

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.15 PM IN THE  
PARISH CENTRE, CHAPEL ROAD, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON**

**PRESENT:**           **Councillor:**       **S Turl (Chairman)**  
                          **Councillors:**     **J Asman, C Boulton, D Clarke, T Craig**  
  **R MacDonald, R Davis, H Hellier**  
  **J Goguel, J Smith, P Brown, B Tennent,**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**           **Mrs L Cooke, Parish Clerk**  
  **Mr S Mockford, Deputy Clerk**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**   **Mr & Mrs Clay, Mrs Hamilton, Mr P Wheeler,**  
  **Mr J Kavanagh**

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chairman read out a press release from Eastleigh Borough Council announcing the death of that Mrs. June Hughes, who served as Borough Councillor representing Hedge End from 1996 until 2011, and then served on West End Parish Council from 2011 until 2015. There followed a minute's silence.

The Chairman asked members of the Standards Panel to attend a short exempt meeting after the closure of this meeting to discuss the ongoing investigation into the allegation against Councillor Brown that he was not entitled to wear SAS regalia at last year's Remembrance Day Service.

**58/17/PC        OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman invited questions from members of the public as explained in the document ref. Public Participation at West End Parish Council meetings. There were three residents who wanted to address the Council.

Mr. Kavanagh referred to the decision of the Recreation & Environment Committee that allotment holders who exercise their right to keep chickens on their plots will be charged an additional fee which equates to 100% of the annual charge of £32.15 per plot. He asked for justification of this additional charge as he considers he will take full responsibility for the welfare of the chickens and will ensure the security of the site is maintained.

The Chairman responded that there are two main reasons for this extra charge: there will need to be extra visual inspections of the plot by the Groundstaff as the Parish Council has a duty of care as a responsible landowner to ensure the welfare of all livestock on the site; and, there will be an increase in administration costs in dealing with enquiries and issues regarding the chickens.

The Chairman acknowledged that Mr. Kavanagh will be very responsible but he cannot secure the site himself at all times and there will be additional enquiries from residents and other allotment holders. The Recreation & Environment Committee have made the decision based on lengthy discussions on the interpretation of the Act and considered this to be fair.

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Councillor Clarke agreed that having chickens on the allotment site will take up additional resources which the individual should pay for himself. Legally the Council does have to allow chickens due to the historic legislation but is also entitled to charge more to individuals in order to maintain a low council tax strategy.

Councillor Brown referred to the Allotment Act 1950 and questioned that the Council should be charging extra. The Act states that an allotment holder can keep chickens and the Council should not differentiate. This could be a legal precedent.

Councillor Asman stated that the Council cannot refuse an allotment holder but they are entitled to set out additional terms, conditions and rental which can be reviewed annually as the Council deems necessary.

Councillor Craig stated that doubling the charge may sound extortionate but when consideration is given to the ground staff time, it is a fair amount. The Council would not want to charge the actual costs incurred.

Councillor Hellier suggested that perhaps a breakdown of costs could be given to Mr. Kavanagh. However, Mr. Kavanagh appreciated that the additional charge would not meet extra costs incurred.

Councillor Clarke stated that the decision has been made and not open for further discussion.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Kavanagh for attending and she hoped that his questions had been answered.

Mr. Clay questioned when the clock on the Parish Centre would be fixed. The Deputy Clerk outlined the problems with organising the contractor to complete this.

Mr. Chalk referred to the congestion at the top of Upper New Road due to the inconsiderate parking of commercial vehicles, which creates a blind spot for other road users. He asked if consideration could be given for double yellow lines.

Councillor Clarke responded that due to cuts from Central Government, decisions on traffic schemes are accident led. It would be a good idea to have double yellow lines at this location but unfortunately there are monetary limitations on this type of scheme. Councillor Clarke referred to the regulated parking recently introduced in Runnymede which has resulted in displaced parking onto Upper New Road and further afield.

Mr. Chalk asked why it was necessary to wait for accidents to happen before anything is done. Lower New Road has also been congested for years and he previously contacted the Council suggesting that this should be one-way.

The Chairman sympathised with the situation and stated that Eastleigh Borough Council will be undertaking a Parking Survey of West End and this location can be included.

Sgt. Mann reported that the Law states that you shouldn't park within 10 metres of a junction but there has to be evidence that this has seriously inconvenienced someone or likely to cause an accident. The Police can issue a ticket/fine but will

not result in the owner receiving points on their licence. It is very difficult to enforce.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Chalk for attending and assured him that this will be raised at the next Planning & Highways meeting and added to the list of priorities to be surveyed.

**59/17/PC**      **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mortimer and Bates..

**60/17/PC**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare interests in relation to items of business on the agenda. There were no interests to declare.

**61/17/PC**      **PCSO/POLICE REPORT**

Sgt Manns and PCSO Coppin were in attendance.

