HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16 OCTOBER 2024

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Jim Mitchell (Chair), Cllr John Shepherd

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Jane Welsh

2. **In Attendance:** Nigel Paterson - KCC

3. **Public Questions not on the Agenda**
   Nigel Paterson raised another issue of reckless driving in Curdridge and would like it noted that the emergency services provided an excellent response during the incident.

4. **Declarations of Interest**
   None were declared.

5. **To receive a presentation on the new SEMH School, Boorley Gardens**
   Andrew Parker, Principal Architect from Hampshire County Council gave a presentation on the new SEMH School, Luminous Oak Academy at Boorley Gardens. Outline planning was granted in 2016 with agreement for a primary school on the site, however with an increasing demand for SEN provision in the area it was agreed to build a Social Emotional Mental Health School working with the developer for the site. The school will accommodate 125 pupils aged 8 to16. The DfE has appointed Solent Academies Trust as the academy sponsor.

   The school will be constructed in a two-storey block as this is energy efficient and utilises space better. This is a tried and tested model of 16 classrooms with a maximum of 8 per class. The building will meet climate change and biodiversity net gain.

   Andrew noted that there was a consultation and engagement day in Boorley Green which was positive with the only concerns raised regarding transport and ensuring vehicles can move freely on and off the highway.

   It would be hoped to start on site May 2025 and a completion in 2026.

   Cllrs were interest to know if Wildern Academy had bid to run the school.

   Cllr Ian Corben asked what the surfacing of the car park would be. Andrew responded that a large amount of it will be tarmac with the parking bays in block paving with an attenuation below to allow for drainage to another area of the site to prevent flooding.

Cllr House noted that everyone is pleased that there is going to be an SEMH school in the area. The worry is that the original plan was for another primary school in the locality and how the existing capacity would cope without this. There was a question how the school will fit with the look and feel of the housing. Andrew explained some of the constraints and the increased costs of developing an SEMH school.

Cllr Jim Mitchell noted that there is a need for the 4 to 8 year-old provision.

Cllr John Shepherd asked how far the catchment area would be and if the local need would be met. He also asked if the facilities are solely for the school or if there would be some community use as well. Andrew replied that it has been designed to allow for community use and it will be for the academy to decide.

Cllr Tonia Craig noted that the spend on transport is high and the school should hopefully alleviate the pressure. Cllr Craig also asked about the ongoing maintenance of the ditch as the school will be utilising this. Andrew reported that there are large attenuations underground to manage the flow.

Cllr Ian Corben also asked about the previous sewage problem and a cesspit. Andrew felt that it was being connected to the sites connections which they are led to believe is connected to the main sewers.

6. To Receive a Police Report

PC Will Newell was not in attendance and PCSO Tracey Chilcott provided the statistics in advance. PCSO Tracey Chilcott is back at work and hoping to be out patrolling again soon. Cllr Ian Corben was pleased that Tracey had engaged with the residents experiencing issues and was following up on the bigger concerns of ASB in the area. Cllr Ian Corben noted that he had written to the PCC following a resident concern and the issues faced by HETC. He has received a holding response and is awaiting a full response. Cllr Craig said she would raise this with the PCC at their next meeting.

7. Speedwatch

The schedule of locations has not been published whilst we get clarification on publishing them.

8. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2024.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 September be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

9. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Jim Mitchell noted the upcoming Remembrance Parade on 10 November.

10. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

(a) Highways & Planning Committee – 4 September 2024 and 18 September 2024
(Minute H738, H739 and H743)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 4 September and 18 September be received.

(b) Policy & Resources Committee – 1 October 2024
(Minute P1355, P1356, P1357 and P1360)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 1 October be received.

(c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 9 October 2024.
(Minute R512, R513, R514, R515, R516 and R517)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 9 October be received.

11. Suspension of Standing Orders

Cllr Keith House proposed to suspend standing orders to establish quoracy for the Personnel Committee following the Full Council meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Ian Corben. Cllrs Hadaway, Mitchell and Shepherd were happy to undertake this role.

12. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Ian Corben noted that Wildern Leisure gym extension is open.

Cllr Keith House noted that there is a One Horton Heath site visit for Councillors on Saturday 19 November at 1pm.

Cllr Keith House reported on the County Council Cabinet meeting where the 2025 savings programme was discussed.

- Household Waste Recycling Centres were not being closed.
- School Crossing Patrols will be reviewed for alternative measures.
- Homeless support was pushed back a year to March 2026.
- Public Transport bus services were still to be cut, although no impact on Hedge End.
- Grants have been reduced including Citizens Advice.
- £7.5m removed from planned highways maintenance.
- Winter Maintenance (gritting) was reduced, and
- a further reduction in overnight lighting.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:44pm.