

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 15 FEBRUARY 2023**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris (Chair), Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance: PCSO Tracey Chilcott, Nigel Patterson - KCC

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr John Shepherd

2. **Public Questions not on the Agenda**
None received.

3. **Declarations of Interest**
None received.

4. **To Receive a Police Report**

Sgt Tom Hannam sent his apologies as he was elsewhere this evening. PCSO Chilcott delivered the report noting the highlights and will send the report via email. Cllr Garton asked if there was a response to where the data from the SIDS went and if it was looked at. Cllr Garton was pleased to see that officers were out with the speed cameras. PCSO Chilcott provided the response from Safer Roads Unit as to why they don't have that information to inform where the speed van goes. Sgt Hannam is meeting with Community Speed Watch and Safer Roads soon.

Cllr Tonia Craig would like it reported back that the SID is located where the speedwatch is situated. Partnership working is one sided with requests for funding for the service and yet it's not working with us to address the issues.

Cllr Ian Corben asked again if we can publicise the speedwatch sessions. Sgt Hannam has confirmed that the events can be published before or after. Cllr Ian Corben was pleased to see the post on facebook following the officers checking speed on Maunsell Way. Cllr Ian Corben mentioned a crime that took place that wasn't followed up. PCSO Chilcott offered to follow this up.

PCSO Chilcott reported there is another speed operation in Maunsell Way tomorrow with specials that are speed gun trained.

Cllr Nichols queried the 7 missing persons. PCSO Chilcott confirmed that these can be children from care that are known to go missing. There are also some adults with dementia that goes missing. It was confirmed that all persons had since been located.

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Cllr John Jupe felt that finding missing persons was good news and this is not always portrayed.

Cllr Jane Welsh asked if the homes are questioned as to why the children are not known where they are. PCSO Chilcott confirmed that staff and children are spoken to, but children will sometimes run away from adult supervision.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle reiterated the point that the SIDS data is evidence led to timings and hotspots and feels it's a shame that this has been lost and asked how resources are deployed. Cllr Rupert Kyrle asked if Speedwatch can operate on 40mph zones. Cllr Cliff Morris had information that the Police were looking to assess a safe place to carry out speedwatch on Kings Copse.

Cllr Tonia Craig noted that the police had committed to providing information back to the Council when street furniture is damaged. This appears not to be happening and the Council had not been informed of the damage to the traffic lights for which costs could be recovered from the individual.

Sgt Hannam submitted a written request if any contact has been made with Botley Parish Council regarding the road improvements of One Horton Heath. Cllr Keith House confirmed that this would not normally be a Parish Council as it is being led by Highways.

Sgt Hannam submitted a written request if the Maunsell Way pinch points reduced speed or pushed cars together. Cllr House spoke that he was Cllr for the area when they were installed, and it had definitely reduced the speed. It would not be a matter for the Town Council, but Hampshire County Council and they wouldn't make changes unless there was demonstrable evidence to suggest alterations to the road layout.

PCSO Chilcott asked about the parking restrictions in the Old School House. There are concerns that there are not enough parking spaces for the amount of Police Officers on shift. There were concerns that the commercial vehicles were not being addressed.

Cllr Ian Corben noted that there has been increasing issues with the police parking, when the police station was built it wasn't for the number of staff that are there now. It was clear that police parking was the top row of spaces.

Cllr Derek Pretty reiterated his disappointment in the police and in the Sgt as this has been an ongoing matter for some time.

Cllr Tonia Craig also noted that there are many residents that park in the car parks as well and the only thing that is likely to stop them is to ticket them.

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Cllrs thanked PCSO Chilcott for her time and her comprehensive report.

5. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18 January 2023.**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6. **Chair's Remarks**

Cllr Cliff Morris reported that we had received a thank you card from the Royal Office thanking the Town Council and residents for the letter of condolence following HM Queen Elizabeth II death.

Cllr Cliff Morris thanked people that attended for the re-opening of Norman Rodaway Play Area which looks good.

The Annual Parish Assembly is being held on the 16 March. Cllr Craig gave her apologies.

7. **Resolved Items for NOTING Only:**

- (a) Highways & Planning Committee – 4 January 2023 and 18 January 2023

(Minute H592, H593 and H597)

That the Minutes of the meeting of the 4 January and 18 January be received.

- (c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 8 February 2023

(Minutes R392i, ii, iii, R393, R394, R395, R396 and R399)

That the Minutes of the meeting of the 8 February be received.

8. **Borough and County Reports**

Cllr Cynthia Garton reported that the HEWEB LAC was held on the 30 January which worked well in its new location at the Berry. Planning Applications were considered for 2 Comines Way, which was approved with conditions. The second application was for Hilltop which was refused due to the location of the property.

18 TRO's were discussed ahead of the agency agreement going back to HCC in March.

The Committee were pleased to be able to support community organisations in the area with Community Grants. There were limited applications from groups although funding was approved to the Health & Wellbeing Team for initiatives in the area.

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The March meeting has been cancelled due to lack of substantive business, so the next LAC meeting is likely to be after the May Elections.

Cllr Ian Corben is looking to get some funding for a pocket woodland for Berrywood Meadows. Cllr Corben also noted that he has dealt with 6 instances of fly tipping.

Cllr Keith House noted that Southern Water had notified the loss of water supply in some parts of the borough.

The Borough Council tax is going up on average £5 or 4% which is less than inflation again.

The County Council tax is going up about 5% or the equivalent of £60 due to the lack of Government Funding.

Cllr Tonia Craig reported that the PCC has increased the tax by 5% the maximum it could be on the premise that it will see 50 new officers across Hampshire and IOW police force.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle also noted that there were concerns about the levels of fly tipping and the state of Woodhouse Lane as raised by Cllr Corben. These concerns have been raised on behalf of residents and escalated to the Assistant Director of Highways. The imminent road closure of Woodhouse Lane will only exacerbate the situation.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle has raised with the County Council for an assessment for Maunsell Way for a School Crossing Patrol Person or a pedestrian crossing. The withdrawn School Crossing Patrol Service on Kings Copse has also been raised. Cllr Garton noted that the chair of governors was very grateful for the action.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:52pm.