

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.15 PM IN THE
PARISH CENTRE, CHAPEL ROAD, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON**

PRESENT: **Councillor:** **D Clarke (Chairman)**
 Councillors: **S Turl, J Asman, R Davis,**
 J Goguel, B Tennent, T Craig,
 R MacDonald

IN ATTENDANCE: **Mrs L Cooke, Parish Clerk**
 Mrs K Hartley, Admin Officer
 PC Jason Steel

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: **Mr & Mrs Clay, Mr Wheeler, Mrs Hamilton,**
 Mr Beckett, Mrs Sargeant, Mr T Williams,
 Mr D Williams, Mrs & Mrs Crockford

120/17/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.

A group of residents were specifically attending the meeting to discuss traffic calming in Chalk Hill and the Chair invited Mr Beckett to speak.

Mr Beckett said he had delivered 200+ letters to residents in Clifton Gardens and Chalk Hill re. the number of traffic accidents and the condition of the road. The road is in a poor state due to the amount of traffic using Chalk Hill and this problem has been going on for more than 10 years with no action taken by Highways. There has been damage caused to properties, cars and even a pram. Chalk Hill is used as a rat run and speed and volume of traffic is the main problem.

Councillor Clarke asked if the accidents and damage have been logged as it is important that such incidents are reported.

Mr Beckett said that both insurance companies and the police have been notified over the years.

Councillor Clarke said that in order to make a strong case, full facts and evidence is needed. HCC would look back through what has happened in the past and if there are no recorded accidents they would not take the matter any further.

Mrs Sargeant asked for the definition of an accident? Councillor Clarke said the police would need to have been informed.

Councillor Turl said in her role as Chair of Moorgreen Road Residents Association, she would like to offer some advice on how to form a residents association. With evidence, we were able to make a very strong case resulting in £250,000 made available for a scheme to be implemented. She said she would be happy to work with the group on their campaign as she has a set procedure.

Councillor Tennent said he had spoken to HCC and they will come back to him with comments but would need to see a record of accidents. There are two ways that traffic and speed can be monitored: the use of a speed detector device and a cable box which manages traffic flow. He said he would report directly to Mr Beckett when he receives a response from HCC. Councillor Tennent suggested the group

look into the Community Speed Watch initiative which PC Steel would be able to provide information on. This scheme is based on volunteers offering to cover various areas.

Mr Williams asked if a speed camera would record registration numbers as well as speed and does this information go directly to HCC? Councillor Clarke confirmed any information does go direct to HCC. Mr Williams said there is also a problem with overweight vehicles using Chalk Hill.

Mr Beckett said several years ago the police were involved in speed checks in this area. He said the Parish Council had not done anything about this problem although they were aware of the situation. Councillor Clarke said the Parish Council are not able to do anything about this as this is a Highways matter.

Mr Williams said he felt a hatched yellow box area should be installed at the bottom of Chalk Hill due to the continuing gridlock problem in the morning whereby cars coming across the junction block the exit out of Chalk Hill. Councillor MacDonald said that unfortunately this is a curse of modern day living. He said he would support the group but emphasised that evidence would be required to take this forward with the help of Councillor Tennent.

Councillor Craig said she wished to re-iterate the importance of gathering evidence in order for action to be taken. She said all councillors would give their support but incidents need to be reported and logged with date and times.

Mrs Sargeant asked if the scam she had been involved in as a result of an accident outside her property should be included in the list of incidents? Councillor Craig said as this is classed as a criminal act, only facts and figures relating to traffic calming and speed should be included.

Councillor Turl said if the group were happy to take up her offer she would be able to advise and help go through the process of setting up a residents association.

Councillor Clarke said the next stage would be for Mr Beckett and Councillor Turl to set up a meeting and copy Councillors Tennent, Craig and Clarke.

PC Steel said he would be happy to engage with the group once set up. He said HCC would want to see 3 to 5 years of actual facts on incidents taken place in the area. He said currently West End is not represented by the Community Speed Watch initiative and he would be pleased to discuss this further if the group wished.

121/17/PC APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Bates, Boulton, Brown, Mortimer and Smith. Councillor McCusker was absent from the meeting.

122/17/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.

123/17/PC PCSO/POLICE REPORT

PC Jason Steel said there was nothing new to report in West End.

Questions from Councillors and Members of the Public

There were no questions.

124/17/PC **TO AUTHORISE THE SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH JANUARY 2017**

The minutes of the Full Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th January 2017 were accepted as a true record of events and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment: page 6, 116/17/PC Councillor Tennent should have referred to Garden Villages and not Market Villages.

Proposed: Councillor D Clarke
Seconded: Councillor J Asman
In favour: Unanimous

Matters Arising

Southern Water Legacy - E-mail received from Southern Water setting out criteria. This matter will be referred to Recreation & Environment Committee. Councillor Tennent commented that he had been contacted by West End Pre School as they need a large sum of funds. He would recommend that some of the money goes to the Pre-School. Councillor Clarke suggested that Mr Bowen (EBC) is contacted to ask if funds can be increased from £2000 to £6000.

