

**WEST END PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.15 PM**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: **S Turl (Chair), B Coles (Vice Chair),
J Asman, D Berry, C Boulton, C Burton,
B Du-Crow, R MacDonald, R Prince-Wright,
B Tennent**

IN ATTENDANCE: **S Mockford, Parish Clerk
S Johnson, Admin Officer**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: **5 members of the public in attendance**

112/24/PC OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public expressed their concern in relation to an area of land at Quob Green off Chapel Road which is currently being used for gas replacement works. He asked if there was a plan for the land to be reinstated as it was after the works were completed.

The Clerk has emailed Southern Gas Network but is yet to receive a response. He will follow this up.

113/24/PC APOLOGIES FROM COUNCILLORS

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Craig, Goguel, Haylett, and County Councillor Broomfield.

114/24/PC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

115/24/PC POLICE REPORT

No report received.

116/24/PC COUNCILLOR VACANCY – ALLINGTON WARD

A nomination form was previously circulated to all Councillors for George Lloyd.

As agreed during December's Full Parish meeting – it was resolved to invite the candidate to February's Full Parish meeting, minute reference: 091/23/PC:

Based on Councillors discussion, Cllr Turl proposed to invite Mr. Lloyd to attend further committee meetings throughout January and for the co-option to be revisited at February's Full Parish meeting.

The chair invited Mr Lloyd to give an update on his previous presentation before being asked to vacate the hall momentarily.

After a short discussion, Councillors voted 7 for, 1 against and 2 abstained, that George Lloyd should be co-opted for the Allington Ward of West End Parish Council.

Councillor Lloyd asked to be a member of both the Planning & Highways and Policy & Resources Committees which councillors agreed unanimously to.

117/24/PC UTILITA BOWL LIAISON PANEL UPDATE

Following on from the Liaison Panel meeting in October 2023, Councillors were advised that the following action points are currently under investigation with Hampshire Highways and Eastleigh Borough Council:

- Councillor Broomfield forwarded information from Hampshire Highways advising they will not be looking into the feasibility of single yellow lines down the worst affected roads.
- TTRO's to be set up correctly so parking tickets can be enforced.
- Eastleigh Borough Council to look into whether the provision of Marshalls in the new housing developments will continue

The Clerk was able to provide an update on the third point listed as an email was received from Eastleigh Borough Council to advise they will no longer be providing marshalling to the new housing developments.

It was suggested by Councillors, following a lengthy discussion, that communication needs to be much improved between the Utilita Bowl and residents and have therefore encouraged residents to attend Parish meetings to express their concerns so that these can be highlighted with the Utilita Bowl. Councillors also suggested working with Eastleigh Borough Council to provide targeted communications.

118/24/PC TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR 2023/24

Proposer: Councillor MacDonald
Seconder: Councillor Berry
All in favour: Unanimous

119/24/PC MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY 2024

Councillor Turl presented the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024. These were accepted as a true record of events and signed by the Chair.

Proposed: Councillor Turl
Seconded: Councillor Coles
In favour: Unanimous
Matters Arising: None

120/24/PC TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning & Highways Committee Meeting

Councillor Asman presented the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 2nd January 2024 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

Proposed: Councillor Asman
Seconded: Councillor Prince-Wright
In favour: Unanimous
Matters Arising: None

Personnel Committee Meeting

Councillor Boulton presented the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 3rd January 2024 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

Proposed: Councillor Boulton
Seconded: Councillor MacDonald
In favour: Unanimous

Matters Arising: None

Recreation & Environment Committee Meeting

Councillor MacDonald presented the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee meeting held on 17th January 2024 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

Proposed: Councillor MacDonald
Seconded: Councillor Berry
In favour: Unanimous

Matters Arising: None

Policy & Resources Committee Meeting

Councillor Tennent presented the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 24th January 2024 and asked the Council to accept the recommendations contained therein.

Proposed: Councillor Tennent
Seconded: Councillor MacDonald
In favour: Unanimous

Matters Arising: None

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Transport Representative - Councillor Goguel

No report

Hilldene Community Association - Councillor Goguel

An energy audit has now been carried out at Hilldene Community Centre. No report received to date.

