

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Monday, 9 September 2024 (7:00 pm – 7:45 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Garton (Chair); Councillors Asman, Corben, Du-Crow, Gomer, Hadaway, House, Kinloch, Kyrle, Pretty, Tennent and Welsh

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items of business on the agenda.

12. MINUTES

The Local Area Manager gave a brief update to the Committee with regards to the previous planning application for the trees along the footpath between Bubb Lane and Hedge End Train Station. The Local Area Manager has been in discussion with Hedge End Town Council and the One Horton Heath Team and agreed to plant 10 trees which will take place in the coming planting season to offset the 5 trees being felled. A recommendation has also been produced to Cabinet to provide clarity on any future tree removal on a Tree Preservation Order where Eastleigh Borough Council are the applicant.

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

[NOTE: Councillor Welsh arrived at 19:03.]

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation on this occasion.

14. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair gave the following report:

“Firstly, I would like to welcome everyone back from the summer holidays. Whether you managed to get away to another country or you enjoyed a holiday closer to home, I hope you managed to take some time to relax and recharge your batteries. I noticed there was lots of activities on offer during the school holidays for our young people and I know Eastleigh

Active sessions in the HEWEB area were very popular, especially the free swimming at Wildern Leisure centre.

The HEWEB Public Art Vision is progressing well through the ViewFinder Project. Cara Courage and Richard Wolfstrome are currently compiling their findings from engagement sessions through workshops, walk arounds and surveys online. They also held a public talk at the Dart and attended community events to promote the work being undertaken.

I have visited Itchen Valley Country Park during the summer holidays and the place looks fantastic now that most of the building works are complete. The new facilities look great, but I was most impressed the network of new accessible footpaths across the site. if you have not been recently, I really encourage you to visit Itchen Valley Country Park to see for yourself.

Finally, just to remind everyone that HEWEB small grants scheme opens again this month, and I would like to encourage community groups and those groups working with young people to apply. Last year we awarded over £7,600 of grant funding to 17 applicants. Further information can be found on the Eastleigh Borough Council community grants web page and the window closes at the end of October.”

15. PRESENTATION ON PLANNING GUIDELINES

The Senior 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.

16. PLANNING APPLICATION - 22 HICKORY GARDENS, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3RN - REF: H/24/97271

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director for Planning and Environment (Agenda item 7) concerning an application for Proposed loft conversion to include 2no. front facing dormers and 4no. roof windows to the rear. (Ref: H/24/97271).

There were no updates.

There was a lengthy debate where the Committee discussed the proposed design and the consequences if the application was refused.

RESOLVED -

Delegated back to Planning Manager in conjunction with the Chair and Vice-Chair to PERMIT subject to the conditions agreed.

(NOTE: A written statement was received from the agent to the applicant in support of the application.)

17. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Committee considered the report of the Local Area Manager (Agenda Item 8) that contained recommendations for expenditure from the Committee's capital and revenue budget.

RESOLVED –

That the Committee:

- (1) approved the allocation of £196,000 from developer contributions for play areas improvements at Hatch Grange, Nelson Gardens and Locke Road;**
- (2) approved the allocation of £30,000 from developer contributions for the Itchen Valley Country Park access road improvements;**
- (3) approved the proposed fees and charges for 2024/25;**
- (4) noted the expenditure of £4,485 from the revenue budget for the repair and installation of new RSJ posts to support the existing framework on the Berrywood Boardwalk; and**
- (5) noted the achievements in the local area supported by the Local Area Committee (LAC), highlighted in Appendix 1.**

18. PLANNING APPEALS

The Planning Manager reported:-

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

60 Bursledon Road, Hedge End, Southampton, SO30 0BY

Appeal against the Council's refusal of the erection of 1no. two-bedroom detached house adjacent to existing dwelling, with associated access onto Foord Road, parking and bin/bike storage. Ref: F/24/96708

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

Moorlands Farm, Botley Road, West End, SO30 3HD

Appeal against the Council's refusal of the demolition of all existing buildings and detailed planning approval for light industrial floorspace [Use Class E(g)(ii) & E(g)(iii)], warehouse floorspace [Use Class B8] and estate office (Use Class E(g)(i). Ref: F/23/93835.

RESOLVED -

That the report be noted.

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