtually impossible, often resulting in the risk of walking into the road to pass a vehicle.
- Vehicles are often parked opposite junctions and within 10 metres, breaching the Highway Code.
- Contractors from the New Forest are persistently using Upper St. Helens Road for commuter parking and a pick-up point. Leaving their vehicles at 7.00 a.m. The Contractor has been approached and makes little effort to resolve the situation and reminds the complainant that all his vehicles are taxed and it is a convenient road to Junction 8, M27.
- A resident was able to inform members of a harrowing experience when Emergency Services were unable to reach her home. The Ambulance was eventually parked a distance away and the patient was transferred with some difficulty. Naturally, residents are concerned for their safety should there be an emergency.
- Bus services are known to have been reduced due to the difficulty of negotiating streets such as Upper St. Helens Road and as the situation becomes exaggerated, the residents fear that an essential service may be cut altogether, and this is an area where many elderly residents rely upon the X15 bus service.
- A resident described the difficulty of egress from his property, which has often been prevented by vehicles that are parked an entire day, obstructing safe vehicular departure from his home.
- It is estimated that up to 50% of residents now park on the road even though they have space within their property and this is most likely to guarantee access of the road, whilst the other 50% is either contractors or business parking, or even residential parking overspill from Lyons Place, which also has severe parking issues.
- Residents spoke of having to drive a slalom to travel through their road.

- Many have experienced verbal abuse from motorists who will not accept a polite request to move their cars and some clearly feel extremely intimidated by this aggressive behaviour.
- A Tesco's 40' artic truck has been seen using Upper St. Helens Road.
- Clearly the Council refuse collection service also has difficulty in operating when the road is so heavily congested.

The Committee discussed possible remedies with residents and debated the effectiveness of each suggestion:

- Parking Permits
- Letters to residents encouraging them to park within the curtilage of their properties
- The installation of Dragons Teeth on grass verges
- The feasibility of commuter parking being directed to the Norman Rodaway Pavilion car park (this was, swiftly, discouraged by the Committee, as this is the site of a Park & Stride for Kings Copse School and is a facility for those hiring the premises)
- Road Traffic Orders (double yellow lines), however, this may not be popular with residents as their visitors will have nowhere to park their vehicles and, in effect, re-direct parking to other roads in the area. If this were to be implemented the residents should be canvassed for opinion. It should also be noted that TRO's take a very long time to implement.
- Businesses being run from a residence should be reported to Enforcement for investigation.
- Members spoke of the very successful regulation that has been implemented in the streets surrounding Hedge End Railway Station, which restricts parking between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. This has been very successful in preventing commuter parking.
- A Police patrol may also be requested and would be very effective.

The clerk is instructed to advise Traffic Management Services, EBC, of the Town Council's full support of the concerns expressed, providing the aforementioned details requesting a survey and guidance as to how to progress a solution, with a copy to the Local Area Co-ordinator, Julia Birt with a request for the local residents to be canvassed for opinion, together with an advisory newsletter.

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H81, item 1, brambles have now been cut back.

H81, Alison Densham, Traffic Management Assistant, EBC acknowledges concerns with regard to the service road to Hedge End Retail Park. She points out that there is a pedestrian refuge at this location but nevertheless will get some accident statistics and if there does appear to be a problem here she will forward the request for safer crossing management to HCC. **Noted.**

H81, HCC Roads & Transport acknowledge the footway/cycleway defect located at Sherborne Way to Melbourne Road footpath. It has been inspected and does require action, which has been added to contractor's work programme and will normally be processed within two months. **The clerk is instructed to report that although parts of the path have been clearly marked for rectification the reported pothole has not been highlighted.**

H81, item 6, St. Johns Road has now been swept.

H88 Correspondence:

- i) Notification of temporary road closures - Operation Resilience Programme 2016/17:

- A334 Charles Watts Way (eastbound), Carriageway resurfacing, June 2016 (2000 to 0600), from M27, Junction 7 Roundabout to 200m East, with proposed diversion Upper Northam Road, Lower Northam Road, A334 and is estimated to take 3 days.
- Allen Road, footway resurfacing, August/September/October 2016 (0700 to 1900) from Wildern Lane to the entire cul-de-sac and is estimated to take 80 days.

