

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD 20 MAY 2020**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr George Brown, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Patricia Jenkins, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd (Chair), Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Ben Thomas, Cllr Jane Welsh

**In attendance:** Nigel Patterson – Kings Community Church

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Rupert Kyrle

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

Nigel Patterson thanked the Council for their help during this difficult time in directing people to the KCC and the delivery of food bank donations to the KCC centre. KCC would welcome any other ways that we might be able to work together.

Cllr Welsh asked how people were identified during this time and how that support was coming forward. Nigel said that it was on individual referral basis and there is not a mechanism for getting to everyone.

Cllr Ian Corben relayed our thanks to the team at KCC as people in Hedge End have been benefiting from the efforts that the team have put in.

Cllr Craig also wanted to echo her thanks to the KCC team and the best way to get a referral is through EBC team who are then passed to the relevant support hub.

Cllr Baynes noted that support for the food bank had decreased since the initial engagement and asked if there were ways that we could improve this.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Morris declared an interest in any discussion on the unauthorised encampment.

**4. To Receive a Police Report**

The Police were unable to attend, and the reports were circulated in advance. Cllrs had read the reports previously and had no questions for the police.

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5. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19 February 2020.**

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

6. **To appoint and elect committees as appropriate and elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman to hold office until the Annual General Meeting of May 2021.**

Cllr House proposed that people were elected onto the committees as last year with the following changes:

- Cllr Sheila Baynes to be included on Policy & Resources
- Cllr John Shepherd to be included on Policy & Resources
- Cllr Helen Corben has asked to come off Highways & Planning

It would be helpful to have another couple of members on Highways & Planning:

- Cllr Pretty offered to be on H&P
- Cllr Mitchell offered to be on H&P
- Cllr Shepherd offered to be on H&P

Cllr Craig seconded the proposals.

Cllr Carnell welcomed the new members to the H&P Committee.

**RESOLVED: That the committees are as proposed until the Annual General Meeting of May 2021.**

7. **To appoint representatives to outside bodies and working parties until the Annual General Meeting of May 2021.**

**RESOLVED: All existing members were appointed to the existing outside body liaison roles.**

8. **Chair's Remarks**

The chair thanked Sarah and the team for continuing to work during these unprecedented times and for maintaining services.

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Cllr Jurd asked that people refer to the statement on the Town Council website regarding the recent unauthorised encampment and that social media was not used. Cllr House echoed this in using simple facts rather than getting into debate as it can become inflammatory.

Cllr Corben wanted it noted that the measures at Greta had obviously worked and they must have gained access to St Johns Rec by breaking the locks and what if any powers the police have in relation to this. Cllr Craig outlined the limited powers and noted this is likely to be an ongoing issue as it is a circuit that is travelled each year. Cllrs agreed we should keep reviewing the procedures in place and looking at additional security measures.

Cllr Morris felt that we should be looking to register our land to make it easier in this process.

Cllr Pretty outlined to Council the review that took place on all sites and that committee were confident that the vulnerable sites had appropriate measures put in place to secure them.

Nigel Patterson suggested that we might consider heavy duty blocks which can be removed as and when access is needed.

Cllr Jurd outlined the current position in regards of hall hire and cleaning provision.

Cllr Corben felt this was an operational decision and officers need to make the most of the limited resources we have, if this does then need to come to Committee then we would need to be mindful of that.

Cllr Morris felt it might be appropriate that the chairs of the committees met virtually to discuss a potential phased hall hire opening. Cllr Welsh was happy with this approach. Cllr Pretty was also happy with this approach and noted the need for risk assessments from any hirers.

Cllr House reminded the meeting of the forthcoming Strategy meeting next Tuesday.

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**9. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:**

- a) Highways & Planning Committee – 4 March 2020 and 15 April 2020  
(Minute H332, H334, and H338)

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the 4 March and 15 April be received.**

- b) Policy & Resources Committee – 3 March 2020 and 5 May 2020  
(Minute P937, P938, P944 and P945)

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the 3 March and 5 May 2020 be received.**

- c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 12 February 2020 and 11 March 2020  
(Minute R119a, b, c, d, e, f, g & h, R192, R174a & b, R175 a, b & c and R176)

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the 12 February and 11 March be received.**

**10. Annual Parish Assembly – Serving the Community Awards**

With the cancellation of the Annual Parish Assembly it has meant that the Serving the Community Awards agreed by R&A Committee on the 12 February were not able to be awarded.

**RESOLVED: That the recipients be notified, and the prizes awarded.**

**11. Borough and County Reports**

Cllr Pretty outlined the support that has been made available to businesses including £14.8m support grant and a further discretionary grant going to cabinet tomorrow. There have been lots of deferrals for the Council Tax and Business Rates to ensure the businesses are supported and are now working on ways of supporting them for when recovery and lockdown is eased.

Cllr Garton noted that it was nice to see everyone in the online meeting. There haven't been any HEWEB meetings since the last full council, however Boorley Park facilities will hopefully open to the public later this year under the management of Botley Parish Council. The Committee has allocated money for kitchen facilities and the play areas.

Deer Park school is expecting to submit 2 planning applications by the end of the year for the all-weather pitch and the sports facilities.

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Wildern Swimming Pool roof is progressing, it is hoped this will be complete in the autumn but is unclear if this timeline will be impacted by Covid-19.

The green routes signposting project has been circulated to the members of the working party with a view to getting this installed as soon as possible.

Following the HEWEB Youth working party looking at Youth Provision in the area there is now a better process for allocating youth funding, it is also hoped to have a revised youth council.

Eastleigh were instrumental in relaunching the food bank working with supermarkets and KCC and this is a valuable service that needs to be continued beyond the immediate pandemic. Thanks go to all the staff involved in this.

Cllr Garton also thanked all staff including waste refuse collectors, maintenance people and those supporting the Covid-19 response.

Cllr Corben updated the meeting on the former Budgens car park, the surface has been laid and EBC are keen to get the hoarding down. The contract came within budget and has gone exceptionally well. Cllr Corben noted that the acknowledgements by residents of the hard work that the staff are putting in during this time is really worth seeing. The public spaces are looking fantastic and well done to those keeping these up.

Cllr House noted how busy the staff have been over the last two months in Eastleigh Borough Council. The only service that has been suspended is the food waste service and this needs more thought as to how it could be resumed safely. The Borough council closed its offices and intends to keep its meetings online at least until the autumn.

Cllr House was particularly pleased to get the sports award online on Monday and although not as lavish as it might have been in a physical location it worked well.

The EBC recovery phase is going to be extremely difficult as the public are very worried and there is quite a lot of work taking place on this. Some stats from the borough:

- Over 1300 people helped by response volunteers
- Over 200 volunteers registered

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- Over 600 requests to help with shopping
- Over 45 care homes had food delivered for VE Day
- No homeless people on the streets into supported accommodation
- Customer service handled over 14000 calls
- 450 virtual meetings
- Garden waste subscriptions have risen

A draft response to the Local Plan has been received from the inspector and EBC are hopefully moving towards an adopted plan.

Cllr House provided a County report, noting that the County are operating quite differently to the Borough as they have suspended meetings. The HWRC have reopened and this has caused some problems with extensive queuing. The County are starting to look at social distancing in town centres and the highways network. The County have faced immense costs due to Covid-19 which are not being fully funded by the government.

Cllr Garton asked if the County were now digging into the huge reserves they were holding. Cllr House responded that they had used some of those, but the County view is that the reserves should still be kept as reserves.

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There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.