

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 18 MAY 2022**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris (Chair), Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance:

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr John Shepherd

2. **Public Questions not on the Agenda**
Nigel Patterson spoke about the volunteer group that has set up to help Ukrainian hosting families. There is a concern for people that have offered to be sponsors and then have heard nothing.

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

4. **To Receive a Police Report**
Sgt Ferris was not in attendance. Cllr Craig asked that we do seek feedback from the Police about what is happening in the area. Cllr Carnell asked if the speed outside the Hub could be monitored. Cllr Ian Corben felt this was to limited effect as the police have been asked on numerous occasions to do speed checks and the situation is not improving and they are not responding to the concerns raised by the data. Cllr Corben asked that the response from the Police to his enquiry is published. Cllr Kyrle also echoed these thoughts as all Councillors inboxes are full off speeding complaints and the suggestion was raised to write to the Chief Constable to get a response. Cllr Corben responded that the reply that was given was inadequate, and this should be followed up through the Chief Constable. Cllr Craig asked that the Police Crime Commissioner is copied in as the speedwatch team are still recording speeds in excess of the speed limits.

5. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20 April 2022.**

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

6. **To request Eastleigh Borough Council to conduct a Community Governance Review in time for the 2023 Town Council Elections to better equalise councillor/elector ratios.**

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Councillor Keith House proposed a review and outlined the history behind the last boundary commission review which took place for the last Town Council election. The result of this was that Dodwell Ward was created with a single Councillor representative which meant there was a wide disparity between the areas. A review of the Community Governance would allow for equalisation of the councillor/ elector ratio. Cllr Paul Carnell asked what consideration has been given to the new development at Serenity. Cllr House confirmed that you can only use the existing electorate numbers and not future numbers. Cllr Ian Corben seconded this. **RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk request this review from Eastleigh Borough Council in time for the 2023 Town Council Elections.**

7. Chair's Remarks

Cllr John Jupe as retiring Chair asked committee for people to help on the Sunday 5 June for the Queens Jubilee Celebrations and Picnic in the Park. Cllr Jim Mitchell volunteered to attend to help between 9am and 3pm.

Cllr Morris thanked everyone for having the opportunity to serve as Chair of Hedge End Town Council for the year.

8. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Ian Corben was delighted with the recent elections and that Cllr Jane Welsh was elected as Borough Councillor. Cllr Jane Welsh thanked everyone that supported her.

Cllr Tonia Craig thanked Cllr Lucy Jurd and Cllr Maggie Allingham for their Borough Council work during their term.

Cllr Derek Pretty noted that Cllr Cynthia Garton had her final Mayoral event this evening and was unable to attend and was really thankful for her year as Mayor.

Cllr Paul Carnell asked the Borough Councillors about their wildflower policy as there is an area in Cranbourne Park that has been stripped out in the middle of the area where children play to provide a wildflower area. A similar thing happened in Sidney Avenue, Hamble. Cllr Craig noted that the Sidney Avenue area was consulted on with all residents. Cllr Kyrle spoke as it is his portfolio, the policy has been to push this out into more urban areas. There will be more areas being looked at with a view to mowing less and residents will be consulted. The direction of the policy is to protect and enhance the biodiversity and habitats for different species. Cllr Keith House commented that there is a need to explain more about the areas, if they work this is good but if they don't then there is a need to have a strategy for managing this. Cllr Kyrle agreed that

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more communication was needed, and he would follow this up with officers. There are a couple of patches that a contractor completed which haven't had the same impact. Cllr Pretty agreed that some of the areas should be re-wilded but it does bring into question if the wild seeds are successful. Southampton are using wild turf and it is signed in each area. Cllr Carnell suggested some areas that would be more suitable.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle noted that is is the HCC AGM this Thursday.

Congratulations were offered to Cllr Corben on becoming deputy leader of Eastleigh Borough Council.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:25pm.