

HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Sheila Baynes (Chairman), Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. Richard Effeny, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Nathan Khan, Cllr. Rupert Kyrle, Cllr. Emma Norman, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Bruce Tennent, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Ray Worley

1. **Public Questions not on the Agenda**

Nick Wise attended the meeting in connection with the newly installed cycle path at Greta Park and the impact on the funfair. He asked whether the fair can still build up on Greta Park and close off the field and charge admission in the same way as in the past.

Members felt that the funfair setting up on Greta Park and around the cyclepath should not present any issue given that the event is only for a few days once a year. However, as regards charging for the event, Mr. Wise was reminded that Greta Park remains public open space and for the use of the general public and one cannot demand the public to pay for entry.

2. **Apologies**

Cllr. Louise Bloom, Cllr. Daniel Clarke, Cllr. Keith House

3. **Declarations of Interest**

None recorded.

4. **To Receive a Police Report**

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Adam Edwards to the meeting. He reported that there are significant changes taking place within policing as further budget cuts take hold and the nature of the organisation changes. There has been a 19% decrease in crime overall compared to the same period last year, a 35% decrease in burglaries and a 38% decrease in anti-social behaviour.

There followed a debate concerning PCSOs and their role in relation to the Service Level Agreement and the paddling pool incident earlier in the year. Issues ranged from the lack of response, future funding, Town Council perceptions of service against police perceptions of service to the number of PCSOs serving Hedge End and the future. Inspector Edwards responded to the issues raised and gave a full analysis of current policing investment and the future.

Members still felt there has been a lack of communication between PCSOs and the Town Council and that the SLA terms have not been strictly adhered to. Furthermore, members considered that the investment in PCSOs had not represented value for money and were not a regular visible entity on the streets of Hedge End. Members considered that perhaps there has been a drifting of the ways and that

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there needs to be a consideration of the reality of where PCSO funding will be in the future.

Concerns were expressed about speeding along Heath House Lane and that a speed check should be carried out at this location. Inspector Edwards stated he would refer this matter to the RPU to consider.

- 5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held Wednesday 16th July 2014**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

- 6. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair reminded members that Remembrance Day is on 9 November 2014 at the car park of the 2000 Centre by 10.30am.

- 7. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:**

- a) Highways & Planning Committee – 16 July 2014
(Minute H17)**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 16 July 2014 be received.

- b) Finance & Administration Committee – 2 September 2014
(Minute F605)**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 2 September 2014 be received.

- c) Highways & Planning Committee – 3 September 2014
(Minute H22)**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 3 September 2014 be received.

- d) Community & Culture Committee – 9 September 2014
(Minute CC790)**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 9 September 2014 be received.

- e) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 10 September 2014
(Minute R22, R23, R24)**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 10 September 2014 be received.

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8. Borough and County Council Reports

Cllr. Jane Welsh reported on the planning application at Reservoir Lane that was discussed at the last HEWEB Local Area Committee meeting.

Cllr. Derek Pretty briefly reported on the Boorley Green representation at the same meeting. He stated that works were underway at the Hedge End station and that consultation on Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) as part of the phasing agreement, are underway. The community car park at Dowd's Farm has formally been opened and the extension to Wellstead School is imminent. He recently attended a Dowd's Farm Residents Association meeting and received updates on their work. A paper on the latest Community Investment Programme was given at the last HEWEB LAC meeting, which was noted. He provided an update to the position regarding Christmas lights at Greyhound Close.

Cllr. Bruce Tennent stated that the new roundabout along Tollbar Way was a big improvement. He touched on the condition of the A27 Moorhill Road and the complaint of mud on the road by the Ageas Bowl. He commented on policies related to health matters at Hampshire County Council and there will be significant budget cuts made by the Executive to save money. He advised members that there are major changes to the Care Act and referred to Section 3 of the Mental Health Act as regards Functional and Organic assessment of mental health and the budgetary allocations.

Cllr. Rupert Kyrle reported that works to the pavement outside the Post Office in Hedge End have been effected and that there should be no future flooding. He reported that Hampshire County Council are having to make cuts of £90 million in the budget and that funding for supported accommodation and mobile library services are to be seriously cut.

He reported on the positive work and change of the HEWEB Youth Partnership and that he was very proud of the youth work to date and that this has become the envy of other districts with the multiagency position adopted.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.06 hours.