

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 28 MARCH 2018**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham (Chair), Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Keith House, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Lucy Jurd, Cllr. David Kinloch, Cllr. Cliff Morris, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Ben Thomas, Cllr. Jane Welsh

In Attendance:

County Cllr. Rupert Kyrle

1. Apologies

Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Ian Corben, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Jerry Hall, Cllr. Patricia Jenkins, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Bruce Tennent

County Cllr. Tonia Craig

2. Public Questions not on the Agenda

None recorded.

3. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

4. To Receive a Police Report

PCSO Chris Rutter gave a detailed police report in a new breakdown format tailored specifically to the wards of Wildern, St Johns and Grange Park. He provided the statistics broken down by crime description for each category. PCSO Stacey Mcdevitt advised members that from next Saturday, once a month, there will be a Beat Surgery held at the Co-Op in Hedge End.

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

RESOLVED

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

6. Chair's Remarks

The Chair reported on the special choir performance at the Berry Theatre on 21 March 2018 with proceeds that went to charity, which the Chair enjoyed very much. She also advised upon the pleasant retirement party for Denise Lowth on her last day on 16 March 2018. The Town Clerk read a card of thanks to members from Denise and outlined the gifts that were purchased for her retirement.

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7. Resolved Items for Noting Only:

- a) **Highways & Planning Committee – 21 February 2018**
(Minute H145, H146)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 21 February 2018 be received.

- b) **Highways & Planning Committee – 7 March 2018**
(Minute H150)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 7 March 2018 be received.

- c) **Recreation & Amenities Committee – 14 March 2018**
(Minute R62)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 14 March 2018 be received.

8. Borough and County Council Reports

In the absence of County Cllr. Bruce Tennent, the Town Clerk provided the following report:

'The most up to date news is that Highways England are to start work this year on converting the M27 to a Smart motorway from Junction 4 to 11. Initial preparation work includes an attempt at traffic noise reduction through the erection of noise panels. In addition, in liaison with Southampton City Council, the gateway feature at the junction of Hinkler Road and Thornhill Park Road will be modified in that the traffic light timing will be changed to avoid the tailbacks that reach all the way onto the M27'.

Cllr. Keith House advised members of the last HEWEB LAC meeting. Members agreed to address parking issues specifically at Ratcliffe Road after liaising closely with residents. A "no through road" traffic sign has been installed to inform motorists that Ratcliffe Road cannot be used as a short cut. He explained that various youth grants to organisations were approved to the value of £4,000. Members allocated £116,100 of developers' contributions to the Wildern Swimming Pool roof and spectator seating project. In addition, members agreed to allocate £60,000 of developers' contributions to the extension of Dowd's Farm Play Area. Finally, Cllr. Keith House advised that members approved the construction of the link road between St Johns Road and Dodwell Lane (Phase 3).

County Cllr. Rupert Kyrle advised members of the significant issues surrounding the Maypole Roundabout especially in light of a recent accident having taken place at this location. Complaints have increased dramatically but he acknowledged that regular updates are

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being received. Similarly, there are serious issues experienced by residents who are witnessing rat-running as a result of the closure of Heath House Lane. Cllr. Rupert Kyrle advised that there seems to be confusion from officers at Hampshire County Council as to when the Maypole Roundabout work is scheduled to be completed.

He advised that the Hampshire County Council element of Council Tax for 2018/2019 has increased by 4.99% and in addition, there is a special Adult Social Care Council Tax element. He was able to advise members that HCC have decided not to cut school crossing patrols as had been considered previously.

Cllr. Rupert Kyrle advised that he is a member of the Road Safety Task and Finish Group and that three meetings have been held to date. The group has explored what HCC undertakes as regards highway safety and the associated implications. It seeks to establish what engineering solutions could be implemented. The police have given talks to members of this group and have advised that the number of road incidents reported to the police has increased significantly. Motorway and highway related issues form predominantly the work. Community Speed Watch are being relied upon to focus on local speeding issues as the police do not have the resources to concentrate efforts in this respect. There is no capacity in the police force to undertake local highway matters unless an incident is classed as a KSI (Killed or Seriously Injured).

Cllr. Helen Corben queried traffic warden enforcement on rogue parking at Sovereign Drive and Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) enforcement or the apparent lack thereof. Cllr. Rupert Kyrle stated that he has focused on this for a number of years and is fully aware of the situation. He explained that not all matters can be resolved by simply issuing parking tickets and that a measured response is needed.

There being no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 20.35 hours.