PCSO Coppin reported on the followin :

- Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Aug – NPT and the Cadets joined in with the Community Games at the Youthouse.
- Officers engaged in several theft from vehicle operations.
- PCSO Mica Coppin continues to lead the Volunteer Police Cadets. We have a shortage of leaders, which makes things difficult, but the cadets are super keen and fantastic to work with. We will be using them in crime prevention and Hampshire Alert operations in the coming months. If you know anyone who would be interested in joining us as a volunteer cadet leader, please ask them to contact me.
- Continue to encourage registration to Hampshire Alerts, in our normal day to day activities, as well as specific ops. We now have **929** West End residents receiving the alerts. We continue to receive positive feedback and regularly get replies from people thanking us for the information we are sending out to prevent crime / scams.
- We continue to attend the Early Help Hub joint agency safe guarding meetings, on a rotation basis, in Eastleigh.
- We continue to attend the ASB panel meetings, on a rotation basis, to work with other agencies regarding antisocial behaviour.
- We continue to staff the domestic abuse car, every Friday night, on a rotation basis. We accompany the domestic abuse advocate to see the victim after the offender has been arrested.
- We are continuing to work with our partner agencies in Housing. And we are pleased to say that Housing have secured an eviction of an individual who has been a persistent problem for some time.
- Each NPT PC has 1 or 2 identified offenders who they work closely with and monitor.
- Each NPT PCSO has 1 or 2 vulnerable people who we work closely with, support and monitor.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 1000-1400 hrs. NPT and Cadet operation to reach more residents with Hampshire Alert, and there will be a Police Drop in at Asda on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 5 – 6pm.

**Questions from Councillors and Members of the Public**

The Chairman raised her concern about the incident at the Youthhouse on 29<sup>th</sup> August when the Youth Leader called 999 requesting police attendance, and disappointingly the Police did not attend.

Sgt. Manns stated that although PCSO Coppin has undertaken a thorough investigation of the incident, she will personally review the recording of the call and investigate why a Police unit was not dispatched. She will report back to the Council in due course.

Councillor Clarke commented that although police attendance was justified on this occasion, the Council do appreciate that the Police have less resources than needed.

Councillor Goguel asked why the PCSO's are not as visible in West End. Sgt. Manns referred to her Report in the August Neighbourhood News which outlined the objectives and key accountabilities of the PCSO. She re-assured Councillors that although the PCSOs may not be as visible, they are always working for the Community.

The Chairman stated that this does not reflect the PCSO Agreement signed by the Council and suggested that there needs to be a meeting to discuss this further. Other councillors agreed that the Agreement needs to be reviewed.

Councillor Goguel also reported that he and other residents were unhappy with the 101 service. Sometimes you have to wait a long time before being connected. Sgt Manns agreed and stated that the Police get inundated with 101 calls but if the caller feels in danger, they must ring 999. Alternatively, residents can report incidents through the Hampshire Constabulary website.

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**TO APPROVE COUNCILLOR HELLIER AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

Following Councillor Hellier's co-option to the Parish Council he would like to be a member of the Planning & Highways Committee.

Proposed by : Councillor MacDonald  
Seconded by : Councillor Goguel  
In favour: Unanimous

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**TO AUTHORISE THE SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were accepted as a true record of events and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Councillor R Davis  
Seconded: Councillor J Asman  
In favour: Unanimous

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### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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### TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

#### Planning & Highways Committee Meetings of 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Councillor MacDonald presented the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

Proposed: Councillor R MacDonald  
Seconded: Councillor J Goguel  
In favour: Unanimous

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### Recreation & Environment Committee Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Councillor Davis presented the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein subject to the following amendment :

Minute 049/17, page 2, second line of fourth paragraph, ' . . a full plot is currently £31.50' should read ' a full plot is currently £32.15'.

Proposed: Councillor R Davis  
Seconded: Councillor J Asman  
In favour: Unanimous

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### Policy & Resources Committee Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Councillor Asman presented the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

Proposed: Councillor J Asman  
Seconded: Councillor P Brown  
In favour: Unanimous

### Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### Personnel Committee Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Councillor Boulton presented the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

Proposed: Councillor C Boulton

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Seconded: Councillor T Craig  
In favour: Unanimous

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

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### **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

#### **Transport Representative's Report– Councillor Goguel**

Councillor Goguel reported on the following:

- Since 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017, First Bus are charging an extra 50p when customers are paying by cash. He is trying to contact First Bus for an explanation. Councillor Craig has agreed to e-mail EBC Transport Officer who will also contact First Bus.
- He has contacted Richard Pemberton ref. Request from residents for an additional Sunday Service from Xela Bus in December
- Discrepancies in the Xela Bus Summer timetable which will be reissued
- School buses – operators are trying to adjust times again but no details currently available

#### **Hilldene Community Association – Councillor J Goguel**

The minutes of the HCA meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September were previously circulated to all Councillors. Councillor Goguel reported that the Association have requested that the Groundstaff clear some overgrown hedges and survey the trees in the Burial Ground.

