

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

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Cliff Morris (Chair), Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance: A resident PCSO Tracy Chilcott, Special Sgt John Carrington

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd.

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

A resident reported an overgrown hedge on the corner of Foord Road and Bursledon Road which is overhanging by 2.5ft. The house at 60 Bursledon Road has erected a post and gate to the edge of the pavement. It is felt that the overhanging hedge is unsafe for pedestrians and people waiting at the bus stop as it puts them closer to the moving traffic. There is also a visibility issue for car drivers. **RESOLVED: The Clerk to inform Paul Naylor at EBC of the issues to see if enforcement can be taken.**

3. **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

4. **To Receive a Police Report**

Sgt Tom Hannam sent his apologies as he was unable to attend. PCSO Tracey Chilcott and Special Sgt John Carrington were in attendance. Special Sgt Carrington is speed gun trained and is tying in with speed watch. PCSO Chilcott highlighted that there will be some upcoming beat surgeries with one taking place in St Luke's.

PCSO Chilcott reported the theft of high value vehicles in the area some of which have been recovered.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle raised concerns with the influx of school children at the end of day in the local shops including the Co-op. PCSO Chilcott outlined how they currently manage school kick out and reported that she would patrol the area and look at CCTV from the Co-op to see if there are repeat offenders.

5. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 February 2023.**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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- 6. To agree the use of Turnpike Pavilion or Norman Rodaway Pavilion**
Cllrs discussed the use of either pavilion free of charge for the Outdoor Live at the Park Performances on 17 August and 24 August. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the dates and use free of charge.**

7. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Cliff Morris noted that there is a closed meeting with the Sgt tomorrow and all councillors are invited.

There is also the Annual Parish Assembly Thursday 16th March where everyone is welcome to attend.

The Council has also been invited to attend the Wildern 90 Celebrations which the Vice Chair John Shepherd will attend on our behalf and hopefully report back on.

8. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

- (a) Highways & Planning Committee – 1 February 2023 and 15 February 2023
(Minute H601, H602 and H606)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 11 February and 15 February be received.
- (b) Policy & Resources Committee – 7 March 2023
(Minutes P1181, P1182, P1183, P1184, P1185, P1186, P1187, P1190, P1191 and P1193)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 7 March be received.

9. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Keith House reported that the Borough Council had the budget meeting with a council tax increase less than inflation.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle reported that County have now held their budget meeting increasing the Council tax by 4.99% of which 2% is ringfenced for adult social care. County continues to face budget pressures and there has only been a one year settlement. Most of the discretionary services have been cut already and without greater central government intervention the services are unsustainable.

Cllr Kyrle noted the concerns raised about the X9 & X10 bus service cuts. Having raised it on behalf of residents at County, officers have created a new service which whilst it is not as frequent it can get students to colleges and back.

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The County have also vired additional monies to the Botley Bypass. There are also some night-time closures which is for pipeworks and some resurfacing which is hoped to address some of the areas between Hilliers Garden Centre and the Maypole roundabout. Cllr Kyrle has also been trying to get County Officers to attend a Council Meeting to talk about the scheme which won't be April so likely to be after the elections.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:00pm.