Airport Consultative - Councillor MacDonald

Councillor MacDonald attended the most recently Airport Consultative meeting which was held on Friday 2nd February. He has provided the following report:

- The New Operations Director, Gavin Williams, starts on Monday 26th February.
- There had been no safety issues or incidents reported in the past four months.
- Passenger numbers were forecast to be 1,026,000 for 2024.
- EasyJet commenced Glasgow and Belfast routes, in addition to continuing Geneva (up to 24 flights per week).
- BA operated a limited service to Bergerac over the Christmas period.
- EasyJet announced Palma, Alicante, and Faro for summer 2024.
- KLM would introduce a third daily rotation to Amsterdam at the end of March 2024.

Noise Statistics (Last four months)

101 complaints from 28 households had been received, with the majority of complaints from the Bitterne Park area.

Night Flying	0
Helicopter movements	14
Training flights	134
Noise Preferred Routes Deviations	25

Section 106 Update

Noise Insulation Scheme - This is based on 60dcb averaged over a 16-hour period (between 7am and 11pm), and that the noise contours were calculated independently by the CAA, who then inform Southampton Airport if any households fall under the scheme. In 2023, no households qualified under the scheme, possibly because flight numbers were relatively low for the year.

Southampton Flight Tracking Portal VOLANS - This gives a near real time 3D view with modelled noise footprint for all air traffic movements.

Noise Action Plan

The Noise Action Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State in December 2022 acknowledgement received but no confirmation of acceptance. Airport working towards the commitments made in the NAP

It is intended to report on the progress against the NAP in our new Annual Noise Report which we will issue on our website by end of March and reviewed in April's Noise Forum.

Airspace Change

No Update, still awaiting for Farnborough and LHR

Taxi's and Blue Badge Holders

The Chair raised concerns brought to him about blue badge holders (who are usually exempt for 30 minutes if dropped or collected by family and friends) being charged parking fees when dropped off or picked up by taxi drivers (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire), because taxis do not qualify for the exemption despite carrying a passenger with a valid blue badge. The Chair stated that he understood the concerns the airport had raised previously about fraudulent use of badges but asked that these concerns were raised with the relevant departments at the airport and report made to the committee.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 21st June 2024 at 2pm in the Oak Suite at The Holiday Inn, Eastleigh.

Councillor Asman added that the above items are regularly on the agenda and there is a section for public questions for 15 minutes. She is also on the Accessibility Forum who ensure special arrangements can be made in the airport if required with a quiet route or pre-visits.

Friends of West End Copse – Councillor Berry

Councillor Berry reported that FoWEC had received a HEWEB grant of £300, and their next Action Day is due to be held on 2nd March.

One Horton Heath Local Development Forum - Councillor Tennent

Councillor Tennent reported that another Public Art Steering Group meeting had taken place, £180,000 has been allocated for the first stage of the project with the total being £1.2 million.

The consensus of opinion so far was to have a functional art installation. Further ideas and suggestions can be submitted via the Eastleigh Borough Council website.

122/24/PC TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY/BOROUGH

County Councillor Craig

No report.

County Councillor Broomfield

As Councillor Broomfield has given apologies, the Chair read out his report, which included chasing up pothole repairs.

Councillor MacDonald commented on the four metal planters which have recently been installed on the High Street by the Borough Council and that they have received negative comments on social media. There had been no communication from the Borough regarding these.

Councillor Asman explained that this has been the result of a lengthy and late decision and apologised for the Parish not being informed.

Borough Councillor Asman

Councillor Asman reported that a £19,900 HEWEB grant for the Hatch Café kitchen refurbishment had recently been awarded.

“Hampshire highways are to retro fit escape ways on the motorway after resurfacing. However, the resurfacing isn’t due to take place until 2026.

I was delighted to see so many people attend last week’s LAC meeting regarding the Ageas/Utilita Bowl planning application. It was good to see and hear the residents of West End voice their opinions and take part in the discussions, it would be great to see more residents attending our HEWEB Local Area Committee meetings in the future.

As many of you will know, Hampshire Cricket and the Rose Bowl have successfully secured Utilita to sponsor the naming rights of the stadium. Having read in the media they have an aspiration to make it one of the greenest cricket grounds in the country and are looking to install more than 1,000 solar panels at the stadium to help tackle climate change and be more environmentally friendly.