#### **Airport Consultative – Councillor J Asman**

Nothing to report. Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### **West End Carnival – Councillor R MacDonald**

Nothing to report.

#### **Friends of Hatch Grange – Councillor R MacDonald**

Nothing to report

#### **Friends of West End Copse – no representative**

Nothing to report

#### **Wildern Management – Councillor R Davis**

Nothing to report

#### **HEWEB Youth Partnership – Mrs Laura Cooke, Parish Clerk**

Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Councillor Clarke reported that HEWEB Local Area Committee has now approved the HEWEB Youth Development Plan which outlines the work and future aspirations of the Youth Partnership. He commented that this brings together all the local agencies, uniform groups etc. to deliver youth provision in HEWEB.

66/17/PC **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY/BOROUGH:**

**County Councillor B Tennent** reported on cutbacks on spending on Road Safety and Social Care. He referred to specific road safety issues, excessive HGV traffic and residents' concerns within his County boundary.

Councillor Craig requested that Councillor Tennent refer only to West End issues as members of the Parish Council and residents were not familiar with some of the areas he was reporting on.

The Chairman invited Councillor Tennent to continue with his report in a professional manner and to show respect to his colleagues on the Council.

Councillor Tennent reiterated Councillor Clarke's earlier comments that decisions on road safety, in particular Allington Lane, were made based on injury accidents.

**County Councillor T Craig** – Nothing to report

**Borough Councillor reports**

**Borough Councillor J Asman** reported that she had attended a meeting with Parish Councillors Turl and Davis, the Clerk, Head Groundsman, representatives from Hampshire Highways and a representative from Barratt Homes to discuss the removal of part of the hedge in Moorgreen Road adjacent to the boundary with Moorgreen Recreation Ground. Barratt Homes are required to undertake road safety works identified by EBC as part of their planning permission. The proposed works are to install a footway from the Doctors' Surgery for a length of 60 metres to provide a safe crossing point which would necessitate the removal of the hedge and trees. Barratt Homes proceeded with this work without any consultation with the local residents or the Parish Council. Questions have been raised as to the necessity of these works which will cost £100,000, money which could be used for some other road safety scheme. It has been agreed to suspend any further works on this project until after further discussions with EBC, Hampshire Highways, Parish Council and local residents.

**Borough Councillor C Boulton** reported that the dropped kerb in Wessex Road has now been installed, funded by the HEWEB LAC.

She also reported on forthcoming works at Itchen Valley Country Park to remove mature pine trees to allow other species to thrive. This will involve using heavy machinery and the temporary closure of footpaths and the riding route. It will eventually enhance the area but the work may initially cause concern to visitors.

**Borough Councillor D Clarke** reported on items discussed at the HEWEB LAC meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September:

- Funding agreed for West End includes £34,000 for Hilldene Community Centre car park; £45,681.54 for the new public toilets; £2,000 towards ongoing refurbishment at the Youthouse; £29,000 for Public Art at the Moorgreen Hospital development.
- Incorrect road signage at Moorgreen Development – this will be changed

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- Planning application, 87 High Street. This has been deferred. Councillor Clarke has asked that the consultation period be extended.
- Investment into Itchen Valley Country Park to renovate café area and play equipment
- Forthcoming appraisals on the conservation areas in West End – Romill Close and Orchards Way. The Parish Council and residents will be consulted.
- Planning permission granted for 109 dwellings on a green field site in Hedge End. EBC are having to permit building on green field sites in order to meet the 5 year housing supply.

The Chairman referred to the planning application at 87 High Street and encouraged residents and Councillors to look at this application and respond to the consultation.

**Borough Councillor B Tennent** reported on the Local Plan and a forthcoming consultation on the Uplands Farm development in Woodhouse Lane Botley. This is on Hampshire County Council land where the new secondary school will be built. There are two public exhibitions on this proposal. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017, 2-8 p.m. in the Botley Centre; and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 10 a.m.-4pm in the Hedge End 2000 Centre.

There were no questions from members of the public.

Before closing meeting, the Chairman read out a letter of thanks from a resident acknowledging the work that Councillor Goguel had done on their behalf. The Chairman stated that it was very encouraging to receive a positive comment on the work that Councillors are doing.

**67/17/PC**      **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**  
**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.15 pm**

**68/17/PC**      **EXEMPT BUSINESS**  
**RESOLVED:** Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the Council resolve that the public and press be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The Standards Panel met to discuss the ongoing investigation into the allegation against Councillor Brown's entitlement to wear SAS regalia. It was agreed to invite him to a meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October to question him further about this matter.

**69/17/PC**      **CLOSE OF MEETING**  
The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.