

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 20 OCTOBER 2021**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Jupe (Chair), Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance: Sgt Stuart Jackson

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr George Brown, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Pat Jenkins, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Cliff Morris

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

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

4. **To Receive a Police Report**

The police reports were circulated in advance and Sgt Stuart Jackson was in attendance. Sgt Jackson reported that there has been an increase in burglaries in the wider HEWEB area. Sgt Jackson updated the meeting on the recent disturbance at Drummond Road with two arrests. A dispersal order was put in place and no further incidents were recorded. The police are working with the school for those that attend, however many of them are not attending school.

The increase in the number of shoplifting offences is due to reporting from the co-op where the police have been working with them on this issue.

Hampshire Police Officers will be supporting the COP26 Summit in November.

Cllr Carnell felt that the co-op should be enforcing some of the shoplifting themselves and not using police resources to support this. Sgt Jackson was also concerned about the placement of the tills being away from the door which enables shoplifting to happen more frequently.

Cllr Garton asked what the impact would be on the police when they are supporting COP26. Sgt Jackson confirmed that this would have an impact as Hedge End is not a large station that can manage a reduction in capacity.

Cllr Garton asked about Community Speedwatch having received the Police Newsletter today highlighting the Chandlers Ford area. Sgt Jackson confirmed that they have been training new people, risk assessments have been completed and they have been out in the area. Cllr Garton asked if we could have a report. Sgt Jackson confirmed this would be possible.

Cllr Pretty asked for further information on the incident in Drummond Road. Sgt Jackson provided more information.

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Cllr Corben asked to revisit the speedwatch as residents in Grange Park have complaints about the 'race track' from McDonalds, Tollbar, Maunsell, Drummond, Shamblehurst Lane South, Botley Road, McDonalds. It was also questioned what happened to the numbers that come from the speed devices as sampling one day on Shamblehurst Lane South, 470 of the vehicles were over the speed limit.

- 5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 September 2021.**

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

- 6. Request for attendance dispensation.**

A request has been received from Cllr George Brown for attendance dispensation on the grounds of being unable to travel at this time.

RESOLVED: Councillors were in agreement to accept the attendance dispensation for Cllr George Brown until the next council AGM in 2022.

- 7. Chair's Remarks**

Cllr Jupe reported that he attended the Cemetery for a photo after receiving the Green Flag award again for another year.

Remembrance Sunday is 14 November and normally has a good turnout so all Councillors would be welcome.

Christmas Light Switch on is Wednesday 24 November.

Queens Jubilee volunteers – John volunteered to join.

- 8. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:**

- a) Policy & Resources Committee – 5 October 2021
(Minute P1058, P1059, P1060 and P1061)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 5 October be received.
- b) Highways & Planning Committee – 1 September 2021 and 15 September 2021
(Minute H463, H464 and H468)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 1 September and 15 September be received.
- c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 11 August 2021 and 13 October 2021

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(Minute R267, R268i&ii, R269, R270, R271, R281i, R282 and R283
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 11 August and 13 October be received.

9. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Garton reported that HEWEB had its first physical meeting on the 27 September. The agenda was light with the main discussions being TRO's including no stopping on Maunsell Way, Pomeroy Crescent and Wellstead Way.

Berrywood Fields work is continuing for the grass playing pitches and public open space. The football pitches together with the artificial pitch is being funded by the developer contributions.

Deer Park School officially opened with the Mayor cutting the ribbon. Cllr Garton reported that the school is amazing and the group were shown around by the pupils who are very pleased to be attending there. Works are still progressing on Woodhouse Lane with the Botley bypass.

The HEWEB community grants applications process is open for considerations at the January meeting.

The AGEAS Bowl liaison meeting is Thursday 4 November.

Cllr Pretty noted that the team have written to DPD regarding the parking of vehicles. There has also been liaison work regarding highways on Shamblehurst Lane which has started today.

Cllr Corben noted that the judicial review brought forward against the decision taken on Southampton Airport had been rejected by the High Court.

Cllr Kyrle noted that Deer Park was the first secondary school that Hampshire has built and delivered in some time. It's a shame that children from Boorley Park do not fit into the catchment area and are having to go elsewhere.

Cllr Kyrle also reported that Hampshire County Councils cabinet meeting had reversed the proposal to cut school crossing patrols. There are still budget cuts required but these are smaller amounts from existing budgets rather than full-service cuts.

A new multi-agency flood task force has been established. There is a list that's being put together across HEWEB of areas that have flooded in the past.

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Cllr Kyrle asked if community payback were working on Tan House Lane and if the waste could be removed quicker as people are using the site for fly tipping.

Cllr Kryle also talked about Badger Culling Licences where he took a motion to not issue new licences to badger culling on HCC land. The same motion was presented to HETC at the time and Cllrs resolved to keep this. Councillors agreed that the existing motion stands and that Badger Culling Licences would not be permitted on HETC land.

Cllr House provided a brief overview of the County Council budget cuts. Whilst the County has increased the level of council tax to the upper limit it can the demographic changes of an ageing population and an increase in baby boomer education means that there is a gap in the increase in budget and the increase in demand.

This means that the county has an £80m budget reduction year on year. Reducing budgets means that some of the more hidden services area being cut. Disproportionately the cuts are in the less advantaged areas as these are the most reliant on the services being offered. The effect of this is that there are still significant reductions in discretionary services, this will ultimately place more pressure on other services.

Cllr Garton asked about HCC plans for income generation. Cllr House responded that the County has now got an income generation strategy.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:30pm.