

## HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20 MARCH 2024

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr John Shepherd (Chair), Cllr Jane Welsh

**In attendance:** PC Will Newell, PCSO Chilcott

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty

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

A member of the public raised the issue of the hedge at the bottom of Bursledon Road and Foord Road outside 60 Bursledon Road. Whilst the bus stop has been cleared the hedge is still protruding onto the pavement. Cllr Tonia Craig has raised this with the small works team at EBC, the initial letter was sent out giving the 28 days which then went into bird nesting season. The councillor has asked Hampshire to clear it as a matter of urgency.

### 3. **Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

### 4. **To Receive a Police Report**

PC Will Newell and PCSO Tracey Chilcott provided the statistics in advance and presented some highlights from the report. Tracey updated the road policing events that have been taking place, there have been two this month and more to come in April. Howdens have installed a gate which has helped, and a recent police op didn't identify any issues. Tracey notified the meeting of the Let's Talk campaign which has recently launched.

PC Newell spoke about his new role as the designated neighbourhood officer and whilst he has a large area to cover with Hedge End, West End and Botley he won't be extracted to cover neighbouring areas.

Cllr Jane Welsh highlighted that there are still HGV's using Upper Northam Road despite the weight limit. Cllr Tonia Craig wondered if this was because of the numerous diversions in place around Kanes Hill, the M27 Overlay and other local works.

Cllr Tonia Craig as if the figures could be compared to last years as this would show if there were increases/decreases in figures.

Cllr Ian Corben noted that at a recent meeting with the Deputy PCC it was mentioned that there were grants available for anti social behaviour and wondered if this could be used for the additional signage that was mentioned at

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the last meeting.

Tracey noted that Hampshire are getting additional ANPR cameras and is hopeful that some would be available for Hedge End.

Councillors noted that there clearly has been a change of emphasis in the local policing which the Council are thankful for.

Cllr Tonia Craig asked about the statistics with those being charged. Tracey offered to follow this up.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle noted that in the past there was a multi agency approach with DVLA and roads policy team, road safety team, there is a drone team as well.

Cllr Cliff Morris joined the meeting.

Cllr John Shepherd asked about the recent spate of vehicle break ins which did result in an arrest. The police are investigating the current spate of crime taking place, a significant proportion of them are vehicles being left unlocked or valuables being left in cars.

There will be some crime prevention events taking place in Hedge End at Sainsburys/Marks & Spencers and at the Co-Op, Tracey will provide the details to the Clerk for publishing.

- 5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21 February 2024.**

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

- 6. Response from the PCC to the Councils letter regarding speeding.**  
**RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that attendance at the April meeting would be welcome.**

- 7. Hampshire Police launch of Let's Talk Survey**  
Councillors noted the item.

- 8. Chair's Remarks**

Cllr Shepherd reported that the Annual Parish Assembly on the 14 March went well, and the awards were presented for the Serving the Community Awards and the Youth Serving the Community Award. Both winner's names will be added to the roll of honour on the downstairs boards.

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**9. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:**

- (a) Highways & Planning Committee – 7 February 2024 and 21 February 2024  
(Minute H691, H692 and H696)  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the 7 February and 21 February be received.**
- (b) Policy & Resources Committee – 5 March 2024.  
(Minute P1287, P1288, P1289 and P1292)  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the 5 March be received.**
- (c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 13 March 2024.  
(Minute R470, R471, R472, R473 and R474)  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the 5 March be received.**

**10. Borough and County Reports**

Cllr In Corben noted that there hasn't been a HEWEB meeting since the last Full Council meeting. The EBC budget was agreed, for the 21<sup>st</sup> year the settlement was below the inflation rate. One Horton Heath improvements work on the footpath and cycle lane on Tollbar where it joins Bubb Lane and the Hedge End section will be starting soon.

Cllr Jane Welsh asked the County Councillors about the poor road state at Netley Firs Road. Cllr Tonia Craig asked for details to be emailed to her so she can follow this up with HCC.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle reiterated that the Council are only working on reactive works not proactive works, however there was agreement that all holes in an area would be filled while the teams are on site.

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There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:25pm.