

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD 16 FEBRUARY 2022**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Jupe (Chair), Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

**In attendance:** Sgt Stuart Jackson, Nigel Patterson – KCC, Member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr George Brown, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Pat Jenkins, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty

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

A member of the public noted that reading of the wreath layers names for Remembrance Sunday was a positive addition that meant people at the back could hear what was happening.

Nigel from KCC gave an update on the Welcoming to Hong Kong committee.

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 thefts from the retail park on Tollbar Way has increased as a result of reporting. Car meets have been on the increase and the police work on moving them on. The Roads policing unit will be doing an operation on Tollbar Way to look at the ASB in relation to car offences.

Cllr Jane Welsh asked if Hampshire were taking a wider approach to move car meets out of Hampshire and not just between areas.

Cllr Garton spoke recently to Chief Inspector Cator about the roads policing team, which Sgt Jackson confirmed is a reactive service rather than a preventative service. Cllr Garton enquired if the risk assessments undertaken by PCSO Mica have completed yet and does this mean that Community Speedwatch volunteers will then be out in the community. Sgt Jackson confirmed that this would be the case. The data is combined from the speed data from EBC and this informs the locations to be monitored. Cllr Garton asked if a schedule of speedwatch sessions could be sent to Cllrs.

Cllr Corben asked about the ASB in Shamblehurst Lane area. Sgt Jackson confirmed that it has improved but had also moved to outside Co-Op. There is a plan to visit these sites with a liveried vehicle to deter any unwelcome presence.

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5. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19 January 2022.**

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

6. **Chair's Remarks**

Cllr Jupe reported on events planned for the Queens Jubilee including working with the schools to decorate the bandstand. There will be a Green Canopy planting for the community to be involved in during October. There will be an individual tree planting taking place in the October. There will be a royal themed quiz taking place in the village hall. The finale of the Jubilee Bank Holiday will then be the Picnic in the Park on Sunday 5 June.

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

- a) Policy & Resources Committee – 1 February 2022  
(Minute P1080, P1081, P1082, P1083, P1084, P1085, P1086, P1087, P1090 and P1091)  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the 1 February be received.**
- b) Highways & Planning Committee – 5 January 2022 and 19 January 2022  
(Minute H501, H502 and H506)  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the 5 January and 19 January be received.**
- c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 9 February 2022  
(Minute R305i, ii, iii, R306i, R307i, ii, R308, R309i, ii, R310i, ii, R311, R312, R313, R314 and R315)  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the 9 February be received.**

8. **Borough and County Reports**

Cllr Garton reported that the next HEWEB is the 7 March. EBC Full Council is the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month. Cllr Garton, Corben and Pretty visited Berrywood Fields this week where there is one full size pitch and two junior pitches. The 3G pitch is in place and the columns are in for the floodlights. There was also a tour of the changing facilities. There are open spaces for wildflowers and trees have been planted. Cllr Garton spoke about the new community room that will be available for hire. There are also up to 90 parking spaces available. It was suggested the Town Councillors might like to visit as it is such a lovely facility for Hedge End.

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Cllr Corben echoed Cllr Garton's views about Berrywood Fields.

Cllr House followed on that this was a long-term aspiration to give the rangers a home, so its fantastic that this has come to fruition. EBC has cabinet this week and then Full Council to agree the budget which in real terms is less than inflation with no cuts to services. The County meets this week with intentions to increase the budget up to the cap figure. Adult Social Care costs are increasing including recruitment as there are staff shortages in this sector. There is hope that there will be some levelling up applied to Hampshire due to its size of the county. EBC will be appointing a new Chief Executive. Cllr House was pleased to note that the issues with the play area at Hedge End way has now been resolved and the play area installation should be able to go ahead soon.

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There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:04pm.