

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Highways & General Purposes Committee – 25th May 2022

015/23H **Public Participation:** The Public Participation session opened at 7.32pm. Three members of the public joined the meeting. The following matters were discussed:

A member of the public wished to speak about Well Hill (B2150), where he is a resident. The development comprises of 12 properties adjoining each other. Each property is in a high band for council tax. Despite this, there are no footpaths or pavements, no street lighting, no cable, no litter picking service and no gas mains. However, help is now requested regarding traffic calming measures. Traffic speeds are far in excess of the 30mph speed limit and have increased dramatically over the past two years, largely on account of satnavs routing vehicles along this road on the way to Southampton. The member of the public requested that Denmead Parish Council ask Hampshire Highways to install a permanent, flashing sign at the entrance to the village to advise motorists of their actual speed. A pinch point could also be considered at a suitable location.

The Chairman advised the member of the public that traffic calming would be discussed later on in the meeting as an agenda item and that he was welcome to remain at the meeting to hear this discussion.

A second member of the public wished to enquire when the greenways around Great Mead are scheduled to be trimmed back, as the greenery is now encroaching onto the pathways.

Cllr Langford-Smith advised the member of the public that it is bird-nesting season, which means that the grounds team cannot cut the hedges until the season is over. Hedge trimming takes place annually outside of the bird-nesting season.

The Chairman advised the member of the public that the Head Groundsman would be consulted to ensure that this job is scheduled, and in the meantime, to assess the greenways and to cut back by hand those parts where it is getting difficult to pass through.

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Cllr Langford-Smith later advised that the grounds team are not operational at the moment due to Covid and so the Village Warden would be asked to cut back by hand those branches which are obstructing the greenways.

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A third member of the public wished to speak about the Well Hill area, where he is a neighbour of the veterinary hospital. He is concerned about horses being ridden on the road in conjunction with the serious issue of speeding motorists.

The Chairman advised the member of the public that she sympathised with the horse riders.

The first member of the public wished to request that the hedges are cut back on the main road between the Community Centre and the next bend in the road and was advised that this would be matter for Hampshire County Council and it would be reported to them.

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The Chairman closed the Public Participation session at 7.42pm.