

WEST END PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN THE PARISH CENTRE, CHAPEL ROAD, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON**

Present: Councillors: J Goguel Chairman
J Asman
H Hellier

In attendance: Mr S Mockford – Deputy Clerk
Mrs K Hartley – Admin Officer

Members of the Public: Four members of the public

Prior to commencement of the meeting, Mr Melvin Hartley, Safety & Resilience Manager at Eastleigh Borough Council attended to discuss the Community Emergency Plan.

Mr. Hartley gave a brief description of the purpose of a Community Emergency Plan. The Police, Fire Brigade and all Local Authorities have a statutory duty to have a Plan and EBC are encouraging all Parish Councils to have their own. There are currently 80 Plans across Hampshire with only three parishes in Eastleigh who have a Plan – Hound, Bishopstoke and West End. Mr. Hartley referred to West End's current Plan which needs to be re-visited to identify all the local risks to the local community.

The main risks in the wider local area are Southampton Airport, the busy road network and BP at Hamble. The Plan will need to provide information on how to deal with various scenarios by identifying people who have the skills and equipment, e.g. 4-wheel drive vehicles, who can help; identify location of community facilities which could be used in an emergency. Mr. Hartley suggested getting together a small team of local people to draw up a plan, e.g. youth workers, Church members, Doctors, uniform groups and any other community groups. This would give a network of people to contact.

The Fire Brigade take the lead on community resilience and have produced a toolkit which the Parish Council could use. The Fire Service also organises a Hampshire Community Resilience Day and Mr. Hartley will advise the date of the next one. He will forward all relevant information to the Deputy Clerk.

Once the West End Emergency Plan is completed, it is uploaded to the 'Resilience Direct' website which is not available to the general public.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hartley for attending the meeting.

It was agreed to discuss further at next meeting and to raise at full Council.

081/18/PL **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Davis. Councillor Smith was absent from the meeting.

082/18/PL **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no interests to declare.

083/18/PL **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 21ST AUGUST 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Tuesday 21st August 2018 were accepted as a true record of events and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Councillor J Asman
Seconded: Councillor H Hellier
In favour: Unanimous

084/18/PL **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

085/18/PL **EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR WEEKS ENDING 17TH AND 24TH AUGUST 2018**

F/18/83800 **King's Centre, 26 Quob Lane, West End, Southampton**
Retrospective: Change of use of part of the first floor of the church from Class D1 to resident Class C3(a) to form a flat to accommodate a church verger/caretaker

No Objection

Proposed: Councillor J Asman
Seconded: Councillor J Goguel
In favour: Unanimous

A/18/83574 **Speedwell Court (formerly Hamilton House), Mansbridge Road, West End, Southampton**
Part retrospective application to display 4no. flags and 1no. freestanding illuminated entrance sign

No Objection

Proposed: Councillor H Hellier
Seconded: Councillor J Goguel
In favour: Unanimous

T/18/83520 8 Catherine Close, West End, Southampton

1no. Oak tree – reduce low lateral limbs growing towards no. 8 and no. 7 by 3 metres

No Objection subject to approval of the Tree Officer

Proposed: Councillor J Goguel

Seconded: Councillor J Asman

In favour: Unanimous

H/18/83757 1 Hemdean Gardens, West End, Southampton

Two storey rear extension

No Objection

Proposed: Councillor H Hellier

Seconded: Councillor J Goguel

In favour: Unanimous

F/18/83805 62 High Street, West End, Southampton

Construction of 3no. flats to the rear of 62 High Street, West End

The application was discussed although the decision will be made at Full Council on Wednesday 12th September, 2018.

F/18/83521 Land off Burnetts Lane, Burnetts Lane, West End, Southampton

Construction of a two storey industrial building for use as commercial butchery and associated car parking, road, servicing areas, workshop, stores building and landscaping

No Objection

Proposed: H Hellier

Seconded: J Asman

In favour: Unanimous

T/18/83607 10 Western Road, West End, Southampton

T1 1no. Birch – Fell; T2 1no. Sweet Chestnut – reduce crown and re-shape by 2m; T3 1no. Sweet Chestnut – reduce 2 low limbs by 4m; T4 1no. Sweet Chestnut – reduce crown and re-shape by 3m; T5 1no. Sweet Chestnut – crown lift to first major branch; T6 1no. Pine – remove the lowest 5 limbs

No Objection subject to approval of the Tree Officer

Proposed: J Goguel
Seconded: J Asman
In favour: Unanimous

H/18/82822 12 Southern Road, West End, Southampton
Single storey rear extension

No Objection

Proposed: H Hellier
Seconded: J Goguel
In favour: Unanimous

F/18/83852 4A Telegraph Road, West End, Southampton
Construction of a single storey side extension to provide an intermediate care unit

No Objection

Proposed: J Asman
Seconded: H Hellier
In favour: Unanimous

EBC LIST OF DECISIONS – WEEKS ENDING 3RD AND 10TH AUGUST 2018

H/18/83474 3 Warden Close, West End, Southampton
Addition of pitched roof to front
PERMIT

H/18/83517 5 Tower Place, West End, Southampton
Change of roof form to front and side single storey element from flat to pitched roof and extension of pitched roof to cover full length of front elevation
PERMIT

ENFORCEMENTS

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

086/18/PL PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notification received from EBC of planning application F/18/83906 – 49-57 High Street, West End – Change of Use from D2 to C3. Currently listed as Delegated Decision. As agreed previously by this Committee, all

applications in High Street to be considered at Full Council. Councillors agreed to take this application to October's Full Council meeting for discussion.

