

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

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Pat Jenkins, Cllr Lucy Jurd (Chair), Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Ben Thomas, Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance: Sgt Stuart Jackson, Nigel Paterson - KCC

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Keith House & Cllr Cliff Morris will be late.

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

Nigel Paterson talked about the Help at Home Group and councillors can pass on details of individuals that require this support. Nigel has also been invited to present to the Gladstone Institution on the 17 April which Councillors would be very welcome to attend.

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 noted that the figures on first glance look quite alarming with the theft from motor vehicles. The person has been arrested, remanded and is in prison. The concerning point is that people are still leaving their cars unlocked. There has been a dramatic increase in calls for the police service and this has impacted on the speeding checks that were taking place previously. The police are still enforcing Covid breaches, these are mostly juveniles.

Cllr Lucy Jurd noted that since the schools have been back there is more littering and there was a number of the canisters on Goodalls Lane this morning. Sgt Jackson noted that this was the case both in the mornings and end of school end. There will be patrols there during the week.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle thanked Sgt Jackson for the work that they have been doing in the area and are disappointed in the way that you and your colleagues have been treated by the community when trying to police. Still continually receiving issues of people speeding in the area. The other issue is that MacDonaldis traffic continues to be problematic with cars backing round the roundabout. Is there anything that the police can do with partners to ease this problem. Sgt Jackson enquired if this was a problem before the restrictions.

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Cllr Corben thanked Sgt Jackson for the efforts and catching the thief. His in-box is being filled with speeding or stationary traffic mostly outside MacDonalds. He too witnessed somebody going in the exit to try and jump the queue. Could Tollbar Way be added to the speed watch locations which seem to be late at night.

Cllr Carnell thanked Sgt Jackson for their policing during this time. He also noted the queue at MacDonalds.

Cllr Pretty wanted to reinforce what Cllr Kyrle and Cllr Corben had said about MacDonalds and for the efforts being taken by the agencies. Could there be something done about contacting the land owners. Sgt Jackson was happy to look into this.

Cllr Nichols felt that this was a short-term issue that would potentially disappear when lockdown ends.

Cllr Garton added her thanks to the support that the local constabulary who have had to deal with some difficult situations not knowing if who they are dealing with has Covid.

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

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

6. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Jurd made reference to the unauthorised encampment and informed councillors that we would be locking the gates to the parks and car parks over the weekend.

The Clerk and Chair met with Chief Inspector Marcus Cator which is now a regular catch-up meeting. Issues discussed included the police strategy & priorities, the issues that we have experienced in Hedge End. Issues that are not being resolved can be sent to the Town Clerk for inclusion in the next meeting.

Home Farm transfer took place this week and there is more about this in the next edition of the Gazette out with households from next week.

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The APA last night which went well online with comprehensive reports from Cllr Pretty & Cllr Garton so thank you to them. Thank you also to Nigel Paterson for his comprehensive report. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Serving the Community Award which was awarded to Mike Glen of the 2428 Squadron RAF Air Force Cadets in Hedge End.

7. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

- a) Highways & Planning Committee – 3 February and 17 February 2021
(Minute H416, H417 and H421)
- b) That the Minutes of the meeting of the 3 February and 17 February be received.
Policy & Resources Committee – 2 March 2021
(minutes P1015, P1017 and P1020)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 2 March 2021 be received.
- c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 10 March 2021
(Minute R254i & ii, R256 and R257)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 10 March be received.

8. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Garton reported that at the last HEWEB committee two planning applications were considered both of which were for the land at the rear of Deer Park School. The first application was to include floodlit pitches and a 3G pitch. This will become the permanent home for Hedge End Rangers. It will be governed by a joint community agreement. The second application was for 3 grass pitches, public open space, landscaping and public rights of way.

Community and Youth Grants were allocated. Expenditure was approved and developers' contributions for local improvements. The new street name of Sika Avenue was agreed for the road through the new development.

Cllr Corben noted that ELAC will be considering the airport extension on the 25th.

Cllr Pretty reported that £100k from developers' contributions have been allocated towards providing training opportunities in the HEWEB area. This will be overseen by the Economics Team at Eastleigh.

Cllr House & Cllr Morris joined the meeting during the last item.

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Cllr Kyrle reported on the County Council tax increases of 4.99%. You should also have been made aware that the contractor for the Woodhouse Lane works has cut down some TPO trees that they shouldn't have done. This has raised significant concerns and there is a full investigation that is taking place. The Clerk has written to the portfolio holder. There was great public concern for the trees that are being felled. The Maypole roundabout will have an evening closure again on the 29th for more repairs to the surfacing.

Cllr Kyrle updated the meeting on the waste review that had taken place with the resulting changes being implemented.

Cllr Welsh asked Cllr Kyrle about the financial situation of where the County Council was losing money. Cllr House explained the combination of the effects of an increasing need for social services with decreasing central government funding. This shortfall needs to be met from other sources, for County the approach is to increase the council tax by as much as it can and reduce discretionary services as much as it can.

Cllr Jurd asked what the consequences were of the audit report as a going concern. Cllr House felt that the only way this could fundamentally addressed but the government saying how they are going to fund adult social care in the future.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.