

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 15 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr John Jupe (Chair), Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance: Sgt Stuart Jackson

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Pat Jenkins, Cllr Ben Thomas

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 Stuart Jackson was in attendance. Sgt Jackson reported that the theft statistic look big although most of these were shoplifting. These look inflated as the Police have been working with the Co-Op to get a clearer picture of this. There has also been a spate of shoplifting in the retail park. ASB community is quite high as a couple of addresses have disputes. Burglary and other theft is low in the area. There are some new PC's coming through but not as much as anticipated which means the community policing team are supporting the response and control teams.

Cllr Lucy Jurd asked if Sgt Jackson expected the ASB and theft to go down now the children are back at school. Sgt Jackson has met with the school to address concerns as lockdown seems to have a negative effect on some children. He did think it will decrease.

Cllr Jane Welsh reported the continuing issue with overweight lorries on St Johns Road. Sgt Jackson has previously done speedwatch in this area and its an ongoing issue which can be addressed again.

Cllr Tonia Craig asked about the expected increase in police officers and PCSO's. Sgt Jackson reported that there are two PCSO's going through training at the moment for Hedge End North. Response and control are seeing an increase and turnover in officers. Cllr Tonia Craig asked who she can provide feedback to the police following a recent incident which was not handled well.

Cllr Ron Nichols asked about speeding on Shamblehurst Lane South. Sgt Jackson has met with St Lukes Church to look at the access and will also add it to the speed monitoring areas.

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Cllr Ian Corben noted that he had met two of the PCSO's during the summer and it was really good to see them out and about. Maunsell Way is still an issue with people using it as a racetrack. Sgt Jackson reported that the last time it was reported the speedwatch officer had given out 5 tickets in the day. Sgt Jackson would hope that the new speedwatch volunteers will be more visible.

- 5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16 June 2020.**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

- 6. Approval of Suspension of Councillor Attendance Rules relating to Covid-19.**

Cllr Jupe introduced the report that had been circulated in advance explaining the rationale. **RESOLVED: Councillors were in agreement to adopt the suspension rules.**

- 7. Chair's Remarks**

Cllr Jupe reported that he had attended the TADIC AGM recently. Cllr Jupe sought volunteers for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in 2022.

- 8. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:**

- a) Policy & Resources Committee – 6 July 2021 and 7 September 2021
(Minute P1040, P1041, P1042, P1043, P1044, P1045, P1046, P1049, P1052, P1053 and P1054)

That the Minutes of the meeting of the 6 July & 7 September be received.

- b) Highways & Planning Committee – 2 June 2021 and 16 June 2021
(Minute H443, H444 and H448)

That the Minutes of the meeting of the 2 June and 16 June be received.

- c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 8 September 2021
(Minute R275i, R276 and R277)

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

- 9. Borough and County Reports**

Cllr Ian Corben noted that the next Borough meeting is the 27 September as the previous meeting had been cancelled.

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Cllr Tonia Craig noted that the widening of Tamarisk Road to Wildern will start on 20 August.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle reported that correspondence with residents has mostly been about speeding.

Cllr Ron Nichols asked Cllr Rupert Kyrle about the rumours of charging for items at the Household Waste Recycling Centre. Cllr Kyrle noted that he had not heard anything about this formally. He had been receiving reports from residents that they cannot walk into the tip and there are proposals to trial this in Hedge End. Cllr Keith House added to this in that the County are looking to reduce the hours and sites.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle also updated the meeting on saving School Crossing Patrols from the proposed budget cuts.

Cllr Sheila Baynes asked Cllr Rupert Kyrle about the reserves that County hold. Cllr Rupert Kyrle did say it was still there and whilst some of it is committed for specific purposes there is still a large pot.

Cllr Keith House noted that the budget position is only likely to get worse with the planned cuts in government. The cost pressures on Adult Services and Children Services are higher than inflation which means that other services are in danger of being cut to fund the gap. The County's Cabinet will see the budget proposals on the 12 October.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:12pm.