087/18/PL **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

1. Letter received from Highways England re. Smart Motorways Programme M27 Junctions 4 to 11: Notification of Hard Shoulder Preparations. Preparatory work to be undertaken between September 2018 and January 2019. Night time lane closures only between 22:00 hrs and 06:00 hrs. Day time closures on hard shoulder as work proceeds. Sections of M27 between junctions 4 (M3 Interchange) and 11 (Fareham) only. Further information available on 0300 123 5000 with updates available on the following website: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m27-j4-11-smart-motorway . Councillor Hellier and Sheridan Mockford have forwarded a letter to Highways England in response to the Smart Motorways Programme. A copy of this letter was tabled and is attached as an appendix to the minutes.
2. Complaint from resident re. damaged pavement in Barnsland near to the building site entrance. Reported to Phil Wiseman, EBC.
3. Notification received of Traffic Regulation Order “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions in Pretoria Road, Westward Road, Wildern Lane, Beattie Rise and Cheping Gardens. No roads in West End affected.
4. Notification received of proposed Traffic Orders for HEWEB. Following in West End:
 - (i) Swincombe Rise – No Waiting At Any Time – Proposed Double Yellow Lines
 - ii) Gatcombe Gardens – No Waiting At Any Time – Proposed Double Yellow Lines
 - (iii) Chalk Hill & Beechwood Rise – No Waiting At Any Time

Further information available at www.eastleigh.gov.uk/parking-travel-and-roads/traffic-orders-and-regulations/traffic-orders/proposed-traffic-regulation-orders

Any objections to be made to Legal Services Manager by 25th September 2018.

088/18/PL **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, 18th September 2018 at 7.15 pm.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

**APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH
SEPTEMBER 2018 - LETTER TO HIGHWAYS ENGLAND**

20th August, 2018

Dear Highways England,

M27 Smart Motorway Scheme

Feedback from the Public Information Exhibition

With reference to the Public Information Exhibition held at The Parish Centre in West End, Southampton on Friday 22nd June 2018, it was an opportunity for parishioners to gain a better understanding of how the new Smart Motorway will benefit residents living alongside the M27 and users of the motorway.

The feedback received has not been positive from many local residents and Councillors who attended the Exhibition. They mainly expressed concerns regarding the concrete section of the scheme. It seems no decision has been made to tarmac this section or not, and it would not be until the end of this year before a decision is made.

Unbearable noise pollution

The major concern for residents of West End is the issue of replacing this notorious concrete section of the M27. West End has a much higher housing population alongside the M27 corridor compared with other sections of the scheme. Representatives of Highways England anticipate a 33% increase in traffic volumes for the smart motorway scheme, therefore resulting in a 33% increase in noise pollution along an already unacceptably noisy concrete section?

You will also need to be aware that, in order to meet government housing targets, a number of new housing schemes are going ahead adjacent to this concrete section of the M27. No resurfacing means noise pollution pain for those new young families.

Funding allocated for resurfacing

Residents' feedback was then discussed during our Full Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 29th June – the Council were shocked and disappointed to hear this. Councillor Tonia Craig understood Mike Thornton MP had secured funding for resurfacing of this section of the motorway during his tenure as MP for Eastleigh (2013-15).

Mims Davis MP and the Chairman of Eastleigh borough Council (Councillor Keith House) have also expressed concerns and disappointment at the non-committal stance of Highways England over the issue of such resurfacing works.

West End residents understand the need for improvements to the M27 in order to help ease traffic flows during peak times. However, years of being promised that money that has been earmarked for road surfacing, only to be told this now may not happen, would be a disaster. This is the ideal opportunity to co-ordinate and implement a new tarmac section and surely would be more cost effective to carry out the works today as part of the Smart Motorway scheme? Delaying resurfacing works to a later date would incur yet more pain for the motorist and additional costs associated with a new project. Surely, the public purse would suffer in the long term should resurfacing be excluded today?

Barriers

The other issue highlighted by our West End residents' concerns vehicle pollution. The heavy diesel lorry traffic emanating from the ports of Southampton and Portsmouth already leads to much of the NOX and particulate pollution, and increasing traffic flows by 33% (for all traffic) can only make things worse.

Barriers have been used elsewhere on major UK trunk roads and motorways to help mitigate such pollution however, we were given the impression that no such provision is being made under this Smart Motorway scheme. This is most disappointing, given the ever increasing number of young West End families taking up new homes adjacent to the motorway.

Barriers for emissions reduction, would also serve to offer limited protection from noise, particularly during winter-time when the trees/shrubs are devoid of leaves.

Please can you reconsider your position on:

- **Resurfacing** this concrete section and deliver what has been promised to residents of West End; for the concrete section of the M27 scheme to be resurfaced?
- **Barriers** along selected parts of the scheme to help alleviate emissions pollution, thus providing a healthier environment for our children, families and homes.