Although I was disappointed to see Barclays Bank close their branch in Hegde End village last year, I was pleased that Eastleigh Borough Council, Hedge End Town Council and Barclays were able to agree for Barclays to have a mobile banking van on the old Budgens site on Wednesdays.

On the 24th January, although I was unable to attend, EBC councillors were invited to attend a meeting with the NHS and Integrated Care Board to find out more about the proposed new Hospital to be located just outside of Basingstoke as part of the Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Although a new hospital sounds positive, concerns were raised regarding, funding, residents of Eastleigh accessing the Accident & Emergency department and public transport links to get to the site, especially as certain services are being relocated from Winchester to Basingstoke. Hopefully, the NHS will take these comments into account when designing the services at the new hospital.

The Hatch Farm public art consultation took place on Friday 26th January and dialogue continues with residents about the design and location of the artwork. A meeting will be called for next week to give feedback on the consultation.

HEWEB Public Art Steering Group - Eastleigh Borough Council is inviting submissions from Artists, an Artist Collective, or a Creative Consultancy to develop and deliver a Public Art Vision for Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB).

The Council welcomes applications from across the creative disciplines including interdisciplinary approaches between Artists and collaborators of their choosing.

The Commission is funded from a Section 106 Developer's Contribution for Public Art and funds allocated by the HEWEB Local Area Committee."

Borough Councillor Du-Crow

Nothing to further to report. Covered by Councillor Asman and Tennent.

Borough Councillor Tennent

Infrastructure

Openreach and Virgin Media have delayed their withdrawal of their copper phone lines strategy due to the number of home telecare systems that are still reliant on the copper infrastructure.

Southern Water gave a briefing on their intention to recycle excess overspill water using reverse osmosis technology as a means of meeting demand. Overspill occurs when reservoirs are full. They successfully ran a pilot plant and are ready to commence operations. The first step involves regulatory permissions. The infrastructure includes constructing a 40Km pipeline from north Havant to Southampton. It is foreseen that this recycling project will have happened by 2035.

Benefits of the recycling technology is that much greater water filtering is possible meaning that nitrates and phosphates can be removed, which could make the nitrate credit scheme redundant.

Services

EBC are introducing a fly-tipping monitoring scheme using Trail Cameras. Locations will be coordinated by LAMs. Only time will tell whether successful prosecutions follow. LGA Corporate Peer Review has resulted in a number of recommendations being made to improve Borough Council services.

EY in-depth report of One Horton Heath covered in Audit & Resources Committee meeting of 16 January 2024. Included are references to value for money and two whistleblower allegations. Value for money reported weaknesses such as amount of borrowing; acquisition of Chalcroft Solar Panel farm, operation of Nitrate Credit scheme.

Planning

The Ageas Bowl have replaced their primary sponsor and are now known as the Utilita Bowl. The Utilita Bowl planning application was refused on around 14 items. The applicants sought deferment, but the committee voted against the request. One aspect not liked was the removal of affordable housing. EBC normally request 35% of the total to be affordable. The applicant said that this requirement would make the scheme unviable as it would make a loss.

Furthermore, the internal roads would not be built to an adoptable standard and the play area would not be handed over either. The reason for these omissions is affordability, but if the development went ahead, the new residents would be presented with a sizeable double council tax in the form of management fees.

Other Councils

HCC have a funding gap of £132m along with a number of other local authorities. If they can't deliver a balanced budget, they will have to declare a section 114. This is a technical equivalent of a private sector bankruptcy, but unlike a bankruptcy, public sector organisations cannot go broke. Instead, a declared section 114 will take away a local authority's financial independence as spending decisions will be taken at national level. It is my understanding that HCC is looking to avoid this sanction by redefining its statutory obligations as a means of increasing their discretionary monies.

Public Art

To remove the concrete post that held the Lamp & Mantle sign will cost £2,000. I have asked the Public Art Officer if rather than remove the post, it can be made into a small piece of public art.

The One Horton Heath Public Arts Steering Committee had their first meeting on 8 February to agree such things as terms of reference etc. There will be eleven phases of public art projects totalling £1.2m. The first phase project has a £180,000 financial constraint. The public's opinion on each piece of work will be sought giving a clear steer to the successful choice. It is thought that functional art in the vein of the Hatch Farm piece will likely receive the most votes.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7.15 pm

The meeting closed at 8.21pm.