MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD 7 OCTOBER 2026

Cllrs Present: Cllr Paul Carnell (Chair), Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr David Fleming, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd

H926 Apologies: All committee members were present.

H927 Minutes & Matters Arising

Meeting of the 2 September 2026
These minutes were signed as a correct record.
Matters arising from the 2 September 2026
None arising.

H928 Correspondence

- Appeal relating to 4 Barfoot Road, Hedge End – No further representation

H929 Planning Applications

PN/26/102035, Imperial House, Grange Drive, Hedge End. Application for Prior Approval for installation of solar panel array to roof. **RESOLVED: No Objection.**

F/26/101979, Land at White Stork Road, Adjacent to the Roundabout with Winchester Road. Erection of 80-bed C2 Care Home incorporating an ancillary Community Hub with new vehicular access to White Stork Road. To supersede the 70-bed C2 Care Home permitted under reference F/23/96629. **RESOLVED: No Objection.**

H/26/101725, 26 Shafford Meadows, Hedge End. Proposed rear dormer and front rooflights to accommodate loft conversion. **RESOLVED: Object on the basis of overdevelopment and lack of parking provision.**

Cllr John Shepherd declared an interest in the following application.

F/26/101928, St Lukes Church, St Lukes Close, Hedge End. Installation of two air source heat pumps and two air conditioning units. **RESOLVED: No Objection.**

Cllrs Shepherd and Corben abstained from the decision as it will be discussed at HEWEB.

F/26/101202, Utilita Bowl, Marshall Drive, West End. Erection of 161 dwellings, a high-performance centre (Sui Generis Use Class), new vehicular access, car parking, pedestrian circulation, together with associated tree planting, landscaping and open space. **RESOLVED: Object on the basis of overdevelopment.**

A/26/102164, Imperial House, Grange Drive, Hedge End. Installation of internally illuminated fascia sign to front (east) elevation. **RESOLVED: No Objection subject to the lights being turned off at 11pm.**

F/26/102143, Imperial House, Grange Drive, Hedge End. Installation of new entrance door and repainting of cladding to front (east) elevation. **RESOLVED: No Objection.**

H/26/102046, 6 Shamblehurst Lane South, Hedge End. Sunken skate bowl in rear garden (retrospective). **RESOLVED: No Objection.**

H/26/102071, 45 Walker Gardens, Hedge End. Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of the conservatory and garage. New porch. **RESOLVED: No Objection.**

T/26/102034, 8 Park View, Hedge End. 2no. Alders (A & B) - Pollarding to 3m. Dieback in crowns and in close proximity to the ditch and highway stone path to rear of garden.
Trees were listed as mature in 1994 and after a further 30yrs are now coming towards the end of their normal life (60-100 years), they drop dead and rotten wood throughout the year.
One tree had split into multiple trunks in its infancy and the weight of these individual trunks, hang over a path regularly used by school children which represents an additional concern.
The intentions of these works is to extend the life of these trees and associated amenity by decreasing end-weight and thus reduce the risk of branch failure and support long-term tree health and amenity. Pollarding will also encourage fresh and vigorous growth and reduce the risk of them being uprooted in strong winds, several large nearby trees have been uprooted by wind including 2 mature oaks.
Work will also allow further light into the greater general wooded area where many small tree are already growing and fighting for light and space to grow, including a mature Oak hidden behind these 2 trees.
Future, it is expected that these trees will need pollarding back to 3m every 3-5 years.
There is also a juvenile holly tree intertwined between and within these 2 trees, will be saved during this work, but it is suggested that this tree will be trimmed to ensure an aesthetic looking tree line during the process.
Suggested that this work be carried out during the winter months to ensure minimum stress to the tree and cause minimum effect on bird life.
RESOLVED: Object, Insufficient justification, evidence and disproportionate works.

T/26/102038, 41 Lower St. Helens Road, Hedge End. 2no. Mature Ash Trees (T1&T2) - Crown reduction by 2.5-3m in height and 2-2.5m on all sides leaving a canopy spread of 10m in height and 15m width.
These trees are now drawing both front and back gardens respectively, encroaching on the roof and walls and so this work is required to make their size more suitable for their surroundings, preventing damage to the property

and allowing more light in to the house. **RESOLVED: No objection, subject to restrictive conditions requiring the trees to be reduced by up to 3m, but not beyond the previous reduction points, thereby retaining the established crown framework.**

H930 Highway Matters

Councillors raised the following Highway Matters with the Town Clerk to seek resolution:

- Cllr David Fleming noted that there are utility works on Turnpike Way.
- Cllr Derek Pretty was pleased to note that the blocks on Brittania Gardens have been replaced.
- Cllr Ron Nichols was pleased to note that all the signs are back on the M&S roundabout.

H931 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

H932 Exempt Business – Matters of Enforcement

There being no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 19:33 hours.