

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 20 DECEMBER 2023**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr John Shepherd (Chair), Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance: Nigel Paterson – Kings Community Church

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Derek Pretty
2. **Public Questions not on the Agenda**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
None were declared.
4. **To Receive a Police Report**
PCSO Tracey Chilcott was unable to attend the meeting. The Clerk circulated the statistics in the meeting. Cllrs asked for clarity on the missing persons in Wildern. It was also noted that a comparison number to previous period would be helpful particularly next month against this month to see what the comparisons are. Cllrs asked for thanks to be passed onto the PCSOs.
5. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 November 2023.**

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

6. **Correspondence**
Correspondence had been received from a member of the public requesting a special award for someone, they had previously been directed to the Serving the Community Award. Councillors discussed the request and the options available to them. It was discussed that something such as a certificate and letter of thanks should go to the volunteer in recognition of her commitment to Hedge End. It was also felt that it might be appropriate to have an article in the Gazette. The individual could still be nominated and considered for a Serving the Community Award. **RESOLVED: The Clerk to send a letter of recognition on behalf of the Council.**
7. **Chair's Remarks**
Cllr Shepherd noted that the Christmas Light event was good and there was lots of positive feedback. Thanks were given to the Clerk and Team for the event, and it was considered that this was a format that worked well and would be suitable for future years. Cllr Shepherd attended the St John's

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Carol Service recently.

8. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

- (a) Highways & Planning Committee – 1 November 2023 and 15 November 2023
(Minute H664, H665 and H669)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 1 November and 15 November be received.

9. Borough and County Reports

Cllr House noted that the recent HEWEB meeting considered the planning application for Home Farm, it was agreed to permit subject to several conditions.

Cllr Carnell asked Cllr House about the recent press interest in EBC. Cllr House explained the commercial and housing delivery strategy and how the Housing Revenue budgets were managed separately.

Cllr Keith House gave an update on the County Council going through significant budget cuts and the impact this will have on future services and setting the budget in future years.

Cllr Tonia Craig noted that the consultation for the new Basingstoke hospital is available, and it might have an impact on Hedge End residents.

Cllr Keith House updated Council on the sad news that Shankerlal Sthanakiya has recently passed away.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:12pm.