

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 15 JUNE 2022**

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

In attendance:

1. **Apologies:** Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Jane Welsh

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

3. **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

4. **To Receive a Police Report**

The Police reports were circulated in advance and Sgt Ferris was in attendance and reported that crime on the whole is low. An operation was planned for the last day of school where over 150 young people were dispersed from Manor Farm and patrols around the other locations during the course of the evening. In collaboration with Wildern School there is engagement taking place to educate the young people. The next planned op is the evening of the 1 July. PCSO's will also be attending the Carnival.

Cllr Garton welcomed Sgt Ferris and asked about the Hampshire Police social media post about speeding on Charles Watts Way, where PCSO Mica had responded saying that there were not enough resources, and it was down to speedwatch. Cllr Garton wanted clarity of where speedwatch could operate as the understanding is they can't work on 40mph roads. Sgt Ferris confirmed that there are 70 officers in the road policing unit for the whole of Hampshire and Thames Valley and resources are spread thin and are prioritised to areas where there is evidence of speed related collisions.

Cllr Morris informed council that there is a meeting with the Chair and Clerk and Acting Chief Inspector towards the end of the month.

Cllr Corben welcomed Sgt Ferris to the meeting and asked who we could speak to for setting up a static police camera on a road. There are concerns from residents about speeding and the data from the Speed Interactive Devices are readily available and support that there is speeding. Cllr Corben asked who looked at the data because if it isn't being looked at then consideration should be given as to why EBC are putting resources into this area. Sgt Ferris highlighted that contact could be made direct with the Roads Policing Unit.

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Cllr Rupert Kyrle asked if the letter from the last council meeting resolution had gone to the Chief Constable and PCC about the lack of resources to support this as it is not on the police officers that attend the meeting. Cllr Cliff Morris confirmed that the letter hadn't been sent yet pending the meeting and then it can be tailored following that. Cllr Rupert Kyrle felt that it should have gone in advance.

Cllr Craig noted that the data used to previously go to Marcus Cator who was interested in this. Cllr Craig in her role as scrutiny for the PCC would welcome a conversation with Sgt Ferris about the on the ground reality. There is still regularly speeding on the Windhover Roundabout despite a serious accident in the last year. Sgt Ferris explained the training route that new students take and how this fluctuates as they go through their different training. The CI would have a better indication of the actual numbers of additional officers at this time.

Cllr House was very keen to express that we have had some really helpful information as certainly only having 70 officers across two areas some of which we may be a lower priority. Accountability has to sit with the PCC as the Roads Policing Unit are central resource and not part of the Eastleigh Police team.

Cllr Carnell was concerned that we wouldn't get any speed data on Kings Copse Way as speedwatch weren't able to operate in these areas. The recent communication Cllr Carnell had received from a resident about parking enforcement on Bursledon Road was raised. Sgt Ferris noted that unless it was a specific issue with obstruction the police don't enforce this anymore as it is the responsibility of the council. Sgt Ferris informed the meeting that all calls are put through the central call centre and then graded and if officers are available, they are tasked.

Cllr Shepherd commented that we regularly talk about the resource of anti social behaviour in youth and yet we don't resource anti social behaviour in adults such as speeding. Sgt Ferris acknowledged that this is frustrating for her and she can only work with the available resources.

Cllr Garton asked how many officers are in the team. Sgt Ferris confirmed that there are 4 PC's and 5 PCSO's.

5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2022.

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

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6. **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22**

Cllrs had previously received the unaudited statement of accounts for year ended 31 March 2021 and a copy of the AGAR Part 3 individual accounting statements. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for the year ending 2021/22.**

7. **Chair's Remarks**

Cllr Cliff Morris specifically thanked Cllrs Allingham, Jupe, Jurd and Welsh for all their efforts in planning the Picnic in the Park those that attended to help on the day. It was very well attended and an excellent event.

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

- (a) Policy & Resources Committee – 7 June 2022
(Minute P1112, P1113, P1114, P1115, P1116, P1117 and P1120)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 7 June be received.
- (b) Highways & Planning Committee – 6 April 2022, 20 April 2022 and 18 May 2022
(Minute H528, H529, H533 and H535)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 6 April, 20 April and 18 May be received.
- (c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 8 June 2022
(Minute R338i, R339 and R342 i, ii, iii)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 8 June be received.

9. **Borough and County Reports**

Cllr Cynthia Garton reported on the recent HEWEB meeting that took place earlier in the week where they welcomed the two new Councillors Leigh Hadaway and Jane Welsh. Thanks, were also passed to Cllr Maggie Allingham for her previous service. A planning application came forward for Itchen Country Park improvements which were approved. A changing places facility was supported and agreed as well as an outside events space. Helyar Rise Play Area works have now started.

Unwrapped came to Hedge End on Sunday and it was amazing including performances, stalls from the market and activities for children. Some more advertising in future would be advantageous as there wasn't much locally other than social media and notice boards.

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Berrywood Fields are due to start having some trial matches potentially as early as the summer. If there are any questions or you want to the Local Area Manager to attend the meeting so you can ask questions, then please do let her know.

Cllr Derek Pretty supported that Unwrapped was very popular. There will be a team from the Borough working on the bridleway around Dowd's Farm.

Cllr Ian Corben noted that there were various TRO's discussed at HEWEB.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle noted that Woodhouse Lane is closed at the moment to allow for essential works to take place to support the bypass works. It is recognised that this is causing disruption elsewhere including Holmesland Lane which has been raised with County.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle has attended the Sovereign Road/Precosa Road appeal. It is hoped that this site would be protected as its not in the local plan.

Cllr Tonia Craig asked if anyone has had any complaints from residents about accessing dental services. There has been a growing concern about lack of appointments and short appointments. These can be reported which Cllr Craig will circulate.

Cllr Tonia Craig noted that TRO's will be going back to County next year.

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