

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 18 JANUARY 2023**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris (Chair), Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd

In attendance: PCSO Tracey Chilcott, HE South Sgt McCarthy

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Jane Welsh

2. **Public Questions not on the Agenda**
None received.

3. **Declarations of Interest**
None received.

4. **To Receive a Police Report**

Sgt Tom Hannam sent his apologies as he was not on duty this evening. PCSO Chilcott and Sgt McCarthy delivered the report noting that the stats that were circulated may be lower numbers than actual numbers which the team will circulate again. There were concerns that the incorrect stats may present inaccuracies in the perceived workload. There is significantly more crime taking place than being reported which also affects people perception of crime. There is often conflicts between being out on the streets being proactive and completing investigation tasks.

Cllr Garton spoke about the Borough Council purchased SIDs and had followed up with the team at EBC as to where the data was sent, officers confirmed that the data is sent to the HE North Sgt, the Community Speedwatch PCSO and community speedwatch co-ordinators. Sgt McCarthy confirmed he hasn't seen the data for HE South and is not aware if Sgt Hannam is receiving this so is very happy to check.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle asked how information is circulated to residents. Sgt McCarthy confirmed that there are campaigns that come from Corporate Communications. Social Media is a preferred method of communication for the police now, there is also the Hampshire Alerts. The recent spate of Range Rover thefts has prompted preventative safety messaging. PCSO Chilcott also confirmed that there is still lots of door-to-door enquiries, face to face beat surgeries and in December the Police Cadets went out with the team checking for unlocked cars and gave out crime prevention information to residents.

Cllr Ian Corben raised speeding along Maunsell Way following yet another complaint from a resident in Stirling Crescent. This has been raised at every meeting the police have attended.

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Cllr Ian Corben asked if theft of cars is a problem in this area as it doesn't appear on the reports circulated. Sgt McCarthy confirmed there have been a few of the Range Rover and Jaguars but outside of this there have been limited numbers. PCSO Chilcott has noticed that the cars have moved from McDonalds and KFC area as there are now cameras located in those car parks and there has been an increase in Lidl and Currys car park and Bradbeers.

Cllr John Shepherd has noticed that more people are getting disillusioned with the 101 phone line. Sgt McCarthy reported that on one day alone there is over 2,000 calls into the centre which need to be graded and assigned. Online submission for non-urgent issues is an easier faster way to report crime.

Speedwatch have 9 sessions booked in Hedge End during February. Cllr Ian Corben asked if these dates could be published. PCSO Chilcott to ask the question of PCSO Woodcock.

Cllr Garton recognised the issues within public services that are underfunded, and under resourced and wanted to thank the Police for what they are doing. Its not the local officers who are trying to do their best within limitations.

Cllr Rupert Kyle asked about the Chair about his meeting with CI Rollinson and his commitment to increasing the number of police officers on the street. Cllr Cliff Morris confirmed that the training is taking time to complete, and the CI is putting pressure on the PCC. CI Rollinson explained the issues with resourcing across the County and his request for resources is competing with other requests that might be higher priority. Cllr Cliff Morris is not sure there is much more that we as a council can do as letters have gone to the PCC and meetings have taken place with CI Rollinson.

5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21 December 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 December be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6. Matters for Resolution: To consider and agree the Hedge End Town Council Budget for the financial year 2023/2024.

Recommendation from Policy & Resources Committee 3 January 2023 – Minute P1173. To consider and agree the Hedge End Town Council Budget for the financial year 2023/2024.

Cllr Pretty outlined how the budget proposals have been arrived at, recognising increasing costs and decreasing income. Draft budgets were considered at

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three Policy & Resources Committee meetings looking at detailed information and arrived at the budget proposed for approval. Cllr Corben seconded the proposal. The council unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That the budget be accepted, and the precept figure of £836,275.57 be sent to Eastleigh Borough Council.

7. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Cliff Morris had nothing to report.

8. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

- (a) Policy & Resources Committee – 3 January 2023
(Minute P1170, P1171, P1172, P1173, P1176 and P1177)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 3 January be received.
- (b) Highways & Planning Committee – 7 December 2022 and 21 December 2022
(Minute H583, H584 and H588)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 7 December and 21 December be received.
- (c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 11 January 2023
(Minutes R384, R385, R386 and R389)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 11 January be received.

9. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Cynthia Garton had previously mentioned the withdrawal of the school crossing patrol at Kings Copse School. Cllr Garton attended site with the Chair of Governors at school time and saw the danger for children coming from the park and stride. The County had presented survey findings that said the crossing patrol was not required and the school could pay for one if they required. The governors did their own survey and got quite different results. Cllr Garton wants to follow this up with County as there is someone willing to do it.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle also noted that there is a visual impairment unit in the school, so this presents another danger to visually impaired children.

The next HEWEB LAC meeting will be on the 30 January at The Berry.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle reported that the County are looking to save another £80m, and along with Kent CC they have written to Government to say that it is unsustainable in the long term. It is known that Adult Services and Children's Services are exponentially increasing with no further funding so nondiscretionary services have been looked at for reductions. The impact of these will be on communities as there is less support for people such as

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transport options which could lead to increased social isolation and health and wellbeing issues. There are lots of issues on the roads with potholes, missing drain covers and impacts of the icy weather which has placed significant pressure on the network and some of the routine maintenance has been delayed.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:45pm.