HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19 DECEMBER 2018

Clirs. Present: Clir. George Brown, Clir. Paul Carnell, Clir. Ian Corben (Chair), Clir. Cynthia Garton, Clir. Jerry Hall, Clir. Keith House, Clir. John Jupe, Clir. David Kinloch, Clir. Jim Mitchell, Clir. Cliff Morris, Clir. Derek Pretty, Clir. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Clir. Jane Welsh, Clir. Chris Yates

1. Apologies

Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Patricia Jenkins, Cllr. Lucy Jurd, Cllr. Ben Thomas, Cllr. Bruce Tennent

2. Public Questions not on the Agenda

Nigel Pattison commented on the excellent service of the retiring Town Clerk this being his last meeting. He stated that the Town Clerk would be a hard act to follow and wished him well for the future.

Nigel Pattison reported on a recent Alert from the Police and Crime Commissioner concerning policing levels and there is a public consultation being carried out and provided a link. The Prime Minister has recently announced the funding for the police service for the next year. The settlement recognises that policing is under significant financial pressure whilst experiencing exceptional operational demand. In addition to providing extra funding through the core grant, the Government has also given the flexibility to all Police and Crime Commissioners to increase the policing element of the council tax by £2 per month per Band D property (£24 per year). In welcoming this flexibility there is only one option that the police are recommending to support local policing, and that is to raise the policing element of the council tax by £2 per month, £24 per year per Band D property. On this point, the public consultation has been launched and can be accessed at the link below:

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3. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

4. To Receive a Police Report

No police report was received. Cllr. Derek Pretty advised members that he was recently advised by a parishioner that full video evidence was obtained in relation to a recent spate of car thefts together with finger prints

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having taken place in Hedge End North. The imagery was clear and 101 was called but no-one returned the call. The lack of a police response is disappointing and of concern. Cllr. Derek Pretty has spoken to Sgt, Manns regarding this to make her aware of the situation.

5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held Wednesday 21st November 2018

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2018 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Remarks

The Chair commented that this was the Town Clerk's last Full Council meeting as he is retiring. He thanked him for his outstanding work over the last 16 years and wished him well. He advised members that the Town Clerk's replacement will be Sarah Jelley and she will be starting with the Town Council on 11 February 2019. Cllr. Derek Pretty also thanked the current Town Clerk on behalf of the Town Council describing him as a 'dedicated individual'. The Town Clerk thanked all members for members kind comments and thanks, which he appreciated very much.

7. Resolved Items for Noting Only:

a) Highways & Planning Committee – 21 November 2018 (*Minute H196*)

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 21 November 2018 be received.

b) Finance & Administration Committee – 4 December 2018 (Minute F850, F855)

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 4 December 2018 be received.

c) Highways & Planning Committee – 5 December 2018 (*Minute H200*)

That the Minutes of the Meeting of 5 December 2018 be received.

8. Matters for Resolution

That additions and deletions for signatories to the Hedge End Town Council Bank Accounts are agreed, going forward, in light of the appointment of the new Town Clerk

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The current Town Clerk advised that the new banking mandate for the Town Council needs to be signed and approved by the two existing bank signatories (Cllrs, Derek Pretty and Jane Welsh) and to remove the old signatories that have no connection with the Town Council business whatsoever.

RESOLVED

That Cllrs. Derek Pretty and Jane Welsh sign the existing bank mandate to provide authority for deletions and additions of signatories to the Hedge End Town Council bank accounts going forward, which will be Sarah Jelley as new Town Clerk and Cllr. Ian Corben.

9. Borough and County Council Reports

Cllr. Cynthia Garton reported on the latest developments at the last HEWEB Local Area Committee meeting. The planning application relating to land adjacent to Russell's Equestrian Centre, West End was permitted subject to reports being submitted to the Lead Specialist for Housing and Development.

Cllr. Cynthia Garton advised that the foundations for the Boorley Park Primary School have now been built. This school should be open by September 2019 and she wished to congratulate Tamsin Hindley who had been appointed as the Headteacher and was currently a Deputy Headteacher at Freegrounds Junior School. Work has also commenced on the community centre and sports pavilion and these would also be completed next year.

This project was nearly at the end of the feasibility stage. Draft plans have been presented to the Wildern Community Management Committee and at the last Hedge End, West End and Botley Team meeting. The initial designs have been very well received by the school and councillors.

Cllr. Cynthia Garton advised that Eastleigh Borough Council's Chief Executive wrote to the Managing Director of Breheny regarding a post on the Big Hen Hedge End Facebook. The post had been made by the Project Manager responsible for the Maypole roundabout and it misrepresented Eastleigh Borough Council's position. The Council has always supported a 30mph speed limit. The letter also expressed concerns about safety on the approaches to the roundabout and on the roundabout which also lacked lane markings. The Managing Director has replied to Eastleigh Borough Council and issued a written apology for the actions of the Project Manager. Cllr. Cynthia Garton advised that she had written a letter to Hampshire County Council (HCC) expressing similar sentiments about road safety. Unfortunately, HCC had no intention of changing the speed limit at this time.

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Cllr. Keith House advised that the Sundays Hill Bypass Link Road will be opening in the middle of January 2019.

There being no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 19.50 hours and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.