HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17 FEBRUARY 2021

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Pat Jenkins, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Lucy Jurd (Chair), Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Ben Thomas, Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance: Sgt Stuart Jackson

1. Apologies

Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Ron Nichols

2. Public Questions not on the Agenda

No members of the public were present.

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 numbers have risen due to the increase in theft that has been occurring with people coming from out of area targeting vehicles and sheds. Enforcement of Covid Breaches is still taking place and people found to be breaching the rules will be fined. Following the speeding checks before Christmas more have been taking place with 29 vehicles stopped, 16 of those speeding, 20 negative breath tests and one positive, which later tested below the limit. This work will continue as much as possible over the coming months.

Cllr Welsh has had reports that Wildern Lane is being used by transport lorries as well as the usual speeding issues. Sgt Jackson noted that this has not been reported to the police but would see what could be done about it.

Cllr Garton asked about the new Inspector based at Hedge End Police Station. Sgt Jackson confirmed that is the case, Inspector Louise Hubble will hopefully remain at Hedge End and not be moved.

Cllr Kyrle reported that there have been a number of bus shelter panels that have been broken on Kings Copse Avenue over the past weeks. There are also a number of issues with HGV's using Kings Copse Avenue when they shouldn't be. Cllr Kyrle asked if the speeding data is shared as it adds tangible evidence to the County for future interventions. Sgt Jackson confirmed that he was aware of the issue with HGV's. He was not aware that the speeding data was shared but this could be shared and will arrange for this. The police are not aware of the bus shelters issues but will take a look for the reports and then seek to put some patrols in that area.

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5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2020.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Jurd reported that Cllr Welsh would like to thank Councillors for the flowers that were sent and there is a card in the office.

Home Farm transfer documents have now been signed and the woodland should transfer to HETC soon.

New guidance means that the online meetings are unlikely to continue after May 7th and the advice has been to hold the Parish Assembly online where possible. The previously advertised date is now looking to be changed to a the last week in March but this is to be confirmed.

There is an Easter Egg hunt planned for Easter Weekend and people are being invited to colour templates ready for this.

7. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

a) Highways & Planning Committee – 6 January and 20 January 2020 (Minute H407 and H412)

That the Minutes of the meeting of the 6 January and 20 January be received.

b) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 10 February 2021 (Minute R245, R246, R247 and R250)

That the Minutes of the meeting of the 10 February be received.

8. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Garton reported that at the LAC team meeting the West Hants CCG attended to discuss a survey about how far people would be willing to travel to a health and well-being hub. The survey identified that people would travel up to 30 mins but needed to have lots of car parking and be on a public transport route.

At the last LAC recommendations were made to approve funding some of which is for Hedge End. Approval was also given to purchase another Speed Indicator Device.

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The Committee also discussed two applications for the former Homebase store. Both applications provoked a long discussion. Whilst it was agreed that one of the less mature trees could be removed but with conditions. The second application for works to the trees was refused.

Cllr Garton attended the Wildern Community Management Committee recently. Most of the staff are on furlough but work has been taking place to decorate and improve the facilities.

Snowdrop Care Home community spaces have been named after the Wildern School House Names following engagement with the school to name them.

Cllr Garton reported that the LAC Manager Julia Birt is moving to a new role. A new LAC Manager has been appointed, Kitty Budden. Kitty has worked in Eastleigh for a number of years more recently in planning. Cllr Garton would like to wish them both well. The next HEWEB LAC meeting will be on the 8 March.

To all the volunteers that are helping with the Covid response, would just like to say thank you to you all.

Cllr Pretty reported that the Borough was successful in obtaining Re-opening High Streets Safely fund. The team are working in the areas including Hedge End to look at how it can support businesses and improve the High Street.

Cllr House reported that EBC Full Budget Council next week.

Cllr Kyrle reported that EBC have undertaken a full waste review. This includes a new service of collecting food waste from flats and sheltered accommodation, this will be phased in from March.

Cllr Kyrle spoke about the 1st phase of the Botley Bypass which is starting on Woodhouse Lane. There have been some concerns raised about the felling of the trees along Woodhouse Lane. There are mitigation works planned and Cllr Kyrle is meeting with officers to understand this.

Cllr Garton asked Cllr Kyrle about the road surface in Woodhouse Lane which is diabolical. Will there be any improvements on this before the bypass is complete? Cllr Kyrle has raised this with HCC on the standard of the surface a number of times. Officers have replied in that they will repair potholes as required but major works will need to wait until such time as the bypass is constructed.

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Cllr Carnell asked if the Town Council could put a warning out to residents about
the proximity thefts taking place with the keyless entry cars. There are ways to
prevent this happening.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.14pm.