

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A STRATEGY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 24 JUNE 2019**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Keith House, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd (Chair), Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Julie Skinner, Cllr Ben Thomas, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr Geoffrey Westgarth

S7 Apologies

Cllr George Brown, Cllr Pat Jenkins

S8 Chairs Introduction to the Committee

Cllr House outlined the role of this committee in generating ideas for feedback to the Policy & Resources and Recreation & Amenities Committees so that ideas can be considered and formulated in more detail to ascertain the feasibility of the ideas.

S9 Current Projects – Updates from Committee Chairs

Policy & Resources (previously Finance & Administration)

Last year there was one principle project to take back Hedge End Youth Community Association (HEYCA) building. A considerable amount of money has been spent on undertaking emergency works. Due to these unforeseen expenses there is now a requirement to finish the refurbishment and there may be a requirement to have a Public Works Loan to complete this.

The other area of focus was the Dowds Farm extension to play area which is now complete.

For the current year, there are proposals to look at advertising in the gazette. Proposals have been agreed on the Youth Provision. There is a general desire to upgrade the facilities over the future year.

Recreation & Amenities

Allotments were hoping to get the disabled toilet in place; however, we are now seeking alternative grant funding that would enable the disabled plot to go ahead as well.

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It would be good to improve the Beattie Rise Play Park Area. There are also requirements to see what can be done for the pond which is not a viable solution as a pond and one suggestion was an informal skate/bmx area.

There is a need to sort out the security of the sites. Parking is also an issue particularly at Woodhouse Lane where commercial companies are using the spaces.

There is an aspiration to have notice boards in the Wildern Local Nature Reserve. This would be in the region of £10k.

Re-lining of the 2000 Centre Car Park was originally planned for this year.

Would like to see some improvements in the Westward Road Play Area including an all-weather foot path.

Nelson Gardens is a tired site and is not well used but this could be used for repurposing to a more casual spot rather than a new play area.

Norman Rodaway Play Area was on the list to be refurbished this year which has been put on hold.

There is an aspiration to move all the football off Greta Park to Norman Rodaway as the new football sites come on stream. The toilets are tired and not a nice place for people. It would be good if some painting could be done soon. **RESOLVED:** Refer to Recreation & Amenities Committee, a football strategy is required to be able to manage the future provision.

Dowds Farm would benefit from tidying up the area around the MUGA and some slabs to make the surface less marshy.

RESOLVED: Refer to Recreation & Amenities, a play area strategy should be in place with a minimum of the state of the current play areas and the future requirements.

Hedge End has approx 80 bins and these are in varying states of disrepair so a program of replacement of a number of bins per year would see them all replaced within 10 years. **RESOLVED:** Refer to Recreation & Amenities Committee, a bin strategy is required understanding where HETC assets are and which ones we empty including those that need repair and maintenance.

There are three Grazing Fields at the allotments, there is a spare one currently.

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Morant Copse has been neglected and needs some tidying.

A request has been received from the Village Hall who would like the 4 parking spaces marked with HETC. **RESOLVED:** Refer to Policy & Resources Committee

RESOLVED: Cllr House asked that a map was created of HETC assets.

S10 Aims and Objectives of the Town Council

4 Year Plan including potential future projects

Cllr House invited the committee to submit proposals. Cllr Westgarth put forward ideas for the regeneration of the Town Centre. **RESOLVED:** Cllr House proposed that a small working group was formed to work with Cllr Ian Corben as the Borough member for the regeneration portfolio. Cllrs Allingham, Jupe, Mitchell, Nichols, Pretty, Thomas and Westgarth requested to be group members.

Cllr Nichols enquired about the hedging on Drummond Road immediately to the right of the exit of Grange Park. There was also mention of a crossing being installed. Cllr Corben outlined that the crossing is being looked at by engineers and is not progressing.

Cllr Helen Corben spoke about the strip of land in Freegrounds Avenue which is not registered and is there is a possibility of having this cleared twice yearly. **RESOLVED:** Referred to Highways and Planning Committee.

Cllr Helen Corben asked if there would be an option to purchase a Speed Activation Device. **RESOLVED:** Referred to Highways and Planning Committee.

Cllr Craig spoke about the bridleways and the need to restrict inappropriate access and improve the access all year round. **RESOLVED:** Referred to Highways and Planning.

Cllr Thomas asked about the site at FAB and what could be done to improve that area.

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Cllr Thomas has had positive feedback on the skate park picked up parental feedback that there are difficulties in accessing the Skate Park.

RESOLVED: Refer to Recreation & Amenities Committee to look at existing facility and any future expansions.

Cllr Thomas also asked if there are any aspirations to be greener and go carbon neutral. Cllr Pretty outlined the work that is already being done by P&R to look at this on buildings. **RESOLVED:** Referred to Policy and Resources for a discussion on a green strategy. Cllr Thomas and Cllr Kyrle to be invited.

Cllr Thomas would like to look at some kind of family festival. **RESOLVED:** Referred to Recreation & Amenities.

Cllr Kinloch talked about wildflower planting in the environment.

RESOLVED: Referred to Recreation & Amenities.

Cllr Kinloch talked about more promotion and encourage people to use the Cycle Ways, Bridleways and paths. See above note.

Cllr Kinloch suggested the toilets in the centre should be looked at. This will come under business as usual for Policy & Resources Committee.

Cllr Kinloch noted the junior park run has been successful and could the same be done for the adults. **RESOLVED:** Referred to Recreation & Amenities Committee.

Cllr Kinloch talked about the need to make the crossings over the dual carriageway for Wildern approaches. Cllr House spoke that this is being looked at a Borough level.

Cllr Kinloch asked about station access from one platform to another.

RESOLVED: Referred to Highways and Planning.

HEWEB Community Investment Programme

Cllr House ran through the borough priorities for the area on the Community Investment Programme asking councillors to consider if the items/priorities and investment were at the right levels.

Page 9 outlines the longer-term planning of the Borough Council in managing development in the area and the future of Hedge End.

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Update on Former Budgens Site

Purchased by EBC in October 2018 for regeneration of the Town Centre. The aspiration with feedback from residents is for a retail offer. There are other options available if retail is not the solution. The car park now has extended hours during the summer until 7.30pm.

S11 Working arrangements of the Town Council

Cllr Westgarth raised a question on Social Media and as things get larger the community feel less connected. If used properly there could be some significant benefits to it. At the moment HETC push information but this is not two way as we don't seek feedback. **RESOLVED:** Referred to Policy & Resources for a Comms Strategy.

Cllr Craig requested that agendas should be circulated to all councillors. **RESOLVED:** Town Clerk to send all agendas to all councillors.

Cllr House noted that agendas should now include as much information as possible. **RESOLVED:** That Chairs will ensure that detail is provided.

Cllr Westgarth asked about printing of papers. Cllr House outlined how other parish councils send papers and only print on request. **RESOLVED:** Referred to Policy & Resources for the council to go paper free.

Cllr Morris requested that agendas are made available on the screen. **RESOLVED:** That these are made available.

Cllr Jurd asked about the Former Budgens Car Parking being advertised on the HETC website.

S12 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 21 October 2019 at 7pm

Apologies received from Cllr Nichols and Cllr Jurd.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.59pm.