

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS  
COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN THE PARISH CENTRE, CHAPEL ROAD, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON**

Present: Councillors: J Goguel Chair  
S Collett  
H Hellier  
S Turl  
R MacDonald  
J Asman

In attendance: Mr S Mockford – Deputy Clerk  
Mrs E Davies – Admin Officer

Members of the Public: 1

**009/19/PL APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Davis

**010/19/PL DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**011/19/PL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2019**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 were accepted as a true record of events and signed by Cllr Goguel.

**Proposed: Councillor Goguel**

**Seconded: Councillor Collett**

**In favour: Unanimous**

**012/19/PL MATTERS ARISING**

As previously agreed, the Head teacher of St James Primary School was invited to attend the meeting following her request to discuss traffic calming arrangements at the junction of Moorgreen Road and Monarch Way.

She firstly expressed her appreciation for the amount of work already gone into traffic calming measures in the area and for the Committee's time in meeting with her. Her concern centres around one chicane – the one closest to the school at the junction of Monarch Way and Moorgreen Road. This is also the point at which the lollipop lady operates.

During school drop off and pick up times, cars approaching the school along Moorgreen Road from the direction of the motorway bridge become significantly backed up behind the chicane. This can cause drivers to become frustrated resulting in aggressive and sometimes dangerous driving. Instances of drivers racing to get past the chicane (to get priority at the second chicane just past the junction) and cars mounting the pavement around the chicane, have been observed. A bollard placed at the edge of the chicane should solve the second issue. Cllr MacDonald stated that such a bollard used to be in existence.

At the present time, parents are not really making use of the Park and Stride due to the issues with congestion. The Head teacher of St James' asked that, if the problem chicane is potentially moved back towards the motorway junction, could this improve matters. This would mean that the lollipop lady would stop two lanes of traffic to assist the children.

Cllr Turl responded by giving the Committee the history of the current setup and an explanation as to why the chicane is there. Cllr Turl was extensively involved in instigating the original traffic calming measures and has excellent knowledge of the issues. Representatives from St James' School, Moorgreen Road Residents Association, Local Police, Highways Hampshire, Local Government and West End Parish Council were also represented on the original Committee.

Prior to the chicane being in place the lollipop lady didn't have sufficient space to safely gather the children before assisting them across the road. It was also difficult for her to stop both lanes of traffic. Over a period of 3 years, 230 accidents were reported, of which the vast majority were at this junction. Since the traffic calming measures have been in place there have been no reported accidents.

Following a Residents Association campaign, funding was agreed for a scheme to instigate traffic calming measures. This was in conjunction with improvements to congestion around St James' School. Both the speed of traffic and the number of HGVs were addressed with this initiative. The scheme was designed to cause severe congestion with the aim that this would significantly reduce the number accidents. It was also hoped that this would get more people using alternative ways of getting to school.

The chicane at the junction of Monarch Way and Moorgreen Road was an essential part of the scheme, being the only chicane on this side of the road. Its width created an ideal waiting and crossing point and meant that the lollipop lady had only one lane of traffic to negotiate. Cllr Turl expressed concern that, should the chicane be moved further back, this could cause accidents as the traffic is able to build up speed.

The Head teacher of St. James' asked the Committee about alternatives. The original traffic calming scheme did not allow for the increase in housing development in the area and for the nearly doubling of the school intake. The school have worked hard to help alleviate congestion, including offering a drop-

off window time, staggered pick- up times and lots of encouragement to parents to use alternative ways of getting to school.

Cllr Turl stated that the original scheme had more Park and Strides, including the Parish Car Park. This would involve a walking crocodile arrangement to walk the children on to school. Unfortunately the school do not find this feasible as there are insufficient staff to run this and no parent volunteers came forward.

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed the following actions:

1. West End Parish Council will look into the provision of further Park and Stride sites. The Hospital would be an ideal site, with a back route to the school. The feasibility of this will be investigated.
2. The feasibility of adding hatchings to the road between the two chicanes will be investigated. Given the Borough Councils budgetary constraints, this could potentially be a cost-effective option.
3. The Head teacher of St James' School will request replacement of the bollard on the chicane.
4. The lollipop lady will be offered some further training and support. It is not expected that she should manage the traffic, but to increase her awareness of the issues. Gathering a larger group of children before stopping the traffic to allow the children to cross, could be of benefit.
5. The shared use of a Speed Indicator is to be investigated, for use along this stretch of road. This could be moved along the road as necessary and has proved extremely effective in other areas.

**005/19/PL**     **EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR WEEKS ENDING 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH AND 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**

**T/19/85184**     **84 High Street, West End, Southampton, SO30 3DU**  
1 no. Sweet Chestnut (T1) – repollard back to previous pruning points.

**No Objection subject to the approval of the Tree Officer**

**Proposed: Councillor Asman**

**Seconded: Councillor Macdonald**

**In favour: Unanimous**

**T/19/85185**     **1 Western Road, West end, Southampton, SO30 3EN**  
1 no. Oak (T1) – reduce and re-shape by 4 metres to good lateral growth points

**Concerns over the extent of the reduction, but No Objection subject to the approval of the Tree Officer**

**Proposed: Councillor Macdonald**

**Seconded: Councillor Asman**

**In favour: Unanimous**

**DC/19/85266**     **Land off Botley Road, West End, Southampton**

Discharge of conditions 7 (Landscape Management Plan) and 14 (Illustrative Masterplan) of outline permission 0/15/76418 for development of up to 100 dwellings

**Noted**

**DC/19/85267 Land off Botley Road, West End, Southampton**

Discharge of conditions 5 (Final Noise Report) and 9 (Tree Information) of reserved matters approval pursuant to outline permission 0/15/76418 for development of up to 100 dwellings

**Noted**

**L/19/85390 1 & 2 The Farmhouse, Mansbridge Road, West End, Southampton, SO18 3HW**

Listed Building Consent: resurfacing of access drive and parking area

**No Objections**

**Proposed: Councillor Goguel**

**Seconded: Councillor Hellier**

**In favour: Unanimous**

**EBC LIST OF DECISIONS – WEEKS ENDING 5<sup>th</sup> AND 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

No comments.

**ENFORCEMENTS**

The Clerk had been informed of 1 new enforcements and 2 concluded.

**014/19/PL PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Cllr Macdonald reported an issue with the new build properties which are part of Bamber Close, but front onto Moorgreen Road. Those properties which are numbered 25, 27 and 29 are causing confusion with the houses of the same numbers already on Moorgreen Road. Deputy Clerk is to request appropriate signage.
- 2) Issue with the drain cover outside Applegreen garage. This was reported at the Full Parish meeting but was tabled for discussion at this meeting. The Deputy Clerk to report the issue.

**015/19/PL HIGHWAY MATTERS**

1. **Email received on 12<sup>th</sup> April from Highways England regarding the Smart Motorway programme**

This regards vegetation clearance on the M27. This is scheduled to take place between 15 April and 30 April 2019. These works will take place overnight between the hours of 9.00pm and 4.30am the next day. As the work may be noisy at times, HE have written to local residents. There will be a requirement for a number of slip road and full carriageway closures.

2. **Email received on 12<sup>th</sup> April from Highways England regarding the Smart Motorway programme**

Existing technology will be removed between junctions 4 and 5. This activity will require a full closure of the M27 between these junctions, which will commence on Friday 12 April, and will take place overnight between the hours of 9.00pm and 4.30am the next day. The removal of the technology is not expected to be a noisy activity

**016/19/PL      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.15 pm.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting 8:10 at p.m.