

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 21 APRIL 2021**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Pat Jenkins, Cllr Lucy Jurd (Chair), Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance: Sgt Stuart Jackson

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Keith House

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 noted that there had been an increase in calls in the area not so much crime but they are including ASB and Covid breaches. The good weather has increased alcohol related crime.

Cllr Ian Corben asked to revisit the McDonalds car parking situation. Cllr Corben thanked for the police for their speedy response in moving the unauthorised encampment on from Dowds Farm and why was this possible when in the past we haven't been able to do this.

Sgt Jackson visited McDonalds who provided the contact for the landowner who have acknowledged they own the land. Highways have also been helping as there is an issue on the A27 as well.

As regards the encampment they did not display the right attitude in the conversations with the police and it was felt that this would be a problem so it was made clear that a S61 would be executed if they did not willingly leave. Police have discussed that this is a tactic they should use more frequently.

Cllr Welsh asked if the police were aware that there was a box of used drugs at Netley Firs Road. The Sgt was unaware of this. Cllr Welsh also asked about a disturbance on Upper Northam Road. Sgt Jackson was aware of this issue and felt it was an isolated incident but would send to the Town Clerk.

Cllr Garton asked Sgt Jackson about speeding and the data that has come back from the SID including a 55 from turnpike way, a 50 elsewhere and a 70 on St Johns but this might be an emergency vehicle. The data is shared from EBC to the police. Sgt Jackson confirmed that the data has been sent to him and the team are given the information and then they select where they are going to go

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and at what times of the day. The police have decided to do more of the speeding ops and this will be part of the new police officers roles.

Cllr Shepherd asked about Lower St Helens Road and people speeding down the hill from Upper St Helens and concerns that people towards the bottom are going much faster than the speed limit. Sgt Jackson was happy to add this to the list of roads.

5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17 March 2020.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Jurd noted that the Easter Egg hunt didn't take place as planned due to insufficient entries for the colouring competition. Competition entrants were invited to collect a chocolate prize from the Co-Op where the eggs were displayed and there was also a display on the bandstand.

Cllr Jurd informed the meeting that the cricket cage and nets have now been replaced at Turnpike Way following the vandalism.

As this is the final meeting would like to say thank you to the clerk and the team and all the Councillors for their support.

7. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

- a) Highways & Planning Committee – 3 March and 17 March 2021
(Minute H425, H426 and H430)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 3 March and 17 March be received.
- b) Policy & Resources Committee – 6 April 2021
(Minute P1023, P1024, P1025, P1026, P1027 and P1029)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 6 April 2021 be received.
- c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 14 April 2021
(Minute R261i, ii & iii, R262 and R263)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 14 April be received.

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8. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Garton thanked Cllr Jurd for chairing well over the last two years. Cllr Garton reported on the Southampton Airport application that went to two very lengthy meetings. It wasn't an easy decision and all responses had to be considered. It was decided to permit but with lots of conditions, this would make it one of the most regulated airports in the country. The market was open again for the second time.

Cllr Ian Corben added his thanks to Cllr Jurd for chairing the meeting so well over the last two unprecedented years. He also thanked Cllr Garton for the amazing chairing of the Southampton Airport meeting.

Cllr Jurd echoed these thanks to Cllr Garton for managing a very difficult meeting that was emotive.

Cllr Pretty raised the highways issues with multiple roadworks in the area at the same time. Cllr Corben has received a reply about Bubb Lane and this is anticipated at 2-3 weeks.

Cllr Allingham wanted to echo her thanks to Cllr Garton who managed the Southampton Airport meeting.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.04pm.