HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON 02 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors J Lay (Chairman), T Attlee, P Beck, K Jenkins, D Prosser, A Redding, B Sowden, S Freeman

IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Baverstock-Jones, Chief Officer, Susan Blake (Minute Taker), Simon Ritson, RFO

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: 29 members of the public & District Councillors J Hogan & E Woodard
4 developer members

HPC 080/24/25 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr R Smith and Cllr J Hodgson.

HPC 081/24/25 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

HPC 082/24/25 **TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS M HARVEY REGARDING COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

No report received.

HPC 083/24/25 **TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN UPDATE FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REGARDING DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

A joint report was circulated (as attached) by District Cllr J Hogan and District Cllr E Woodard Report which was noted with thanks.

HPC 084/24/25 **TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM METIS HOMES – LAND NORTH OF CHALK HILL**

Alastair Harris led the presentation on behalf on Metis Homes
Full planning application for 40 new 2 storey homes has been submitted.
Plans/designs were circulated to Cllr's and public

HPC 085 /24/25 **TO OPEN THE MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was duly opened to members of the public.

7 members of the public addressed Metis with observations and questions.

- Access would need to be considered for maintenance and any other use

- Has the impact on infrastructure been considered – schools, doctors etc
- Who will maintain the recreation site
- Will there be more development
- Is parking being looked at and tracked

Metis responded and offered to continue meeting with the public as the development moved forward, subject to planning.

HPC 086/24/25 **TO CONSIDERTHE CO-OPTION OF NEIL SMITH TO REPRESENT MURRAY WARD**

All agreed

HPC 087/24/25 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 01 JULY 2024**

It was **RESOLVED** that after amendments that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 05 August 2024 be signed as a true record of the meeting. All agreed.

HPC 088/24/25 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE PARISH COUNCIL WITHIN EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND WORKING PARTIES**

Cllr Smith via Cllr Lay gave a verbal update
Gardeners and contractors should now be attending the car park in Horndean Village to litter pick, empty bins and tidy garden areas.
Issues with the Shambles area have now been handed over to Environmental Services, by the EHDC Neighbour Quality team

Cllr Redding – Reported on a future Veterans event and suggested that HPC could be involved

HPC 089/24/25 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE IN RESPECT OF THE DATA RECEIVED FROM THE AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS**

Cllr Prosser report was circulated (see attached) and a verbal update given.
Monthly figures are not improving – there are many persistent offenders
More engagement is being sought form the Police on the possibility of a road side patrol

HPC 090/24/25 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT (JULY ATTACHED)**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Orders for Payment (July attached) be approved and duly signed.

HPC 09124/25 **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**

A report by the RFO was circulated and an update given
SR advised there is further heavy expenditure on Tree Maintenance in the coming months.

HPC 092/24/25 **TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE SECURITY PATROLS CURRENTLY UNDERTAKEN AT THE JUBILEE SITE**

Currently 2 patrols are carried out at Jubilee Park.
Patrols to continue for 1 more month but as ASB is continuing at Five Heads Recreation Ground 1 patrol will be transferred to Five heads Recreation Ground
Security patrol to be asked to report back findings when doing the patrols

Cllr Lay Proposed
Cllr Beck Seconded

HPC 093/24/25 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE QUOTATION IN RESPECT OF REPLACEMENT CABLEWAY (ZIP WIRE) AND CONSIDER THE WAY FORWARD IN TERMS OF FUNDING**

Community Grant application was unsuccessful.
Chief Officer advised that Neighbourhood CIL money available.

Cllr Redding Proposed that this be used
Cllr Sowden Seconded

District Councillors to be approached regarding possible grant.
Grounds Manager to contact Timberplay to ask for a quote extension, to seek a better time of year for work to be undertaken

HPC 094/24/25 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF LAND BETWEEN CATHERINGTON LANE AND FIVE HEADS ROAD**

A brief discussion took place

The Council in principle are willing to adopt this land if it is formally offered.

HPC 095/24/25 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF REMEMBRANCE POPPIES**

Cllr Beck to seek alternative silhouettes to replace small one originally supplied

Council agreed for lamppost poppies to be placed on both sides of the road from the meeting point at Five Heads Road to the Square.
Enquiry to be made as to whether permission is required to place these on lampposts.
Members requested that the Countryside Team place the poppies as per the above location.

HPC 096/24/25 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE IN RESPECT OF THE HORNDEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLAN – PROJECT BOARD**

Terms of Reference adopted subject to amendments
To be discussed at Neighbourhood Improvement Plan Working Party meeting 18th September 2024

HPC 097/24/25 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE TEMPLATE RECEIVED FROM THE HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS IN RESPECT OF A SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

Brief discussion took place led by Cllr Freeman
HALC Safeguarding Policy to be adopted in the interim whilst Cllr Hodgson finalises his full policy/version

HPC 098/24/25 **TO NOTE THE FUNDING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED IN RESPECT OF THE HORNDEANGREEN TRAIL AND HERITAGE NETWORK**

Cllr Redding outlined the ongoing funding applications

- 12k capital grant bid submitted 22/8 through the on-line portal to EHDC community Climate Change Action Fund
- £20k(maximum) revenue grant to be submitted by 6/9 by EHDC Offices on behalf of HPC to HCC Active Travel Fund to cover development, design and issue of maps
- Circa £35k capital grant bid submitted by 12/9 through the on-line portal to EHDC Rural Grant Fund to cover interpretation boards/information plaques

HPC 099/24/25 **TO NOTE THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BEING THE 07 October 2024**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council was noted as 07 October 2024. This meeting will be held in Jubilee Hall.

