

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 19 APRIL 2023**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris (Chair), Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance: Nigel Paterson – Kings Community Church

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Rupert Kyrle

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

Nigel Patterson thanked the Councillors for all that they do for the community. Special thanks to those that won't be standing at the next elections.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

4. **To Receive a Police Report**

Sgt Tom Hannam sent his apologies as he was unable to attend.

Cllr Ian Corben outlined the details of the recent meeting with the Police. There were discussions around how the police deal with low level crime such as speeding. The police felt that speed enforcement on its own is not enough and they work on the 4 E's, Engage, Educate, Engineer, Enforce. Although we may request speed cameras these have to be balanced against the demands of other crimes. The Police asked if there is anything the Council can do to lobby HCC for engineering changes.

The police gave an overview of a day's statistics of the 14 March which included 94 calls covering HE/Eastleigh Central/Bishopstoke/FO, 72 of these were filtered to 'jobs'. 33 of which were HE. They explained that each job takes between 2-4 hours. The HE Neighbourhood Team consists of one qualified and four students requiring 1:1 which equates to 2.5FTE

It was clarified that SIDS inform where Community Speed Watch go not speed cameras or vans.

There was a discussion about recruitment and the 5 years it takes for them to qualify, none of the new intake have qualified yet so it is too early to say how successful this will be. Councillors felt that the only option would be to lobby the PCC for more officers on the ground.

The Police did note that the relationship would be better managed with the PCSO who is consistent to the locality as the Inspector and CI will move every two years. Cllr Cynthia Garton noted that the Local Area Manager had tried to

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contacted Will Rollinson for a meeting with no success.

In terms of HGV enforcement, the Police were clear it was not just a police matter and could be enforced by the Council, if this does not improve then the police commercial vehicle unit can act. Cllr Cynthia Garton has spoken to EBC officers about the HGV enforcement, and it was confirmed to be a Hampshire County Council as Highways Authority. Cllr Cynthia Garton will follow this up with the County Council.

Beat Surgeries were planned but noted had not gone ahead.

It was confirmed we can advertise the Community Speedwatch locations although we haven't been supplied with dates and locations.

Cllr Keith House and Cllr Tonia Craig joined the meeting.

5. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 March 2023.**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6. **To agree the use of Greta Park for Happy Circus**
Cllrs discussed the use of Greta Park for Happy Circus from 26-29 May. Cllrs felt that the circus should be providing their own toilets. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the dates and that the circus should be providing their own toilets.**
7. **Chair's Remarks**
Cllr Cliff Morris thanked everyone that attended the Annual Parish Council.

This is effectively the chair's final meeting of the year and he noted that he can't believe how quick it has gone and to thank everyone for their help support and advice. A very big thank you to the Clerk and the Staff Team for organising the chair and events this year.

8. **Resolved Items for NOTING Only:**
 - (a) Highways & Planning Committee – 1 March 2023
(Minute H610 and H611)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 1 March be received.
 - (b) Policy & Resources Committee – 4 April 2023
(Minutes P1197, P1198, P1199 and P1202)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 4 April be received.
 - (c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 12 April 2023
(Minutes R402i, R403, R404, R405, R406, R407 and R408)

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That the Minutes of the meeting of the 12 April be received.

9. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Cynthia Garton noted there had not been any meetings leading up to the election period. She recently attended the Wildern 90th Celebrations which were very good.

Cllr Tonia Craig noted there was nothing to report as there hadn't been any County meetings. Issues that have been raised include Doctors surgeries and unavailability of appointments which she is hoping to convene a meeting with the ICB after the elections.

Cllr Tonia Craig reported that St Johns Road into Woodside Footpath have no gates on it now and cyclists' whizz down it.

Cllr Keith House noted that the County Council has now taken back all the highways' measures including on street parking, TRO's, white lines and enforcement. Traffic.management@hants.gov.uk

Cllr Cliff Morris thanked everyone and wished them luck in the forthcoming elections.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:00pm.