

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD 15 APRIL 2009**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Louise Bloom, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. George Fraser (Chairman), Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Lisa Hollis, Cllr. Pearl Hicks, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. JennyAnn Hughes, Cllr. June Hughes, Cllr. Peter Hughes, Cllr. Nathan Khan, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Ray Worley

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

None recorded.

**2. Apologies**

Cllr. Keith House, Cllr. Sally Lloyds, Cllr. Jenny Schwausch

**3. Declarations of Interest**

None recorded.

**4. To Receive a Police Report**

The Chairman welcomed WPC Sandy Wyld to the meeting. She provided the latest incident reports for the period 1 March 2009 to 31 March 2009. There was an overall total of some 224 incidents for Hedge End of which there were 46 incidents for rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour, 27 for theft, coupled with 18 for criminal damage and 9 for road traffic incidents. She reported that there has been a slight reduction in crime statistics, which could be partly attributed to a new shift pattern having been instigated. There has been a large reshuffle and the police HQ has been relocated to Chandlers Ford. The police have recently been concentrating their efforts on reducing burglaries and rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour, which has met with some success.

**5. To Receive a HEWEB Youth Council Report**

The Town Clerk tendered the apologies of Jenny Critchlow and Guy Davies to the meeting.

**6. To read and approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 18 March 2009**

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes, Seconded by Cllr. Sheila Baynes and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

**7. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman commenced his report by referring to the extensive work that has been carried out regarding the transfer of assets in Hedge End from Eastleigh Borough Council to the Town Council. Extensive areas of land have been devolved to the ownership of the Town Council with effect from 1 April 2009. He referred to the recent publication of the Spring Gazette and commented as to the distribution of the Gazette and requested that blanket coverage is achieved for the whole of Hedge End.

To conclude his report, the Chairman made reference to the forthcoming St George Festival celebrations. On 23 April 2009, there will be a 3-course

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banquet at the 2000 Centre, 24 April 2009 sees the Regency Ball at the Botleigh Grange Hotel with the Hampshire Regency Dancers.

On 25 April 2009, there will be a Craft Market and Street Theatre and in the afternoon a Jousting Tournament performed by the 'Knights of Merry England' with a falconry display at Woodhouse Lane. The final item will be a Barn Dance at the Hedge End Village Hall.

**8. To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees**

**(a) Community Services Committee  
24 March 2009**

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. June Hughes, Seconded by Cllr. Nathan Khan and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

**(b) Highways & Planning Committee  
25 March 2009**

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes, Seconded by Cllr. Keith Day and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

**(c) Recreation & Amenities Committee  
2 April 2009**

In pursuance of Minute R195, Cllr. Nathan Khan introduced the matter of the suitable annual fee for smallholdings. Allotment fees and smallholdings rent are completely different and as such it would be very unfair to suddenly impose a standard rod fee that is comparable. Cllr. Nathan Khan Proposed an Amendment that a different rod price for smallholdings be considered.

He suggests the setting of a price of **£0.40 per rod**. This would equate to:

**Mr Knellor- 1/2 acre, 80 rods x 0.40 = £32 (currently paying £26.47)**

**Mr Waters- 1 acre, 160 rods x 0.40 = £64 (currently paying £52.94)**

This takes into account the following points;

With a smallholding the responsibility lies with the tenant to look after the grounds, compared to the allotments which the ground staff maintain. Any vandalism, tipping and pest control that has occurred over the years has been at a cost to Mr Knellor and Mr Waters. If they could no longer work the grounds, the responsibility to maintain would fall to the Town Council, obviously taking up valuable time and money.

The tenant has to pay bills for the smallholding like water etc. which is already included in the allotment hirer fees. No money has been spent on the smallholding land such as community rooms/toilets.

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Potentially in five to ten years, the Town Council may have to ask them to leave if the cemetery gets planning approval, so this land cannot be used for allotments.

The Amendment was Seconded by Cllr. Keith Day. 9 For, 4 Against, 4 Abstentions. Amendment Carried.

The Minutes including the Amendment for consideration were Proposed by Cllr. Jane Welsh, Seconded by Cllr. JennyAnn Hughes and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

**(d) Highways & Planning Committee  
8 April 2009**

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes, Seconded by Cllr. Keith Day and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

**(e) Finance & Administration Committee  
9 April 2009**

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Seconded by Cllr. June Hughes and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

**9. Borough and County Council Reports**

Cllr. Keith Day reported that the HEWEB Local Area Committee has not yet met and therefore there was little to report. He did state that at the next HEWEB LAC meeting, Members will be determining a planning application for the Fountain Inn. Cllr. Louise Bloom reported that the Town Council was involved in a photo shoot at Beattie Rise to mark the formal handing over of assets with staff and members of Eastleigh Borough Council and the Town Council. She reported on the forthcoming Mayor making ceremony at Eastleigh Borough Council and the opening of the new bowls and cinema complex by the Swan Centre in Eastleigh. To conclude, she reported that the new Kitchen Waste collection service for Hedge End will commence from 1 June 2009.

**10. Councillors Questions**

Cllr. Sheila Baynes reminded members of the Bowling Competition at Woodhouse Lane taking place on 3 April 2009 at 6.00pm.

Cllr. Helen Corben reported that the grass cutting standards were slipping especially around Sherborne Way. She requested that the Town Clerk obtain a formal grass cutting schedule from Direct Services at Eastleigh Borough Council.

Cllr. Louise Bloom offered her apologies for the May Annual General Meeting.

Cllr. Val Houghton offered her apologies for meetings in May.

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There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30 hours.