HPC 100/24/25 **TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS, IN THE VIEW THAT PUBLICITY WOULD PREJUDICE THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS OR ARISING OUT OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED. (PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting. Members of the public left the meeting.

The public meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

HPC 101/24/25 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE JOB EVALUATION REPORT COMPLETED BY THE LOCAL COUNCIL CONSULTANCY (LCC)**

Cllr Lay explained as this is an in-depth evaluation, he proposed 2 Working Parties be formed, so that sound decisions be made

Working party 1 to evaluate the Salary and Contractual aspect of the report
Working party 2 to evaluate other recommendations in the report.
Working party 1
Cllr Prosser
Cllr N Smith
Cllr Freeman

Working party 2
Cllr Redding
Cllr Lay
Cllr Attlee

To be brought back to the next Council Meeting 7th October 2024

The confidential meeting concluded at 8:50 pm

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Signed - The Chairman

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Dated

Ref HPC 083/24/25

District Councillor Report for HPC Council Meeting – 31 August

August is a quiet month for the council, with no full council session however we have been recently updated on the financial situation for EHDC. This is detailed in two recent reports: "Shaping East Hampshire's Future Programme Part 2 Staffing" and the "Commercial Property Investment Portfolio – Part 3". These documents are available to the public on the EHDC website as part of the agenda items for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 5th of September 2024. These documents outline significant financial challenges the council faces and we have summarised the most important points below.

Predicted Budget Shortfall for 2024/25

The council is predicting a significant budget shortfall for the upcoming fiscal year 2024/25. The key figures contributing to this shortfall include:

- **Underperformance of the Commercial Property Portfolio**: £900,000
- **Shortfall in Transformation Savings**: £165,000
- **Overspending in Legal Services**: £135,000
- **Overspending in Planning Services**: £150,000
- **Reduced Income from Parking Charges**: £400,000

These elements combined contribute to a total shortfall of **£1.75 million** from the council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2024/25.

Savings proposed for 2024/25 and beyond.

To cover the shortfall the council is looking at several ways to make savings for the current year and beyond, with the most significant being a reduction in staff. Proposed numbers are as follows:

- Vacant posts to be deleted - 8
- Roles to be deleted - 18
- Staff at risk - 15

Details on the underperformance of the Commercial Property Portfolio

The commercial property portfolio, once a significant source of income for the council, is now experiencing reduced earnings due to broader market challenges. The earnings made from the portfolio over the past few years:

- **2021/22**: The portfolio generated a net income of **£3.826 million**.
- **2022/23**: This net income slightly decreased to **£3.313 million**.
- **2023/24**: The net income dropped further to **£1.881 million**.

Reasons for the Decline in Earnings:

- **Market Shifts**: Post-COVID changes in working patterns have reduced the demand for office space, leading to increased vacancies and lower rental income.

- **Retail Sector Challenges**: The high street has been hit hard by the cost-of-living crisis and the shift to online shopping, diminishing the profitability of retail spaces.
- **Tenant Solvency Issues**: Financial struggles among tenants have increased the risk of rent defaults and insolvencies, further reducing income.

Note the Council's commercial property portfolio was created from an investment strategy adopted in 2018 and was originally made up of some council already owned assets, however a series of further investments were subsequently made at a capital cost of circa £130 million, including office, industrial and retail space both within the district such as Rams Walk, Petersfield, as well as assets outside the district. Acquisition costs were met through a combination of borrowing from the Public Works Loans Board (PWLB), internal borrowing and existing capital reserves.

Cllr James Hogan – Horndean Downs ward

Cllr Elaine Woodard – Horndean Murray ward

Ref – HPC 089/24/25

Auto Speedwatch Figures For August – Lovedean Lane Soundbound

Commentary

This is our second month of operation and the figures are not improved despite publicity on the web and social media. There have been 3136 recorded offences. The next course of action open to us is to invite a roadside patrol by the police (this would involve immediate enforceable action). The monthly summary of the data will be sent to the police along with the full details of the vehicles below (Including Reg. Numbers).

Points to note

1. The North camera is recording less offences than the South camera by a factor of 4, this implies the "40 to 30 zone" is not really the issue, it is people accelerating on the straight afterwards towards Lovedean Village Hall. This is hazardous to pedestrians and vehicles emerging at this point – PLEASE SLOW DOWN
2. We have identified a number of companies with regular offences this month, they will be written to about the behaviour of their drivers. A number of unmarked vans are regular offenders, some of these are seen around delivering parcels. We may write to the local depots of likes of EVRI and Amazon to ask them to impress upon their "gig economy" drivers the importance of road safety.
3. "*" below means appeared in top 10 last month. The Mecedes-Benz Vito that appears in both top 10s is the same vehicle and has now offended 20 times.