125/17/PC **TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Planning & Highways Committee Meeting of 17th January 2017

Councillor MacDonald presented the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Meeting held on 17th January 2017 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

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

Matters Arising

Proposed Residential Development – Land off Tollbar Way, Hedge End. Deputy Clerk has sent e-mail to all Councillors asking for their comment on this development. The Planning & Highways Committee will then contact Gladman Developments. Consultation leaflet also forwarded – copies tabled. The Chair asked Councillors to respond to the Deputy Clerk via e-mail.

Allington Lane Traffic Lights – Councillor Tennent said he had discussed this matter with Ron Humby at HCC and it is very likely to happen.

Councillor Asman commented that an e-mail had been received from HCC advising this would not go ahead in response to correspondence from the Planning & Highways Committee.

Recreation & Environment Committee Meeting of 18th January 2017

Councillor Davis presented the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee Meeting held on 18th January 2017 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

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Proposed: Councillor R Davis
Seconded: Councillor R MacDonald
In favour: Unanimous

Matters Arising

Official Opening of Refurbished Play Areas – the Clerk advised that this has been postponed until Thursday, 16th February due to weather conditions. Councillors are invited to attend for the opening of Carpathia Play Area at 1 pm and Townhill Park Play Area at 2 pm.

Policy & Resources Committee Meeting of 25th January 2017

Councillor Asman presented the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 25th January 2017 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

Proposed: Councillor J Asman
Seconded: Councillor T Craig
In favour: Unanimous

Matters Arising

Parish Centre Working Party – this group met prior to this meeting. The notes from a walk around in July 2015 were endorsed and members agreed to go ahead with initially updating the Parish hall.

Councillor Craig said she felt the window locks in the Main Hall should be replaced as soon as possible.

Personnel Committee Meeting – no meeting

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Transport Representative's Report– Councillor Goguel

Councillor Goguel reported on the following:

- No. 7 First City Bus will not be running through Midanbury with effect from 25th February. Councillor Goguel will arrange a meeting with Transport Manager to discuss in more detail.
- Councillor Goguel has contacted Xelabus to ask if they will run a summer bus service to and from Itchen Valley Country Park. To be discussed with Richard Pemberton.

Hildene Community Association – Councillor P Brown – apologies received

No report.

Airport Consultative – Councillor J Asman

Next meeting – February 2017. Councillor Asman has received agenda and it looks to be an interesting meeting.

West End Carnival – Councillor R MacDonald

Councillor MacDonald report on the following:

- Carnival date – 17th June 2017
- AGM – to be held on 16th February 2017
- This year's theme – Children's Books

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- Two-thirds of Carnival brochure now filled
- Quiz Night to be held at Master Builder
- Shop Window Competition to continue

Friends of Hatch Grange – Councillor R MacDonald

Two Major Work Days for 2017 are as follows:

- Saturday, 7th April – work on paths between Chapel Close and entrance to Megan Green.
- Saturday, 8th October – bulb planting in Megan Copse and Centenary Copse – Youth Club members to help out.

Friends of West End Copse – Councillor D Clarke

Action Day to be held on Saturday, 11th March 2017.

Wildern Management – Councillor D Clarke

Next meeting to be held in April.

HEWEB Youth Partnership – Councillor D Clarke

Next meeting – 14th February 2017. AGM – 16th March 2017.

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No representative appointed.

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TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY/BOROUGH:

County Councillor B Tennent - reported on the following:

- **Council Tax:** Attended a number of committee meetings in past few weeks to discuss budget. HCC to increase Council Tax by 1.99% and additional increase of 1.99% for Social Care element.
- **Education:** Difficulty with funding new secondary school to north of West End. The new school will be built in Woodhouse Lane as this land belongs to HCC. The Government is no longer pushing Academies, therefore contributions for funding will now come from the Government.
Re-classifying GCSEs – now numerical grading not alphabetical.

Borough Councillor reports:

Borough Councillor J Asman – attending Full Council meeting at EBC on 23rd February 2017.

Borough Councillor D Clarke – reported on the following:

- Currently involved in case work.
- Involved in revamp of Scrutiny Panel – awaiting final details.
- 0% Council Tax increase at Eastleigh Borough with continued support for parishes.
- Re-building Leisure Centre – improving facilities.

Borough Councillor B Tennent – nothing to report.

Borough Councillor T Craig – BHH LAC agreed to TRO for Moorhill Gardens to have double yellow lines installed.

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Borough Councillor C Boulton – apologies received.

There were no questions from members of the public.

The Chair reported that ESPOPF has ceased and on behalf of West End Parish Council thanked all those retiring from this forum for all their help in the Borough and wished them well for the future.

128/17/PC **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 8th March 2017 at 7.15 pm

129/17/PC **EXEMPT BUSINESS**
No exempt business to discuss.

130/17/PC **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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