

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Monday, 11 November 2024 (7:00 pm – 8:52 pm)

PRESENT:

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Welsh

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kinloch declared a personal interest in item 8 on the agenda as he is a neighbour of the applicant. He did not take part in the debate or the vote.

20. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

21. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public spoke in relation to the barrier system and bridleway at Itchen Valley Country Park. Concerns were raised with regards to the safety of horses and their riders when designing the barrier system. They requested that a meeting be arranged to discuss a solution to the issues raised.

The Local Area Manager will speak with the Head of Green Spaces and come back with a response.

22. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair gave the following report:

“On 9 October I went along with colleagues to the re-opening of Wildern Leisure Centre. I was very impressed with the new facilities and the way they have utilised the space to increase the number of exercise stations. I know the refurbished gym has already attracted lots of interest and I hope it will encourage more people in the community to become more active. Well done to the team at Wildern Leisure Centre and well done for carrying out the refurbishment so quickly with minimal disruption to the users.

The deadline for applications to the HEWEB community grants closed last week and we received 23 applications with a combined request of over £10,000. It was great to see a wide variety of applications across West End, Hedge End and Botley submitted. The grant panel are currently reviewing the applications received and we hope to be able to approve successful applications at the next HEWEB LAC on 27 January. On the Subject of HEWEB grants, our youth grants scheme opens this month, so I would encourage any community groups working with young people to review our funding criteria and submit an application for HEWEB to consider.

I have been concerned by recent Anti-Social Behaviour reports around the Dowds Farm area and I know my colleagues are talking to residents to understand the issues and discussing ideas on how we can prevent these actions. At our next HEWEB team meeting, Chief Inspector Matt Paling will provide members with an update on the work the police are conducting to address the issue.

I attended the Hedge End remembrance service on Sunday and laid a wreath on behalf of Eastleigh Borough Council to honour those who gave their lives in 2 world wars and all other conflicts across the world.

Christmas is just around the corner and there are a range of festive events and activities around the corner to look out for. The Christmas lights switch on in Hedge End Village is 21 November, West Ends lights switch on is 29 November and Botley village has carols in the square on 8 December. The Berry theatre is also presenting 'There's a monster in Your Christmas Show' from the 13-24 December, based on the book by Tom Fletcher on this very stage.

Finally, I was really pleased to see so many good news stories in the Local Area Managers report this time, which shows how this committee supports lots of community programmes and initiatives in the HEWEB area."

23. 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.

24. PLANNING APPLICATION - HATTS COPSE FARM, BROOK LANE, BOTLEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2ER - (REF: F/24/97960)

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director for Planning and Environment (Agenda item 7) concerning an application for the construction of 2 bedroom bungalow with adjoining garages following demolition of existing annex and outbuildings. (Ref: F/24/97960).

The Committee was advised that a preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Biodiversity Net Gain information for the development has now been received.

RESOLVED –

Subject to:

- **The receipt and consideration of the comments of the Council's Ecologist in relation to the submitted ecological survey and biodiversity net gain information and the addition of any necessary conditions associated with this.**
- **An amendment to condition 3(d) to include a requirement for the submission of details for approval by the Local Planning Authority of the type of surfacing and drainage provisions for the proposed access track.**
- **The other conditions and reasons as set out in the report.**

To Delegate back to the Planning Manager in conjunction with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee to PERMIT.

[NOTE: The applicant spoke in support of the application.]

25. PLANNING APPLICATION - 24 KINGSMAN DRIVE, BOTLEY, SO32 3FW
- (REF: H/24/98188)

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director for Planning and Environment (Agenda item 8) concerning an application for Summer House and Pergola (Retrospective application). (Ref: H/24/98188).

There were no updates.

RESOLVED –

PERMIT as set out in the agenda.

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26. PLANNING APPLICATION - 11 FERNDAL, HEDGE END,
SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 0PP - (REF: T/24/97956)

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director for Planning and Environment (Agenda item 9) concerning an application for 1no. English Oak (T2) - Remove to near ground level. (Ref: T/24/97956)

There was a lengthy debate where the Committee raised concerns about the lack of evidence to justify the proposed felling of the Oak tree.

RESOLVED –

To delegate back to Planning Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee to REFUSE on the grounds of: Insufficient evidence has been provided to justify the proposed felling of the Oak tree, which will be to the detriment of the health and appearance of the tree, as well as the visual amenity of the area (final wording of reason for refusal to be agreed).

27. DRAFT ORCHARDS WAY/ GATERS MILL/BOTLEY CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS AND MANAGEMENT PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Urban and Landscape Design Team Leader introduced the report.

Councillors thanked officers for an exemplary report.

RESOLVED –

That Hedge End, West End and Botley Local Area Committee;

- (1) Approved the updated draft Orchards Way Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and recommend its approval for public consultation with any suggested amendments;**
- (2) Approved the updated draft Gaters Mill Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and recommend its approval for public consultation with any suggested amendments; and**
- (3) Approved the updated draft Botley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and recommend its approval for public consultation with any suggested amendments.**

28. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Committee considered the report of the Local Area Manager (Agenda Item 11) that contained recommendations for expenditure from the Committee's capital and revenue budget.

Councillor Gomer queried the allocation of £18,000 from developers' contributions to carry out essential tree works at Itchen Valley Country Park. A discussion took place with regards to using the revenue budget.

RESOLVED –

That the Committee:

- (1) approved the allocation of £1361 from the revenue budget to erect a fence at Boorley Park allotments, adjacent to Orchard Close;
- (2) approved the proposed fees and charges at Itchen Valley Country Park from 1st January 2025 set out in Appendix 1;
- (3) approved the allocation of £18,000 from developers' contributions to carry out essential tree works at Itchen Valley Country Park;
- (4) approved the allocation of £455 from the revenue budget to install a bin on Old Shamblehurst Lane;
- (5) noted the expenditure of £455 from the revenue budget to install a bin at Wildern Lane bus stop;
- (6) noted the expenditure of £782 from revenue budget to install two metal barriers on the alleyway between Barfoot Road and Charterhouse Way; and
- (7) noted the achievements in the local area supported by the Local Area Committee (LAC), highlighted in Appendix 2.

29. PLANNING APPEALS

The Planning Manager reported:-

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

Land adjacent to Croft Farm, Winchester Road, Botley, SO32 2BX (Ref: F/24/97352) Appeal against Council's refusal of the erection of detached bungalow with associated parking, access and landscaping.

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

Willow Bee, Allington Lane, West End, Eastleigh SO30 3HP (Ref: F/23/95507)

Appeal against the Council's refusal to regularise replacement entrance, hardstanding and frontage fence.

RESOLVED -

That the report be noted.

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