

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 18 MARCH 2009**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Cllr. Louise Bloom, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Keith Day, Cllr. George Fraser (Chairman), Cllr. Pearl Hicks, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Keith House, Cllr. Peter Hughes, Cllr. Nathan Khan, Cllr. Sally Lloyds, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Ray Worley

1. Public Questions on the Agenda

Vera Blunt coupled with a representative from the Over 60s club raised the subject of the installation of an alarm upon the fire exit door to the rear of the 2000 Centre building. Issues regarding the ease of access of the fire door were discussed and the difficulty of infirm members not being able to walk to the main entrance of the building. Members discussed this and agreed with the Town Clerk that the alarm can be disabled for the duration of their specific function.

2. Apologies

Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Lisa Hollis, Cllr. Keith House, Cllr. JennyAnn Hughes, Cllr. June Hughes, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jenny Schwausch

3. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

4. To Receive a Police Report

The Town Clerk tendered WPC Sandy Wyld's apologies for this meeting. However, she had earlier provided the latest incident reports for the period 1 February 2009 to 28 February 2009. There was an overall total of some 214 incidents of which there were 43 incidents of theft. 39 for rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour coupled with 18 for criminal damage and 15 for assault.

5. To Receive a HEWEB Youth Council Report

The Town Clerk tendered the apologies of Jenny Critchlow and Guy Davies to the meeting. He gave a brief report on the last meeting, which he had attended.

6. To read and approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 18 February 2009

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes, Seconded by Cllr. Jane Welsh and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

7. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman reminded members of the forthcoming St George Fest taking place over the dates of 23rd to 26th April 2009 and outlined the various events that are envisaged.

The Chairman reported that the Town Council is currently seeking full consultation with young people aged between 8 and 13 years to ensure obtaining their views on climbing boulders as a suitable provision for their age group. The Town Council has been given the grant to develop an

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areas to suit requirements and desires of this age group and of this is adjudged to be something other than climbing boulders, the project is progressed accordingly. The grant can be used to develop new and existing public play areas and they must be based on the local needs analysis and local circumstances.

The Chairman reminded members of the forthcoming Annual Parish Assembly at the 2000 Centre on 23 March 2009.

8. To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees

**(a) Community Services Committee
24 February 2009**

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Pearl Hicks, Seconded by Cllr. Nathan Khan and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried,

**(b) Highways & Planning Committee
25 February 2009**

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes, Seconded by Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

**(c) Recreation & Amenities Committee
5 March 2009**

The Chairman commented under Minute R182 (iii) that there should be a seven days notice flexibility and that this would not set any precedent and should not be 'set in stone'. An amendment to the Minutes was Proposed by Cllr. Keith House, Seconded by Cllr. Louise Bloom that in exceptional circumstances, the Town Council should make its best endeavours to accommodate clubs, if feasible. 9 For, 5 Against 0 Abstentions. Amendment Carried. Furthermore, an amendment was Proposed by Cllr. Keith House, Seconded by Cllr. Jane Welsh and unanimously agreed that under Minute R185 the word 'revoked' should be replaced by the word 'reviewed'. Amendment Carried. The Minutes including the agreed Amendments were Proposed by Cllr. Jane Welsh, Seconded by Cllr. Sheila Baynes and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

**(d) Highways & Planning Committee
11 March 2009**

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Peter Hughes, Seconded by Cllr. Keith Day and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

**(e) Finance & Administration Committee
12 March 2009**

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Sheila Baynes, Seconded by Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

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9. Borough and County Council Reports

Cllr. Louise Bloom reported that the Eastleigh Borough Council budget has been set and for the sixth year in a row the increase is limited to 1% below inflation. The Borough Council is currently helping businesses through the recession.

Cllr. Keith Day reported that at the last HEWEB LAC Committee, members approved the annual grants to various organisations. The consideration of the court case concerning the land at Wildern Mill was discussed and Cabinet will be appealing against the court judgment.

Cllr. Keith House reported that 60 sets of new street name plates will be rolled out and installed across the Borough. TROs (Traffic Regulation Orders) are being implemented along Coltsfoot Close/Merlin Gardens.

10. Councillors Questions

Cllr. Louise Bloom reminded members of the public art exhibition at Wellstead School on 24 March 2009 with Adrian Moakes.

Cllr. Sally Lloyds tendered her apologies for the April Full Council.

Cllr. Pearl Hicks tendered her apologies for the Annual Parish Assembly.

Cllr. Sheila Baynes reminded members of a bowls evening on 17 April 2009 in aid of the Mayor's charity.

Cllr. Val Houghton commented upon how attractive the grounds were in Hedge End.

Cllr. Keith House reported on a number of regeneration schemes the Borough Council is currently considering.

Cllr. Jane Welsh commented that in her opinion that the arrangements, in its inaugural year, for the St George Festival have been very ambitious. She stated she would support it but felt it would have been more appropriate if the events had been scaled down.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30 hours.