

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD
10 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Ian Corben, Cllr. Keith House (Chairman), Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Emma Norman, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Jane Welsh

S4 Apologies

Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Jerry Hall, Cllr. Jim Mitchell, Cllr. Kevin Paddick

S5 To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held 16 June 2015

The Minutes were signed as being a true and correct record.

S6 Matters to be Resolved:

Agree Scheme of Delegation/terms of Reference for Town Council Committees

The Scheme of Delegation carrying the agreed amendment under 9.1.5 was discussed. Members wished to add the following additional clause 9.1.39:

‘...activities concerning public health and well-being and provision of local health services’.

RESOLVED

That the Scheme of Delegation be agreed subject to the amendment under 9.1.5 and the addition of clause 9.1.39 detailed above.

Agree Future Priorities for the Town Council

a) Revenue

b) Capital

c) Lobbying

- A schedule is needed of all the play areas and when they are due for refurbishment over a 10 year plan. The schedule is needed before the budget process to ensure a regular budget is allocated. The list should indicate when the play areas need refurbishment and indicate any issues so to gain clarity of any problems that exist. The oldest play area on the list being Greta Park. Action Recreation & Amenities Committee;
- A spreadsheet list needs to be developed for the community halls and properties setting out the priorities and matters that require addressing. They need to be considered for adjustments and modifications as regards making them dementia friendly and should

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be indicated on the action plan. Action Finance & Administration Committee;

- Drummond Community Centre requires refurbishment. Action Finance & Administration Committee;
- Consider developing the area adjacent to the kiosk by the paddling pool. Action Recreation & Amenities Committee;
- No strategic moves or development on the paddling pool at the Recreation Ground at the present time;
- It was agreed that there is a need to maintain public conveniences in the centre of the village. The existing facilities are not fit for purpose. Members agreed that this was a capital project for the Finance & Administration Committee to manage. All options on the public conveniences to be worked up and considered, possibly to be delivered at some point during the life of the current council;
- Hedge End Station is the 3rd busiest station in the South. SWT is responsible for facility provision at the station. There is a lobbying point for the Town Council to ask SWT to consider long-term facilities and plans for the future with respect to Hedge End station. Especially concerning is the lack of disabled access over the bridge to the respective platforms. Action for Community & Culture Committee to chase and lobby SWT on future plans and facility provision at Hedge End station;
- The feasibility and potential of hiring bicycles and creating strategically placed cycle stations around Hedge End from Hedge End station as an example was discussed. There could be various hubs to dock the bicycles and explore Hedge End. The bicycles could be hired for an hour. Action Highways & Planning Committee to lobby, perhaps Eastleigh Borough Council – Transport, SWT;
- Constructing a second paddling pool to better serve the northern part of Hedge End and reduce the pressure on the existing pool in the Recreation Ground. Issues to consider would be parking provision and whether this is the best location? A feasibility study for the viability of placing a paddling pool at Dowd's Farm needs to be worked up over the next six months. If it is viable and subject to community consultation, this could potentially be delivered within the financial year 2017/2018. Action Recreation & Amenities Committee.;
- The plans for the land to the rear of Berrywood School between Cudworth Mead/Stag Drive and Billington Gardens is planned to be playing fields. The Chairman explained that this project is in the hands of Hampshire County Council and currently no timetable can be given on progress.

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- Volunteering co-ordination is needed for Hedge End, especially in managing where volunteers can go, what they can do and what needs to be achieved and marrying these up with specialisms required. Members felt that a meeting with One Community and BTCV particularly with the potential of have countryside volunteers is essential. A database is needed by subject with a list of jobs or projects required and then advertise for volunteers. Action Community & Culture Committee;
- Examine the feasibility of establishing a directory of local businesses on the Hedge End Town Council website and give suitable publicity and enable Hedge End Town Council to be associated with local town businesses. Action Community & Culture Committee;
- Consider the expenses and investigate the potential of taking over the Service Road behind Barclays Bank/Fogg etc and maintain in the public interest. Action Finance & Administration Committee;
- Consider potential land acquisition of pockets of land stated around Stirling Crescent. Action Finance and Administration Committee;
- The subject of additional health facilities was discussed and the community and culture committee to open dialogue and lobby with the different agencies and the clinical commissioning groups within the NHS to explore what can be achieved for health provision in Hedge End, considering the infrastructure and future proofing. To look at outpatient provision, therapists (especially physiotherapy) and health provision in the area. Action Community & Culture Committee;
- Public Art consideration for Hedge End the potential for possible placement in Hedge End. This was noted at the present time.

The Chairman summarised that the main projects as a strategy going forward are:

- Public Conveniences
- Feasibility Study of paddling pool provision at Dowd's Farm
- Berrywood Playing Fields
- Woods at St Johns Road management

A brief discussion ensued on a strategy for the future Council Tax levy requirement and this to be discussed at the finance & administration committee as part of the budgetary process. The finance & administration committee needs to consider the overall level of fees and charges ensuring these are at the appropriate market level.

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There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50 hours.