

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 18 DECEMBER 2019**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr John Jupe (Chair), Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Jane Welsh

In attendance: Resident of St Johns Road, Resident of Upper Northam Road, two other members of the public. PC Emma Roberts and PCSO Stacey McDevitt.

1. Apologies

Cllr George Brown, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Pat Jenkins, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Ben Thomas

2. Public Questions not on the Agenda

A resident of St Johns Road raised concerns about the amount of traffic in Hedge End and the increased development that continues to impact on the residents and environment. The resident would like to know how the congestion and roads is going to be addressed. The traffic lights at Hinckler Road are in the wrong place as traffic backs up.

Cllr Jupe noted the concerns that the resident had raised and sympathises with the residents however the responsibility lies with Hampshire County Council.

Cllr Garton informed the meeting that EBC have a local plan which when it went to the inspector it was decided that there was not enough housing. The Local Plan is currently going through the inspection process and whilst EBC have objected to the increased numbers of houses this will be decided by central government.

Cllr Garton also outlined that Winchester City Council has decided that they would build additional houses up to the boundary in Whiteley and this is having an impact on the Eastleigh area. The local plan is looking at houses in Bishopstoke and if everyone takes their fair share then the impact is minimised elsewhere. The new development in Horton Heath is being managed by EBC and the infrastructure is being put in first.

The committee noted that roads and highways is Hampshire County Council who regularly don't object as it is reported as not having a problem.

Cllr Carnell reported to the Committee that HCC will be closing the roundabout at Junction 7 to replace the existing traffic lights with a smarter system that can detect traffic flows rather than static interval timing.

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Cllr Pretty would like to see the council write to the necessary authorities to question the issues raised. **RESOLVED: Defer to the 5th Feb Highways & Planning.**

A resident of Upper Northam Road raised concerns about the drain outside Botleigh Grange and on the road from Botley. The Town Clerk confirmed that the drain is the responsibility of Hampshire County Council and had been barriered with cones.

3. Declarations of Interest

None were recorded.

4. To Receive a Police Report

PC Emma Roberts and PCSO Stacey McDevitt attended the meeting to give an update on each of the wards in the area. The reports are appended to the minutes.

The biggest priority over the last couple of months have been the business burglaries.

Cllr Nichols asked about the burglaries at the businesses at the Shamblehurst roundabout. PC Roberts confirmed that there have been arrests in connection with the burglaries and enquiries are ongoing.

Cllr Welsh was pleased with the attendance of the police at the meeting and to hear that the police are having an impact in the area. PC Roberts outlined that Hedge End was lucky to have two additional beat officers who are now visible in the area.

Cllr Garton asked about community speed watch. PC Roberts confirmed that PCSO Mica Woodcock runs this scheme and an update will be provided to the Town Council.

PC Roberts confirmed that there would be an active approach to speeding and driving whilst under the influence during the lead up to Christmas with officers with speed guns and breathalysers.

Cllr Carnell enquired if a notice could be put on the road after the speed checks in the area to inform people of the outcome. PC Roberts confirmed that this is generally posted on the HECops Facebook Page.

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5. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20 November 2019.**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6. **Chair's Remarks**

Cllr Jupe commended the work of the staff in organising the 125th Anniversary recently.

7. **Financial Regulations**

Council received a copy of the revised financial regulations based on the NALC Model Financial Regulations. These were previously discussed and amended at Policy & Resources Committee on the 5 November 2019.

RESOLVED: That the draft financial regulations be adopted with immediate effect.

8. **Bank Signatories**

It had previously been reported to Council that the new Town Clerk was experiencing issues with the bank mandate and signatories. Despite several attempts to engage the master signatory on the account this has not been possible and since the person left over 10 years ago, contact has not been maintained.

The Town Clerk has contacted the business manager and been advised that we need to write to the bank along with the members resolution instructions and a copy of the full council mandate to change the signatories.

Councillors discussed the proposed signatories and agreed the following should be retained/added/deleted.

RESOLVED: That Vivienne Brooks be removed as master signatory. That Sarah Jelley, Town Clerk be added as the master signatory, that Derek Pretty and Jane Welsh be retained as existing signatories. That Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Ian Corben and Cllr Cliff Morris be added to the signatory list.

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9. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Garton noted that it had been quiet recently with the general election. The new speed indicator device has been deployed on Maunsell way and EBC are hoping to have another one which is hoping to be deployed in Hedge End.

The community grants panel met last night to make decisions on the applications. Cllr Garton was pleased that EBC was still able to have a community grants scheme as Deputy Mayor she has seen the direct impact that these grants can have for people and organisations that are struggling with vulnerability or poverty.

Cllr Pretty felt that the community speed watch would be beneficial in the Maunsell Road area.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.13pm.