

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 21 DECEMBER 2022**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Cliff Morris (Chair), Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd

In attendance: PCSO Charlie Woodford, PCSO Tracey Chilcott

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Jane Welsh

2. **Public Questions not on the Agenda**
None received.

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

4. **To Receive a Police Report**

Sgt Tom Hannam sent his apologies and was keen to attend the January meeting. PCSO Chilcott and Woodford delivered his report: across the team today there was 5 response and patrol on duty. The neighbourhood team supports the response team during their duty; however numbers of staff are down at the moment. The speed watch statistics do demonstrate that Maunsell Way have a high percentage of speeding. Updates were given on the operations that are taking place now as per the email previously sent.

There continues to be issues with ASB across Hedge End and West End and the Hedge End team have been providing absence cover in West End. Now that West End are back up to strength, they are able to concentrate again on Hedge End.

The Sgt is keen to discuss some long-term improvements to address speeding looking at a partnership approach to using the data from the SID's to inform the mobile police speed vans and if there is any opportunity to use S106 funding to assist.

Cllr House outlined that S106 funds are used for community projects and whilst the One Horton Heath is contributing to some of the Highway's improvements that is not the case for Hedge End.

The Sgt also indicated in his update was the option to potentially use some of the police ASB funds to update the speed enforcement area signs.

Cllr Garton noted that HEWEB has purchased more SIDs and Sgt Jackson used to get the data from them. It is unknown if the new Sgt is receiving this data. Cllr Garton asked about the current vacancies in the service. PCSO

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Chilcott reported that there has been sickness, people on restricted duties and the neighbourhood teams also backfill to the response and patrol team. PCSO's are coming through slowly and Hedge End are hoping to get some new ones to replace those that are leaving.

Cllr Jupe asked if car registration data was recorded by speedwatch. Cllr Carnell as a speedwatch volunteer answered that the colour, make, model and registration number and time of event is recorded and then letters are sent to those speeding. PCSO Woodford confirmed there is first letter, second letter and then visits. They recognise that speeding is a real issue for local residents and will support it where they can with the resources available. The PCSO's agreed to send over the numbers that have been contacted and subsequently fined.

Cllr Corben noted that the comments from the Sgt are encouraging and thanked the officers for their comments. He reiterated that the Maunsell Way speeding statistics will go up and down each month and the SID's data also shows this.

Cllr Carnell reported that he has been contacted by the Chair of Governors for Kings Copse School looking for support of the problems experienced at since the school crossing patrol has been removed.

Cllr Pretty asked if the recent drive to have officers go out to burglaries is happening. PCSO Woodford confirmed that they triage each report and will try and attend or at least telephone them. There is a commitment to speak to every victim, however there is a backlog sometimes with the limited resources available to them.

Cllr Cliff Morris thanked the police for attending.

- 5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16 November 2022.**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 November be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

- 6. To review and revise the standing orders of 2016 in line with the NALC Model Standing Orders, 2022.**

Councillors discussed the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to adopt the revised standing orders which will be reviewed at the next Annual General Meeting.

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- 7. To review and revise the scheme of delegation of 2016 in line with the revised committee structure.**

Councillors discussed the proposed amendments to the Scheme of Delegation.

RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to adopt the revised scheme of delegation which will be reviewed at the next Annual General Meeting.

- 8. To review and revise the Financial Regulations of December 2019 in line with the NALC Model Financial Regulations, 2019.**

Councillors discussed the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to adopt the revised standing orders which will be reviewed at the next Annual General Meeting.

- 9. To adopt the General Power of Competence until the next annual meeting.**

Councillors considered the report on General Power of Competence.

RESOLVED: The Town Council resolves that from the 21 December 2022, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.

- 10. To receive the Community Governance Reorganisation Order 2022.**

Councillors received the Community Governance Reorganisation Order 2022.

RESOLVED: Noted

- 11. Chair's Remarks**

Cllr Cliff Morris wanted to wish Cllr Welsh a speedy recovery. Cllr Morris thanked the staff and asked for this to be passed onto them and to wish them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Cllr Cliff Morris enjoyed the recent community tree planting at Dowd's Farm and thanked the volunteers for attending the very well organised event. Cllr Jupe in particular for working with the young people in planting trees. It was noted that the Town Clerk also planted a tree and it will be nice to see these grow.

- 12. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:**

- (a) Policy & Resources Committee – 15 November 2022 and 6 December 2022

(Minute P1149, P1150, P1151, P1152, P1153, P1155, P1158, P1159, P1160, P1161, P1162, P1163, P1164 and P1165)

That the Minutes of the meeting of the 15 November and 6 December be received.

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- (b) Highways & Planning Committee – 2 November 2022 and 16 November 2022
(Minute H574 and H579)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 2 November and 16 November be received.
- (c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 14 December 2022
(Minutes R370, R372, R373, R374, R375, R376, R377 and R380)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 14 December be received.

13. Co-option - motion from Cllr House to co-opt Councillor Leigh Hadaway to fill the Council vacancy for Berrywood Ward.

As there were no other candidates for the vacancy a proposer and seconder were sought and other councillors invited to vote on appointing the candidate. Cllr House proposed the co-option, and this was seconded by Cllr Carnell, after a majority vote the successful candidate was then declared co-opted to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to ensure that Cllr Leigh Hadaway completes the Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Interests.

14. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Cynthia Garton reported that the November HEWEB was cancelled due to lack of substantive business. Herself, Cllr House, Corben and Pretty went to strategic park meeting to hear from the planning consultant. The application for this will come to HEWEB in January. Cllr Garton has also been contacted by Kings Copse School following HCC not replacing the Crossing Patrol and has written to the County Councillors on their behalf. Cllr Garton will arrange a site meeting in the New Year.

Cllr Corben noted the Southern Water outage in the area affecting areas of Hedge End.

Cllr House spoke about the crossing patrol and not replacing them when people retire. The other challenge is that they are not jobs that people want to do nowadays as it is poorly paid, only during term time and they are out in all weathers.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:22pm.