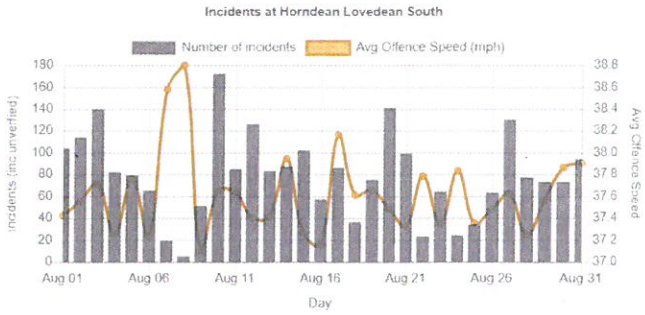
Top 10 Persistent Offenders Aug 2024

Position	Make	Model	Colour	Max Speed	Caught (times)	
1	Renault	Trafic	Grey	49	13	
2	Vauxhall	Movano	White	44	12	
3	Mercedes-Benz	Vito	White	51	11	*
4	Toyota	Yaris	Red	47	10	
5	Seat	Ateca	Red	39	10	*
6	Volkswagen	Transporter	White	38	10	
7	Renault	Trafic	White	41	9	
8	Vauxhall	Mokka	Silver	39	9	
9	Vauxhall	Vivaro	Grey	45	8	
10	Vauxhall	Movano	White	44	8	*

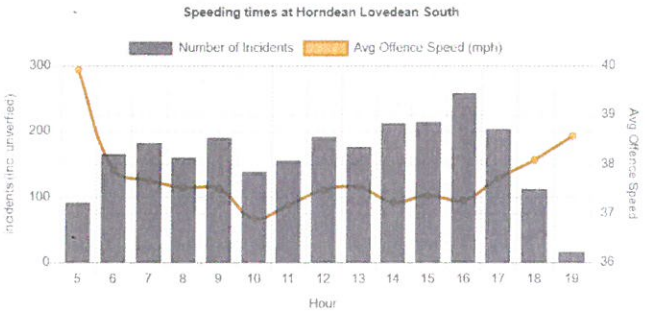
Top 10 Highest Speeds Aug 2024

Position	Make	Model	Colour	Speed	Date	Time
1	Honda	CRV	Black	66	13/08/2024	12:23
2	Mercedes-Benz	C220	Black	61	17/08/2024	16:59
3	BMW	320D	Grey	59	03/08/2024	14:30
4	Ford	Transit	White	53	03/08/2024	11:01
5	Renault	Scenic	Bronze	52	07/08/2024	13:07
6	Vauxhall	Corsa	Black	51	20/08/2024	14:25
7	BMW	M3	Black	51	20/08/2024	18:28
8	Mercedes-Benz	Vito	White	51	12/08/2024	08:27
9	Audi	A1	White	51	21/08/2024	18:00
10	Renault	Trafic	White	50	11/08/2024	09:40

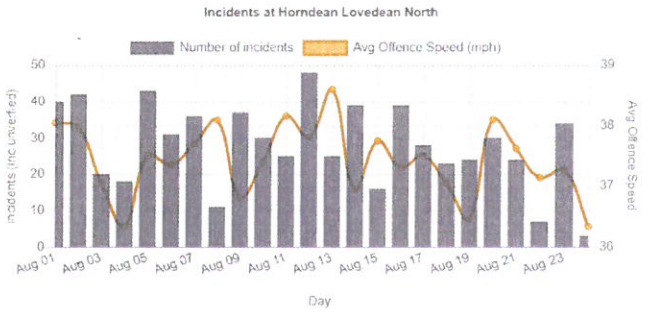
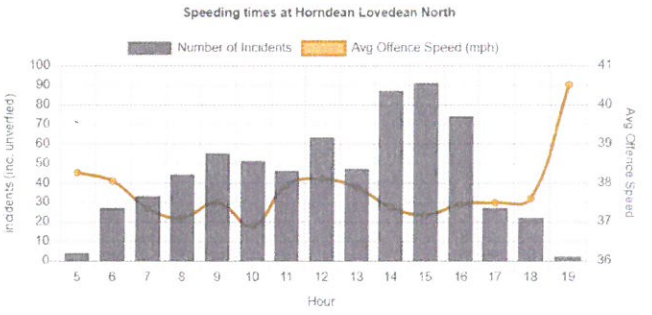
Trigger Speed
35
Speeders >= 35mph
2463
Max Speed
61
Unit Performance
Good



Fastest Hour
5 am
Most Hour
4 pm
Note: Early and late volumes may be affected by battery power



Trigger Speed
35
Speeders >= 35mph
673
Max Speed
66
Unit Performance
Good



Fastest Hour
7 pm
Most Hour
3 pm
Note: Early and late volumes may be affected by battery power