

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 19 JUNE 2019**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr George Brown, Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Keith House, Cllr Pat Jenkins, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd (Chair), Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Julie Skinner, Cllr Anne Small, Cllr Ben Thomas, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr Geoffrey Westgarth

In attendance: Rita Elsey, Hedge End Horticultural Society, Nigel Paterson, Kings Community Church.

1. Apologies

Cllr. Helen Corben

2. Public Questions not on the Agenda

Rita Elsey from Hedge End Horticultural Society reported that the first bed near the traffic lights is only half walled and is there anything that can be done to retain the soil by extending the wall. **RESOLVED: To refer to the Recreation & Amenities Committee and for the Town Clerk to look at the options to extend the wall.**

Cllr Carnell asked for a motion that HETC pass on their thanks for the excellent work that the Horticultural Society. **RESOLVED: Agreed.**

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cliff Morris declared an interest in any discussion on the incident on Greta Park.

4. To Receive a Police Report

PCSO Christopher Rutter was unable to attend the meeting and the police reports were circulated at the meeting. The report is appended to these minutes.

Cllrs asked for some comparative data regarding past incidents and the direction of travel of either increasing or decreasing number of incidents.

Cllr Carnell spoke about a referral he made to the police regarding parking on the corner of Sunday's Hill.

Cllr Craig asked about the recent incident in the village with several cars and people brandishing what could be determined as weapons. **RESOLVED: The Town Clerk to follow this up with the Police.**

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5. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 May 2019**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6. **Chair's Remarks**

Cllr Jupe and I attended the AGM for the Youth People's Wellbeing Service (YPWS). Services such as TADIC (teenage drop in centre) and EYCS (Eastleigh Youth Counselling Service).

HETC provide funding towards the services as do the HEWEB LAC. The Services are run out of Hedge End Medical Centre and also at Bursledon. Numbers at both drop in centres have increased dramatically over the last few years especially in the 16-18 yr old age group. Many of the young people are seeking advice not just on sexual health but are also receiving counselling for anxiety, mental illness, bereavement and family matters.

There is quite a long waiting list for the counselling service but they have recently introduced a drop in counselling service alongside TADIC which has been successful in dealing with teenagers at crisis point and is a key service for suicide prevention.

In other news our uninvited guests at Greta park have left and once again the team did a fantastic job of cleaning up what was quite a disgusting mess. I'd like our thanks to be noted for such a quick resolution of the situation and the prompt clean-up operation.

Our thoughts do need to turn to protecting our public spaces going forward and this is something that the Planning and Resource committee will be looking at in their meeting on July 2nd.

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In particular;

- a) Lessons learnt from the Greta park incident (and previous encampments) and a review of the management plan for dealing with these incidents.
- b) A cost analysis of the incident – There is a monetary impact, but we should also consider the impact this has had on our residents and local businesses.
- c) A broader analysis of security at our other sites.
- d) Consideration of future security improvements and preventative measures across our sites.

There has been a lot of correspondence from our residents on this matter, so it is something that people do feel very strongly about.

7. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

- a) Highways & Planning Committee – 17 April 2019, 22 May 2019 and 5 June 2019 (*Minute H241, H241, H252, H259, H260 and H261*)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 17 April 2019, 22 May 2019 and 5 June 2019 be received.
- b) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 12 June 2019, (*Minute R140, R141 and R142*)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 12 June 2019 be received.

8. Eastleigh Borough Council and Hampshire County Council Reports

Cllr Cynthia Garton spoke about the HEWEB Team Meeting for deciding the traffic regulation orders for next year. One of interest to Hedge End is Upper Northam Road near the nursing home. Engineers will assess the sites and a consultation will be followed before anything is implicated.

At Wildern there will be a traffic study covering the wide area including Wildern Gate.

In July Cllrs will be looking at the order on Upper St Helens Road.

The new swimming pool roof is due to commence in September.

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It was noted that the Budgets Car Park opening times had been extended to 7.30 during the summer months and this will be reviewed to see if it will be extended beyond the summer.

The recent HEWB LAC was held at Norman Rodaway recently and this went well. The committee discussed a proposed application for the Boorley Gardens Development. The change is to provide a financial contribution to the sports hub at Woodhouse Lane rather than pitches within the development. Cllrs were happy with the new proposal.

Land at Netley Firs, Kanes Hill, outline application for 23 employment units on the site. The recommendation from the LAC was to permit.

Cllr Corben spoke about casework for the crossing at Toll Bar way near Bradbears roundabout and further down the road towards Sainsbury's and he is trying to start a conversation with Hampshire County Council.

There were also reports of aggressive behavior from parents blocking the road at school closure time. Cllr Corben reminded the councillors that it is important that these incidents get reported as EBC do have an enforcement officer that can be attending these incidents. Reports should go to either a borough councillor or direct to enforcement@eastleigh.gov.uk

Cllr Pretty spoke about the experimental scheme for relief to parking at the railway station which has worked well and this will be reviewed in July.

The boardwalk at the back of Berrywood School has been replaced with recycled plastic to make it longer lasting. The meadow now has better access.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle reported that in his role on the Economic and Environment Select Committee they are looking at a more consistent waste resources strategy across the country. Food Waste recycling was introduced a few years ago and there is a will to increase the food waste recycling rates including providing households with food caddies.

The government also have an open consultation on Flood and Coastal Protection.

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The county are looking at efficiency savings of a further £80m. The county have made representation to the government on the sustainability of making savings. There are a number of areas that will impact on the Town Council. The consultation papers are available on the website here:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/balancing-the-budget> **RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk agendas this item for the Policy & Resources Committee on the 2 July 2019.**

Cllr House reminded the committee that there is a Strategy Committee on Monday 24 June 2019.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.