

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 16 JULY 2020**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr George Brown, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd (Chair), Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

1. Apologies

Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Patricia Jenkins, Cllr Anne Small, Cllr Ben Thomas

2. Public Questions not on the Agenda

None received.

3. Declarations of Interest

None received.

4. To Receive a Police Report

Sergeant Stuart Jackson from the Neighbourhood policing team was hoping to attend the meeting.

5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2020.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Jurd thanked the Town Council staff for the work in making Greta Park habitable again after the unauthorised encampment.

Preparation is underway for the Christmas Lights Switch on and it is hoped that this will go ahead as planned on the 26 November 2020.

Remembrance Sunday may need some consideration as we would hope that this could take place in some format, although we may not be able to hold the parade due to government guidance on large gatherings.

Council took the opportunity to discuss the re-opening of the Paddling Pool. The Town Clerk outlined the current position on the opening of the Paddling Pool and the restrictions in terms of the risk assessment and the implications of this on families particularly in terms of volumes of people and a booking

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system which would mean families that haven't booked would need turning away. Cllr Pretty also noted that with the conditions placed on the staff team to do this would be very challenging and quite difficult to make work. Cllr Nichols echoed this and felt for the staff that may be subject to abuse. Cllr Jupe agreed that this should be a council decision and we should not be putting our staff in a difficult position manging the site.

Cllr House has conversed with Eastleigh Borough Council regarding their plans and as, yet no decision has been taken.

Cllr Welsh raised concerns that we should have notified the public earlier of the potential decision to not re-open the pool. Cllr Shepherd felt that communicating with the public any earlier wouldn't have been appropriate given that it is a changing landscape.

Cllr Craig felt that the primary concern should be the health and wellbeing of the children and parents and consideration for social distancing requirements and unless we can be assured that this can all be safely managed then we shouldn't re-open at this time.

Cllr Pretty noted that people are being cautious and have not overwhelmed the play areas.

Cllrs were unanimous that the paddling pool should remain closed for this year and the Town Clerk will manage the communications around this.

- 7. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20**
Cllrs had previously received the unaudited statement of accounts for year ended 31 March 2020 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 2019/20.**

8. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

- a) Highways & Planning Committee – 3 June 2020 and 17 June 2020
(Minute H351, H352, and H357)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 3 June and 17 June be received.
- b) Policy & Resources Committee – 7 July 2020
(Minute P959, P960, P961, P962, P963 and P965)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 7 July 2020 be received.

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9. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Pretty gave a report on the recent HEWEB meeting. The height barriers at the station are being installed. The TRO's are in the process of going in. HEWEB have agreed to match fund the cricket nets at Turnpike Way.

Cllr Corben noted that some additional security measures will be put in place on the former Budgens Car Park.

Cllr Craig reported that the works at Midland Estate car parking is about to begin.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.56pm.