HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15 FEBRUARY 2017

Clirs. Present: Clir. Margaret Allingham, Clir. Paul Carnell (Chair), Clir. Helen Corben, Clir. Ian Corben, Clir. Cynthia Garton, Clir. Jerry Hall, Clir. Keith House, Clir. John Jupe, Clir. Lucy Jurd, Clir. Cliff Morris, Clir. Derek Pretty, Clir. Bruce Tennent, Clir. Jane Welsh, Clir. Chris Yates

1. Public Questions not on the Agenda

2. Apologies

Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Georgina Jenks, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya

3. To Co-opt a serving Town Councillor for the St. Helens Ward Members considered Lucy Jurd as a candidate for co-option as a Town Councillor to represent the St. Helens Ward.

RESOLVED

That Lucy Jurd be co-opted as a serving councillor for the St Helens Ward.

Cllr. Lucy Jurd signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Town Clerk.

4. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

5. To Receive a Police Report

PCSO Christopher Ritter was in attendance to give a detailed report on the latest beat statistics for January/February 2017. He reminded members of the Hedge End beat surgeries at the Hedge End library on the first Thursday of every month between 14.00 and 15.00 hours and at the Salvation Army Church on the third Tuesday of every month at 10.00 to 11.00. Volunteer Police Cadets have started at Wildern School and is being run by PCSO Mica Coppin. Members highlighted that Upper Northam Road and Maunsell Way need to be considered for community speed watch.

6. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held Wednesday 18th January 2017

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7. Chair's Remarks

The Town Clerk reported that he was in receipt of a Thank You card from Val Houghton thanking the Town Council for the flowers.

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8. Resolved Items for Noting Only:

a) Highways & Planning Committee – 18 January 2017 (Minute H61)

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 18 January 2017 be received.

b) Highways & Planning Committee – 1 February 2017 (Minute H65)

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 1 February 2017 be received.

c) Finance & Administration Committee – 7 February 2017 (*Minute F755*)

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 7 February 2017 be received.

d) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 8 February 2017 (*Minute R50, R51, R52*)

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 8 February 2017 be received.

9. Borough and County Council Reports

Cllr. Keith House advised members that the eastern section of the Sunday's Hill Bypass is scheduled to be undertaken. The work will take place over the next nine months and it is hoped that the work will be managed without the need for temporary traffic lights. Eastleigh Borough Council has acquired the car boot land at Bursledon and this is party to ensure traffic can come out at Bursledon Road and to alleviate congestion at Hamble Lane.

Eastleigh Borough Council is currently carrying out a Strategic Land Availability Assessment and examining the green gaps between settlements as part of the Local Plan. The Local Plan is due to go out to consultation in the Summer. There was a short debate over the potential of opening Botley Road and Cllr. Keith House explained the background and the potential traffic impact.

County Cllr. Bruce Tennent explained that the Council Tax element for Hampshire County Council will increase this year by 4.99% (1.99% Hampshire County Council plus 3.00% for social services). He explained that there are plans to raise money for transport infrastructure and this is all about the pooling of money without risking public sector pension sources and exploring what is financially viable without incurring serious risk. He advised members that Nigel Pattison from Kings Community Church is giving a talk on 26 January 2017 on the topic entitled 'Do Politics and Christianity Mix?'.

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10. All Members of the Public and Press are Requested to Leaver the Meeting (Admission to Meetings) Act 1961

Members of the public and press were requested to leave the meeting.

11. Matters for Resolution

Recommendation from Personnel Sub-Committee 7 February 2017 – Minute P4 (i, ii, iii) Exempt Business: Appraisals, Pay Award 2016/2017, Training Needs.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations made from the Personnel Sub-Committee be accepted and resolved.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.12 hours.