

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS & PLANNING
COMMITTEE HELD 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2014**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Richard Effeny, Cllr. Cynthia Garton (Chair), Cllr. Nathan Khan, Cllr. Emma Norman, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Ray Worley

Also present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham
Mr. Stephen Bradbury, HCC Assistant Highway Engineer.

H18 Apologies: Cllr. Helen Corben
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

H19 Highway Matters:
Mr. Stephen Bradbury, Assistant Highway Engineer - Hampshire Highways Area West.
The following highway issues were raised by members:

M27, junction 7 traffic lights have not been operating for some time?

Although not his direct jurisdiction, Mr. Bradbury assumed that this was a power failure as a software issue would be corrected far more quickly. The Chair added that she had read in the local papers that it was a cable issue caused by rodent urine! Mr. Bradbury will speak to Traffic Management to investigate whether the light phasing operation can be improved and will report back to DTC.

Improvements to: i) Freegrounds Road paving, ii) road surface to the centre of St. Helens Road iii) clarification of works to Nursery Grove? *Improvements to Freegrounds Road paving has been submitted, but it is included in a countywide rolling programme of issues. This year the main concentration has been on carriageways. However, Mr. Bradbury will raise the profile of this requirement. He is aware of the condition of St. Helens Road and works to Nursery Grove were for road surface improvement as the carriageway failed and required restoring. Less concentration has been given to kerbing and footway due to financial constraints, indeed only a third of intended works were feasible.*

Locke Road roundabout, uneven road surface? *Works are not imminent but have been identified and on the list. Mr. Bradbury will make enquiries and ask the Safety Engineering Team to examine issues concerning accident rate in this area. Orders have been placed to replace damaged lamps and barriers.*

Shafford Meadows? *The service and maintenance of this road will remain unadopted and HCC will have no influence whatsoever upon its condition or the parking fines that have been implemented. The Chair added that she is aware of a maintenance charge to residents for the upkeep of the road and landscaping.*

Last Winter's landslip in Upper Northam Road? *Works to restore this area are expected by the end of this year or early next year.*

Botley Road roundabout are the road markings correct? Exit lines appear to block disembarkation. *This will be investigated.*

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What is the programme of works for attending to Potholes? *Operation Resilience is designed generally for restoring and concentrating on large areas of carriageway and is ongoing. There is allowance, however, for potholes considered to be hazardous and there is a 2 hour make safe order.*

In view of the new development in Hobb Lane, residents would wish to see speed limit reduced? *EBC would be point of contact on behalf of the county.*

Wildern Lane - will all the speed humps be repaired? *The speed hump at the end of Wildern Lane will be replaced.*

DTC reported upon a letter from Mr. Philip Thompson of 20a, Chalice Court concerning traffic problems, parking issues and obstruction with a request for Road Traffic Orders in the interest of road safety. **The clerk is instructed to respond with the Committee's sympathy, however, this is not an isolated case or uncommon and similar circumstances are experienced by so many residential streets that it would not be feasibly possible or viable to install Road Traffic Orders (double yellow lines) to all. However, these circumstances will be passed to Jo Folland, EBC, to ascertain whether it would be possible to place RTOs.**

Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic Manager), HCC responds to concerns regarding the traffic signals in the centre of the village: The traffic signals at this junction is controlled by an application called MOVA, which also automatically logs the operation. It is this log that the engineers have used to verify whether the filter arrow is appearing. The remote monitoring I refer to logs equipment faults detected by the various self-monitoring systems such as for vehicle detectors and lamps. The two systems give a good view on the operation, but not how motorists are driving. A log of the filter arrow operation is provided. The columns in this log give the date and time (the periods vary), the number of times within that period that the filter arrow stage has operated and the average duration of the stage. There are no faults detected by the self-monitoring systems and this suggests the equipment is working properly. This leaves us with the way the system is intended to operate and the way drivers are using the junction. The arrow will only operate if two or more drivers are detected waiting to turn right. This is because a single vehicle can safely turn through the inter-stage period when the main road loses right of way, and a driver is likely to have done so before the green arrow would appear anyway because of the inter-stage period. It would be technically feasible to alter this, but it would add considerably to the vehicle and pedestrian delay, and experience suggests that we would quickly receive complaints about the apparent fault with the signals operating a stage in the absence of traffic (because in most cases a single vehicle waiting to turn right will have gone before the green arrow appears). Noted.

The clerk is instructed to action/report the following:

- **Cycle path and bridleway adjacent to the railway line in Grange Park is very overgrown.**

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- **Shafford Meadows** - contractors have made an unofficial access via Hogsty Copse from Turnpike Way (at lamppost No. 18) to the end of the development. A make-shift bridge has been placed across the stream. The clerk is instructed to inform the Developer and arrange for the “bridge” to be removed.
- **To request that the resident of 69 Freegrounds Road is asked to cut back their garden hedge which is currently causing an obstruction of sight-lines for motorists.**

**H20 Minutes & Matters Arising
Meetings of 2nd & 16th July, 2014**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

H21 Correspondence

- i) Maureen Harding to thank the Town Council for the naming of Shafford Meadows. She felt very honoured to cut the ribbon and to know that her Great Grandfather was Parish Clerk from 1898 – 1901. Noted.
- ii) Vanessa Riordan, a copy of objections forwarded to EBC re planning application for development of 14 Hobb Lane, based on overdevelopment, not in keeping with the street scene, noisy, disruptive and dusty, visually intrusive, increase noise/traffic, insufficient parking facility and that the Bin Store is likely to cause excessive smells. Noted.
- iii) Richard Pemberton, Sustainable Transport Manager, EBC notification that Velvet Bus has ceased trading together with changes to operations. Noted.
- iv) Notification of an appeal by Mr. R. Slater relating to 2 Church Lane, retrospective relief of condition 5 of planning permission F/13/72055 to allow for removal of boundary hedge and replacement with 1.8m high timber fencing surmounted by 0.28m high trellis. Noted.

H22 Planning Applications:

T/14/75072, 28 Bluestar Gardens. Reduction of crown and canopy by 1.5m and crown thin by 20% of one Oak tree. **Resolved: The Committee will accept the recommendations of the Borough Tree Officer.**

F/14/75054, 85, Upper Northam Road. Single storey rear extension with adjoining raised decked area, following demolition of existing conservatory. **Resolved: No objection.**

F/14/75045, Marlizmaria, 10 Portelet Place. Erection of 2 storey rear extension and first floor and two storey front extension. **Resolved: No objection.**

F/14/75003, 34, Linden Gardens. Single storey side extension. **Resolved: No objection.**

A/14/75088, McDonalds Restaurants Ltd., Tollbar Way. Display of 10 internally illuminated totem/freestanding signs and one non-illuminated free standing sign. **Resolved: Objection. Proliferation of illumination and environmental impact.**

Stephen Bradbury left the meeting.

H23 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

None present.

H24 Exempt Business

To discuss matters concerning enforcement.