

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD
16 JUNE 2015**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Ian Corben, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Keith House (Chairman), Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Emma Norman, Cllr. Kevin Paddick, Cllr. Jane Welsh

S1 Apologies

Cllr. Steve Carr, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Chris Yates

S2 To discuss current agreed capital projects

The Chairman advised members of the current agreed capital projects contained within the budget 2015/2016. He also briefly explained the meanings of revenue and capital.

It was considered appropriate that all the Town Council's play areas be listed with the likely replacement date listed by age of last refurbishment.

The Chairman proceeded to summarise all the facilities the Town Council has and where the locations are.

S3 Discussion on future priorities for the Town Council

(a) Revenue

(b) Capital

(c) Lobbying

- Continue rolling programme of play area refurbishment. The oldest play area on the list being Greta Park. Action Recreation & Amenities Committee.
- Community Halls need to be listed for members together with the green spaces.
- Drummond Community Centre requires refurbishment – Action Recreation & Amenities Committee.
- Possible paddling pool replacement in the next 3 to 5 years at the Recreation Ground. Capacity for the arena to be considered and whether this needs to be enlarged. Action Recreation & Amenities Committee.
- The capacity of the cemetery at Albert Road was discussed and that the regulations introduced in 2009 to only offer burials and interments for Hedge End residents should continue. There should be no action for seeking alternative cemetery provision over the next 4 years.
- Allotment provision was discussed and it was felt this was sufficient for the time being.

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- Public Conveniences in the centre of the village were discussed. All options on the public conveniences to be worked up and considered, possibly as a long-term project. Action Community & Culture Committee.
- 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. Action for Community & Culture Committee to 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? Action Recreation & Amenities Committee.
- The Chairman explained the current playing field provision. He discussed the plans for the land to the rear of Berrywood School and that sectors are specifically reserved for sports provision. This is land situated between Cudworth Mead/Stag Drive and Billington Gardens, which is planned to be playing fields. Current playing field provision for football at Rodaway is suitable for local provision. Eastleigh Borough Council has taken over Berrywood Meadow but consideration needs to be given to future sports pitch requirements, football pitches and possible new pavilion and access. The land East of Grange Park would need to be accessed via Woodhouse Lane or Locke Road. Recreation & Amenities committee needs to lobby and consider how to achieve playing space for people/sports and a new pavilion? What scale is required? What timeframe? The committee needs to engage clubs and consult? Where does the committee what to pitch this? Do we want to have a large sporting provision like Stoneham Lane or on a smaller scale?
- Computer upgrade for the office and improve facilities. Action Finance & Administration Committee.

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- Encourage more volunteering in Hedge End, particularly establishing a hub of volunteers to help with various projects or create Community Days. 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 Highways & Planning Committee.
- Consider potential land acquisition of pockets of unmaintained land situated along Freegrounds Avenue, Melbourne Road and by Hedge End Railway Station. 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 proof. Action Community & Culture Committee;
- Public Art consideration for Hedge End the potential for possible placement in Hedge End. Action Community & Culture Committee.

The Chairman resolved that the strategy committee should e-convene in September after committees have had opportunity to consider the matters that have been raised.

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