

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

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Jim Mitchell (Chair), Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance: A member of the public, Nigel Paterson - KCC

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd

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

Nigel Paterson spoke about suspending the Christians Against Poverty group due to staff shortages. The church has started up an international café to help those in the community. There are also English language sessions taking place.

A member of the public asked for clarification on Highways & Planning minutes on 6 September regarding HGVs on Upper Northam Road and then the subsequent update on 20 September. It was clarified that the resident had sent it to all Councillors blind copy and Cllr House had already asked the County Council to respond. It was confirmed that the County Council had responded to say that they were not going to take action. Councillors discussed the matter and felt that when the Botley bypass was in place that the roads should be re-signed to remove lorries from that. The member of the public asked if it was possible to add this to the work of speedwatch.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

4. **To Receive a Police Report**

PCSO Tracey Chilcott was unable to attend. Councillors noted the previously circulated report.

5. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19 July 2023.**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 July be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6. **Community Speedwatch Statistics**

Councillors noted that Barnfield Way seems to have increasing problems with Maunsell Way having less incidents.

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7. Chair's Remarks

Cllr John Shepherd had previously sent apologies and was unable to present a report. Cllr Jim Mitchell reminded Councillors of the Remembrance Sunday parade on the 12 November and the Christmas Lights Switch on which will now be in the Co-Op Car park and the Village Green on the 23 November.

8. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

- (a) Policy & Resources Committee – 5 September 2023 and 3 October 2023
(Minutes P1225, P1226, P1229, P1230, P1231, P1234, P1235, P1236, P1237, P1240, P1241 and P1242)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 5 September and 3 October be received.
- (b) Highways & Planning Committee – 5 July 2023 and 19 July 2023
(Minute H637, H638, H642, H646, H647, H649 and H651)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 5 July and 19 July be received.
- (c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 13 September 2023
(Minutes R427, R429, R430i, ii and R433i, iii)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 13 September be received.

9. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Leigh Hadaway reported that the Ageas Bowl decision has been delayed.

Cllr Tonia Craig provided an update on the safety sign on Wildern Lane which is overgrown. Having requested this to be cleared by HCC she has been told it is not considered a priority.

Cllr Keith House reported on the County finances which are being discussed again and the effect of reducing government funding over the years. With the increasing number of older people and young people with special educational needs this is placing huge pressure on the budgets which are out of HCC control. It is likely that there will be further reductions in the discretionary services. This might include Household Waste Recycling Centres. The Council as waste disposal authority had planned to have a new recycling unit which may now be delayed.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 19:58pm.