

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Monday, 7 March 2022 (7:00 pm – 8:22 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Garton (Chair); Councillors Asman, Corben, Gomer, House, Kyrle, Pretty, Tennent and Kinloch

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allingham and Jurd

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

130. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor House declared a personal interest in item 8 as he lives near to the application site. Councillor House confirmed that he will be speaking as a member of the public and will then leave the meeting.

Councillor Gomer declared a prejudicial interest in item 9 as Citizen's Advice are a client of a business he has an interest in. Councillor Gomer also declared that he is a Governor as St James School.

131. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

132. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A local resident spoke with regards to the lack of promised facilities on the Boorley Park estate, in particular, the unfinished allotments. The Local Area Manager was able to respond to the resident and explained that all members of council staff and the Committee were frustrated with the lack of progress. The legal transfer on the sports facility was progressing, but it will take time for the allotments to be to a standard to progress so they can be transferred. The Local Area Manager offered to meet with the resident outside of the meeting to discuss the concerns further.

A second local resident spoke on behalf of 'Friends of Wildern Local Nature Reserve' with regards to the expansion proposal of Wildern Local Nature Reserve. The resident considered that Hedge End Town Council financial resources should not be a reason for delay in delivery of this project. The bike trail proposal at Telegraph Wood was also discussed with the representative outlining factors for the Council to consider in the

assessment report. The Chair thanked the resident and advised that their comments would be taken into consideration.

133. CHAIR'S REPORT

Berry Theatre Gates

The Chair reported that the new gates in front of the Berry Theatre entrance had been delivered by Eastleigh Borough Council as a public art project. The Chair was pleased to see this project had been delivered, the gates looked great and have enhanced the appearance of the entrance to the theatre and the frontage of the site.

Berrywood Fields:

In February, the Chair visited the Berrywood Fields project and saw how well the community grass pitches and landscaping were establishing. While the pitches won't be available for use until September as they need time to establish fully, it's clear that this will be a terrific facility for local teams and residents with use of the changing facilities at Deer Park School. The Chair took the opportunity to see the progress being made on the Artificial Turf Pitch within the school playing fields. This was rapidly taking shape and will also be an amazing facility for the school and the community to use.

Itchen Valley Country Park:

The local country park continues to provide a much-valued space for enjoyment, relaxation and adventure for its visitors. Following approval of £3.3 million funding in July, work has been progressing on the exciting range of improvements proposed for the Park and a planning application is anticipated later this year. The Park's staff continue to deliver an interesting and wide range of events and, as Mayor, the Chair was delighted that the Park will be hosting a 'Wellies and Walkies' event for her chosen charity, Mountbatten Hampshire, on Saturday 2nd April.

Hatch Farm:

Eastleigh Borough Council and West End Parish Council are continuing to progress the project to deliver a wheeled sports area at Hatch Farm. Fearless Ramps have been appointed to design and deliver the equipment and the final design consultation was being held with young people at The Youthouse later that week. There is much excitement amongst keen skaters and scooter-users to see this facility take shape.

HEWEB Annual Review:

As we reach the end of the financial year, the Chair was preparing the HEWEB Annual Review for the forthcoming annual assemblies at the Town and Parish Councils.

134. LOCAL AREA MANAGER'S REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Local Area Manager (Agenda Item 6).

RESOLVED –**That the Committee:**

- (1) Note the progress to date on identified projects and priorities during 2021/2022; and**
- (2) Approve the Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) Local Area Action Plan Priorities 2022/23 shown in Appendix Two for adoption and publication.**

135. PRESENTATION ON PLANNING GUIDELINES

A Planning Officer gave a short presentation on guidelines that had to be taken into account when determining planning applications; in particular the issues that could, and could not, be taken into account. This was set against the broader policy framework.

136. PLANNING APPLICATION - UNIT 3, LANKESTER HOUSE, 1 FREEGROUNDS ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 0HG

The Committee considered the report of the Executive Head of Planning and Economy (Agenda item 8) concerning an application for the variation of condition 3 (opening hours) of planning permission J/17/80081 for prior approval for change of use for A1 (retail) to A3 (restaurants and cafes). (Ref:X/21/92160).

There were no updates reported.

RESOLVED -

That permission be granted subject to recommended conditions.

[NOTES: (A) Councillor House declared a personal interest in this item as he lives near the site. Councillor House spoke as a member of the public in objection to the application and left the meeting at 19:36. (B) Three people spoke in objection to the application citing concerns of noise, odours, safety of school children due to increased traffic, neighbouring businesses not opening at 8am, pollution and the applicant's potential future business model. (C) Five people, including the applicants, spoke in support of the application stating that other establishments were allowed to open prior to 8am, people tend to use car parks around Hedge End which will have little impact on the road in which the business is situated on, people want to support local businesses and that odour will not be an issue as they do not cook their foods in oils or fats.]

137. COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Local Area Manager (Agenda Item 9).

RESOLVED -

That the Committee:

- (1) Approves the grants as set out in Appendix 1 and 2 to the report.**

[NOTE: Councillor Gomer declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is a Governor at St James School. Councillor Gomer also declared a prejudicial interest as Citizen's Advice were a client of a business which he has an interest in. Councillor Gomer left the meeting at 20:18.]

138. PLANNING APPEALS

The Legal Services Manager reported:-

- (a) that the following appeals had been lodged:-

Hedge End Retail Park, Tollbar Way, Hedge End, SO30 2UH

Appeal against the Council's refusal to carry out works to protected trees. (T/20/89128)

Land to the rear of Sovereign Drive and Precosa Road, Botley

Appeal against the Council's refusal for residential development comprising 106 no. dwellings, new access from Sovereign Drive, associated landscaping and drainage works following demolition of no. 47 Sovereign Drive and Hatts Copse House (net 104 no. dwellings) (F/20/87625)

- (b) that the following appeals had been dismissed:-

11 Eden Road, West End, Southampton, SO18 3QW

Appeal against the Council's refusal to grant consent to undertake work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). (T/20/88029)

Land adjacent to 38 Oak Vale, West End. SO30 3SF

Appeal against the Council's refusal to grant consent to

undertake work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). (T/20/88839)

RESOLVED -

That the report be noted.

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