Noted.

ii) Notification of a forthcoming change to bus services. From 10th April, First will operate an additional Sunday evening journey on Service 8 (Hedge End to Southampton). This bus will leave Hedge End station at 1850 and is intended to provide an additional travel option for cricket fans attending matches at the Ageas Bowl. First will also operate extra journeys to and from the Ageas Bowl on route 8 on certain match days - Firstbus website for more information. **Noted.**

H89 Planning Applications:

F/16/78135, 23 Granada Road. Single and two storey rear extension. **Resolved: No objection.**

F/16/78193, 69B Yardley Road. Retrospective: Front extensions, new roof and internal alterations. **Resolved: Objection. The plans are ambiguous and are too confusing and not comprehensive to determine whether the original building (No.69) has been removed or divided and whilst a footprint appears to show a semi-detached dwelling, property A or B is not defined.**

F/16/78060, 29 Elliot Rise. First floor and two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. **Resolved: No objection.**

F/16/78197, 13 Leatherhead Gardens. Single storey extension to replace conservatory. **Resolved: No objection.**

T/16/78082, 65 Walker Gardens. Crown reduction of two Oaks. **Resolved: The Committee will accept the recommendations of the Borough Tree Officer.**

O/15/75953: Outline application for up to 680 residential units, mixed use comprising of retail and/or community/healthcare use, land for two-form entry primary school, formal and informal open space and sports pitches. New access off Winchester Road, associated on-site roads, infrastructure and footpaths/cycleways. Detailed matters for determination access (all other matters reserved - scale, appearance, landscaping and layout). This application is the subject of an Environmental Impact Assessment, is a departure from the Development Plan, is Major Development and affects the setting of a Right of Way. Land at Hedge End North, Winchester Road, Botley. For information the Committee were referred to correspondence under separate cover from Thomas Southgate, Associate Director, Terence O'Rourke Ltd. **Consultation Comment: The Committee reiterate their previous comments and are disappointed that there appears to be no significant amendment within the plans that demonstrates any effect on the key issues raised.**

F/16/78094, 10 Navigators Way. Single storey front extension and conversion of integral garage to habitable room with addition of lean-to roof and elevational alterations. **Cllrs. Paul Carnel and Chris Yates expressed a non-prejudicial interest and withdrew from discussions. Resolved: No objection.**

F/16/78087, 14, Bursledon Road. Single storey rear extension. **Resolved: No objection.**

X/16/78126, Site D Hamilton Business Park, Hamilton Way. Variation to conditions 1, 9 and 13 of planning permission F/11/70040 to substitute plans and elevations for building D2 (to include a reduction in its length and floor area). **Resolved: No objection.**

F/16/78196, 60 St. Johns Road. Addition of pitched roof to existing flat roof, single storey rear extension and external alterations to facilitate conversion of existing 4 bed dwelling to two 2 bed flats with associated parking to rear. **Cllrs. Chris Yates and Stephanie Arnold expressed a non-prejudicial interest and withdrew from discussions. Resolved: Objection. Overdevelopment and concerns with regard to lack of off-street parking.**

X/15/76771, Unit 1A, Bradbeers Retail Park. Variation of Condition 8 of planning permission F/14/75157 to enable the sale of toys, games, play equipment, entertainment products and associated goods (amended description). **Consultation Comment: No objection.**

H90 Highway Matters:

The clerk is instructed to report/action the following:

- **Bradbeers Roundabout. Whilst the standard of driving in negotiating this roundabout has improved, the approaches from West End and Botley are extremely busy at peak times and drivers become very frustrated with the slow flow of traffic. Could a survey be conducted to test whether traffic management is operating sufficiently?**
- **Road markings are very worn at J7, M27. The supermarket lane markings have faded and writing needs renewing.**
- **Further enquiries to be made as to whether improvements will be implemented to the drainage of flood water at the base of the Supermarket Bridge across Charles Watts Way.**
- **Granada Road/Tudor Close. Ten years ago a storm drain was moved and now the resident of 63 Granada Road experiences serious flooding outside his property.**
- **Request the tidying of land opposite Freegrunds Avenue residences.**
- **A number of properties in St. Johns Road, from the Recreation Ground onwards egress immediately into the roadside and do not have the benefit of a footpath and many residents have experienced problems with vehicles parking opposite their homes and making their egress impossible. As there is no footpath and parking has caused an obstruction, could TRO's be considered for the opposite side of the road in the interest of public safety and to prevent congestion and obstruction.**

H91 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

None present.

H92 Exempt Business:

Matters concerning enforcement issues were discussed.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY, 2016 WILL BE CANCELLED.