

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS & PLANNING
COMMITTEE HELD 5TH OCTOBER, 2016**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Ian Corben, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Chris Yates

H28 Apologies: Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. John Jupe
With effect from the close of business hours today, all communications have been checked for the receipt of apologies.

**H29 Minutes & Matters Arising
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H14, a further report has been recorded with the reference case no. 600002. Noted.

H21, i) HCC Roads & Transport respond that the enquiry raised re the footway from Sherborne Way to Melbourne Road, has been inspected. As it does not present a hazard to highway users it does not require action at this time. Noted.

H23, re Freegrounds Avenue path opposite residences. Steve Miller, EBC, responds that this is not EBC land from which the foliage is encroaching the path, as a gesture of goodwill EBC cleared this area 10 – 12 months ago, but informed Council at the time that it is not their responsibility to maintain. Noted.

H23, Potholes in Allotment Road have been repaired. Noted.

H23, re damage to grass verges in Maunsell Way, caused by Virgin Maintenance vehicles. HCC Roads & Transport respond that this is not the responsibility of HCC and this issue has been forwarded to a third party for action. Noted.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

H30 Correspondence:

i) Mandy Ware, Team Leader, Traffic & Safety forwards a copy of her Email addressed to a Mrs. Carpenter of Hedge End, in response to her enquiries as to whether yellow boxed road markings would improve the flow of traffic at Junction 7, M27. Ms. Ware explains that there has been a fault at this site that has changed the usual operation of the signals and it has been reported to Highways England.

The issues of queues and delays at this site go back many years and HCC is very much aware of the situation. However, Highways England, are responsible for the operation of this site and are currently promoting a scheme to introduce 'SCOOT' control on the roundabout. This will offer more flexibility over the signal timings compared to the current fixed time plans. Funding for this improvement is yet to be approved but may be given the go ahead in the near future.

There are several factors to consider with the provision of a yellow box marking at such a busy site. Operationally, maintenance of such a marking will be difficult to achieve given the location and it is worth noting that regular wear will make the marking unenforceable. Furthermore, enforcement itself may be an issue and Police agreement would be required. The marking only works when drivers believe that disregard will lead to enforcement so where there is large scale non-compliance then the markings, if not enforceable, offer limited benefit. For this reason the application of a yellow box marking is unlikely to be viable at this site. Noted.

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manager's toolbox for managing the highway network and SCOOT is the world leading adaptive signal control system that responds automatically to fluctuations in traffic flow through the use of vehicle detectors. Many benefits are obtained from the installation of an effective Urban Traffic Control system utilising SCOOT, both reducing congestion and maximising efficiency which in turn is beneficial to the local environment and economy.

H31 Planning Applications:

F/16/79227, 28, Lower St. Helens Road. Construction of one, 2 bed dwelling to form a semi-detached pair with associated car parking, garden, bin and cycle storage. **Resolved: No objection.**

A/16/79204, Unit 2 Hedge End Retail Park, Charles Watts Way. Installation of four internally illuminated fascia signs. **Resolved: No objection. However, the Committee would wish to place a proviso that all illuminations are switched off by 11.00 p.m.**

H32 Highway Matters:

The clerk is instructed to question the duty of care responsibility for the path opposite the residences of Freegrounds Avenue, in respect of overhanging brambles impeding the safe passage of pedestrians. Whilst the Committee is aware that the Town Clerk and Local Area Manager are addressing this concern, it would wish to pursue clarification as to the responsibility for making this area safe for pedestrians and establish at least a 6 monthly maintenance, to keep it tidy and cut back.

H33 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

None present.

H34 Exempt Business:

Matters concerning enforcement were discussed.