

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD 20 DECEMBER 2017**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr. Margaret Allingham (Chair), Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Ian Corben, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Jerry Hall, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Lucy Jurd, Cllr. David Kinloch, Cllr. Jim Mitchell, Cllr. Cliff Morris, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Chris Yates

**In attendance:**

County Cllr. Tonia Craig

**1. Apologies**

Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Keith House, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Bruce Tennent, Cllr. Ben Thomas

**2. To receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for new Councillor representing the Wildern Ward**

This agenda item was deferred until January.

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

None recorded.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

None recorded.

**5. To Receive a Police Report**

In the absence of the police not being able to attend, the Town Clerk advised members of the Hedge End Beat Surgery statistics for December 2017. The current priorities are theft from motor vehicles, burglary and drugs. The Hedge End PCSO priorities are drug use from youths at Wildern School and addressing anti-social behaviour issues.

**6. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

***RESOLVED***

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

**7. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair advised members that the offices will be closed over Christmas re-opening on 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00am until 2.00pm. The Chairman advised that she was invited to the Over 60s Club 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner, which was most enjoyable. She made reference to the successful Christmas Lights switch-on event and thanked Paul and his team for their valuable help. She made reference to the bandstand and stated that this is a great feature and an asset to the community. She thanked Cllr. Jane Welsh and her mayoral committee for organising such a feature.

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Cllr. Jane Welsh thanked the Chair for her kind remarks. She responded by stating that there have been a few negative remarks, firstly on the Hedge End Blog. These were all inaccurate, scathing and unnecessary. Among all the people who felt it appropriate to say what they felt, Councillor Jerry Hall joined the comments made. In addition, Cllr. Jerry Hall made further derogatory remarks in the Daily Echo and Cllr. Jane Welsh considered that this was not 'Serving the Community'.

Cllr. Jane Welsh advised members that the bandstand has been used by the QEII Centre by fourteen people for an informal Christmas Carol concert. On 23 December, a 9 year old boy will be performing to raise monies for the cancer ward at Southampton General Hospital and urged members to lend their support.

Cllr. Jerry Hall responded by stating he was elected to represent the people of Hedge End St Johns Ward and that he is entitled to his opinion and to express it accordingly. He acknowledged the comments made by Cllr. Jane Welsh but stated he had no intention of apologising.

**8. Resolved Items for Noting Only:**

- a) **Highways & Planning Committee – 15 November 2017**  
***(Minute H128)***  
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 15 November 2017 be received.
- b) **Finance & Administration Committee – 5 December 2017**  
***(Minute F795, F799 – Exempt Business)***  
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 5 December 2017 be received.
- c) **Highways & Planning Committee – 6 December 2017**  
***(Minute F132)***  
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 6 December 2017 be received.
- d) **Community & Culture Committee – 12 December 2017**  
***(Minute CC952)***  
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 12 December 2017 be received.

**9. Borough and County Council Reports**

Cllr. Derek Pretty reported that at the last Full Council meeting of the Eastleigh Borough Council, the Local Plan was agreed in principle and delegated authority was given to the Leader and Chief Executive of

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Eastleigh Borough Council to approve this in preparation for consultation in the Spring. Cabinet have also recently voted to abolish parking fees at the Swan Centre from 6.00pm. 35 grants were discussed at the HEWEB Community Grants Panel for approval at the HEWEB LAC meeting In January. The Community Governance Review will take place on 3 January 2018 at 6.15pm at Eastleigh Borough Council.

Cllr. Jerry Hall stated that he was not able to support the Local Plan.

Cllr. Cynthia Graton advised members that the Local Plan is for the whole of the Borough of Eastleigh and that residents thoughts, views and opinions are very important.

Cllr. Ian Corben further reported on the recent Eastleigh Borough Council Full Council meeting. He stated that he supported the proposed Local Plan to develop the SGO to the north of the Borough, as he believes it more important to protect the individual communities of the towns and villages of the likes of Hedge End, West End and Botley where there has already been a great deal of building over the last 25 years. He stated that he did not favour the alternative proposals of Allington Lane development within the plan which would have led to development infill and threatening to lose remaining gaps between towns and villages.

County Cllr. Tonia Craig commented that it is important to keep gaps between areas and this has been considered in drawing together the Local Plan. Different areas in the Borough must take their share of development and there will be consultation on the Local Plan in the Spring. She stated that Central Government have increased housing volumes and Eastleigh Borough Council is obliged to meet the prescribed targets. She reminded members that there are grant opportunities available for local groups and organisations through her County Councillor devolved budget and welcomed applications.

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