

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 16 JULY 2014**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Sheila Baynes (Chair), Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Daniel Clarke (until 20.02 hours), Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Richard Effeny, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Rupert Kyrle, Cllr. Kevin Paddick, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Ray Worley

1. Public Questions not on the Agenda

A member of the public expressed her concern in relation to recent vandalism to the village centre gardens. A water tap and bricks were damaged. It is believed that the incident occurred sometime between 18.00 and 7.00 over Sunday/Monday. She wondered whether any evidence may be available via CCTV footage as the police should be able to search evidence.

Sgt. Christine Wall stated that the incident time span is too long a period to examine and that the police have insufficient resources to monitor and review CCTV footage. At the present time, resources are directed to serious crime and time will not permit scrutinising CCTV film for crime of this nature. She reported that when the cameras are not specifically directed, they would be on a roving patrol and the incident may not have been caught.

If the cameras are not assessed, vandalism could increase together with anti-social behaviour incidents. The question of the role of PCSOs was discussed especially with regard to policing in the community and why PCSOs could not afford some hours to examine footage and crime issues as this was not unreasonable. The point was raised as to the very reason for support of PCSOs in the first place and the PCSO contract rationale is that they deal with low level anti-social behaviour.

Sgt. Wall stated she would investigate whether it is feasible for film footage to be scrutinised by members of the public and if so, Cllr. Paul Carnell volunteered to check.

Members felt that anti-social behaviour must be identified and detection of crime (where crime is reported) and covered by CCTV should be fully investigated and it was very worrying that there is no mechanism in place to check and examine this.

Sgt. Wall advised that Greta Park is a hot spot and is working to get a fixed CCTV camera

Sgt. Wall advised a Member that he should send an e-mail to the police with regard to an incident concerning litter abuse.

Cllr. Paul Carnell commented on the high quality of the flower beds in the village centre.

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2. Apologies

Cllr. Louise Bloom, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Keith House, Cllr. Nathan Khan, Cllr. Emma Norman, Cllr. Bruce Tennent

3. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

4. To Receive a Police Report

Sgt. Wall gave a summary of latest developments in and around Hedge End. Recently, there have been 2 dwelling burglaries, 14 incidences of criminal damage, 3 drug offences and 3 car thefts. She specifically advised that personal property should be properly logged with the National Property Register at www.immobilise.com

She stated that community speed watch volunteers are required and 26 speeding fines were issued down Wildern Lane in one day. She reported that UPVC front doors are not double locked so as to deter the practice of flicking the door handle and gaining entry. The majority of burglaries happen in this way. There has been a spree of incidences related to high value cars, where keys have been stolen from properties. Some burglaries have arisen where access has been gained via the back door because the keys have been left on the inside of the back door. The windows are smashed and entry is gained.

5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held Wednesday 18th June 2014

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

It was confirmed by Members that Cllr. Nathan Khan will serve on the Finance & Administration Committee, Community & Culture Committee and the Highways & Planning Committee.

6. Chair's Remarks

The Chair reported that she attended the very successful performance of 'Lest We Forget' at the Berry Theatre, which was staged in partnership with Wildern School. The Mayor of Eastleigh attended the event and it was well received. She specifically mentioned the World War 1 exhibition and the Hampshire Regiment potted history. Cllr. Jane Welsh reported that she had cashed-up the takings from programmes, donation boxes, raffle and ticket sales and the final figure (subject to final confirmations) as a donation to the Royal British Legion is £971.11. The Chairman reported she also attended a short street naming ceremony dedication of Shafford Meadows off Turnpike Way this morning. She reported on the successful carnival event making

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specific reference to the entertaining 'Spitfire Sisters'. Cllr. Jane Welsh advised that the carnival was well supported but takings were slightly down. However, a good amount was collected to give to worthy local causes and charities.

The Chair concluded her report by advising that the Royal British Legion has organised an event on 4 August asking the public to purchase a special candle (of which £1 for each sale goes to the Royal British Legion) and lighting it in the evening to commemorate 100 years since the outbreak of World War 1 in 1914.

7. Resolved Items for Noting Only:

- a) **Highways & Planning Committee – 18 June 2014**
(Minute H8)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 18 June 2014 be received.
- b) **Finance & Administration Committee – 1 July 2014**
(Minute F599)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 1 July 2014 be received.
- c) **Highways & Planning Committee – 2 July 2014**
(Minute H12)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 2 July 2014 be received.
- d) **Community & Culture Committee – 8 July 2014**
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 8 July 2014 be received.
- e) **Recreation & Amenities Committee – 9 July 2014**
(Minute R14, R15, R16)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 9 July 2014 be received.

8. Borough and County Council Reports

Cllr. Jane Welsh reported that there has been no recent meeting of the HEWEB Local Area Committee. She reported that 4 August 2014 sees the start of the cycleway installation from Turnpike Way to the village centre via Greta Park, which is being funded by Linden Homes Developers Contributions.

Cllr. Derek Pretty stated that the Wellstead Way Car Park is progressing well and the classroom building work is in progress. The roundabout at Botley Road/Wickes should be completed by 26 July 2014 in time for the international Test Cricket Match. He stated he recently undertook a tour of the new Ageas Bowl Hotel and it is impressive and should bring employment and business to the parishes.

There being no business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 20.17 hours.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45 hours.