

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

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr George Brown, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr John Jupe (Chair), Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

**In attendance:** Sgt Stuart Jackson, Nigel Patterson – KCC, 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Pat Jenkins, Cllr Dave Kinloch

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 shoplifting thefts had gone down as work was being done to tackle out of area people coming in to shoplift. There has been an increase in Youth ASB, including a fire at Woodhouse Lane. There was an odd spike in theft from cars which seems to have gone again with no explanation as to why it increased and then decreased. There has been an increase in car meets although none in Hedge End but this is keeping officers busy.

Two residents spoke about the speeding issues in St John's Road which is getting worse. There is a lack of police presence in the area. Sgt Jackson reported that he has 3 police officers that he deploys across the whole of Hedge End, Botley and Hamble. The resident asked what all the cars are in the station. Sgt Jackson noted that the police cars in the station are response and control for the entirety of Eastleigh Borough and Test Valley, at most there is 8 people on duty at any one time. These officers deal with grade 1 policing issues. Sgt Jackson reported that he has to look at other ways of dealing with speeding issues, including special constables, speedwatch volunteers and static mechanisms. The resident asked about speedwatch. Sgt Jackson spoke about the volunteers and then the police follow up and how to get involved.

Cllr Tonia Craig spoke about the process for raising issues with the PCC and the local police are trying to work with the situation, but the lack of staff is preventing some of the work locally. Cllr Craig offered to raise this with the PCC.

The residents asked if a fixed camera could be installed. Sgt Jackson confirmed this was not a possibility in that area as the criteria for accidents was not met.

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Cllr Helen Corben noted that she had asked if the council could be considered to purchase a Speed Interactive Device. Cllr Craig and Kyrle outlined that HCC would not permit these devices longer term on the street furniture. The Borough have two devices for deployment in the area.

Cllr Ian Corben reported the number of incidents that are being reported on Maunsell Way as regards speeding. A resident in Marlborough Gardens has asked for this to be raised and Cllr Corben noted that there would be a SID in Maunsell Way. Cllr Corben asked for the schedule of speedwatch sessions. Sgt Jackson confirmed that the volunteer issue is affecting getting a comprehensive schedule. Sgt Jackson confirmed that the Roads Policing Unit has been in Hedge End with lots of tickets given out and they will be back soon. Cllr Ian Corben asked that information on the current issues was passed onto Sgt Jackson's replacement.

Cllr Jane Welsh asked if the police could do some attendance around school closing in Merlin Gardens as people are parking over others drives whilst waiting for their children.

Cllr Derek Pretty asked for an update on Peppercorn Way vandalism. Sgt Jackson confirmed this will be part of the patrol plan.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle recognised the constraints that the local patrols are under, given this the Town Council might consider writing to the PCC and MP setting out the issues. Cllr Paul Carnell seconded this.

Cllr Paul Carnell proposed a vote of thanks to Sgt Jackson as this will be his last Full Council meeting.

### **5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16 February 2022.**

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

### **6. Chair's Remarks**

Cllr Jupe noted that the Annual Parish Assembly is tomorrow evening, and everyone is welcome. Cllr Jupe asked for volunteers for the Jubilee Celebrations. Cllr Mitchell is happy to lend the council 3 gazebos. The next meeting is the 28 March if anyone wants to join on zoom.

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### 7. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

- a) Policy & Resources Committee – 1 March 2022  
(Minute P1094, P1095, P1096 and P1099)  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the 1 March be received.**
- b) Highways & Planning Committee – 2 February 2022 and 16 February 2022  
(Minute H510, H511 and H515)  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the 2 February and 16 February be received.**
- c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 9 March 2022  
(Minute R319i, ii, iii, R320i, ii, R321, R322ii and R325)  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the 9 March be received.**

### 8. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Derek Pretty reported on the recent HEWEB meeting including the planning application for Lankester House which was approved based on officer recommendations. There was a ceremony recently for the new Freeman of the Borough, Nirmal 'Nims' Punjabi MBE.

Cllr Corben noted that EBC passed the budget with a lower than inflation increase in council tax. The Berry Theatre now have their new gates installed.

Cllr Craig noted that the market started again today.

Cllr Kyrle noted that HCC held the budget meeting and agreed the increases. Hedge End Household Waste Recycling Centre was trialled as a walk-in centre which has now been made permanent but with a limited number of days/times. EBC undertake some of the parking enforcement on behalf of HCC at the moment and HCC are looking to centralise this back to HCC. HCC have graded the issues on the Highways Network to see how much finances would be needed to restore the network up to standard. On the basis of this they have agreed to put an additional £7m in every year to deal with more proactive maintenance rather than reactive maintenance. Cllr Kyrle was pleased to support the Town Councils recent bid for the Jubilee celebrations.

Cllr Ian Corben asked for Cllr Kyrle to feedback to the select committee that temporary repairs are being done which are then falling apart and the job remains which surely costs more in the long run. Wildern Lane was used as an example.

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Cllr John Shepherd asked if there were any local plans for supporting Ukraine refugees. Cllr Tonia said work was beginning on this on the back of the Afghan refugees.

Cllr John Jupe called the meeting to a close including thanking Sgt Jackson for his attendance.

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There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:24pm.