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

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Paul Carnell Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Jim Mitchell (Chair), Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham**,** Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

   Nigel Paterson – KCC was unable to attend.

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

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

4. **To Receive a Police Report**
   PCSO Tracey Chilcott was in attendance and reported that PCSO Woodcock was back from maternity, a new PCSO has been recruited and another PCSO is assisting from the South. ASB has increased in various areas across Hedge End so patrols have been boosted in these known hot spots. This has been reported by residents and Councillors. There are local operations taking place for shoplifting and roads policing and now ASB has been prioritised. A beat surgery took place at St Luke's Tesco, new barriers have been installed by EBC to assist in managing the problem. The Police have been engaging with Wildern to see if they can provide assistance and identify some of the young people involved. There is a desire to hold a multi-agency meeting including housing. There are some road operations covering drink driving, vehicle modifications, speeding and nuisance.

   Cllr Ian Corben thanked Tracey for being responsive and responding to resident's concerns. Cllrs discussed the incidents that had led to this increased response and the impact this has on the victims.

   Cllr Craig asked when the multi-agency meeting would be held. PCSO Chilcott couldn't confirm at this time as there are other meetings taking place in advance.

   Cllr Kyrle noted that whilst we do live in a low-level crime area this has been building up for a period and it needs dealing with before it escalates.

   Cllr Jupe asked how people are dealt with. Cllrs discussed the process it has to go through with obtaining evidence and dealing with this through the CPS, however there are other interventions such as community resolutions.

   Cllr Ian Corben noted that the PCC had replied to the previous incident reported by Nigel Paterson which was circulated to Cllrs.

5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16 October 2024.

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

6. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Jim Mitchell reported that it was a great privilege to represent the Council at the Remembrance Parade and it was very moving. He was taken aback by the sheer volume of the event. Cllr Mitchell thanked Cllr Shepherd for his support. Cllr Mitchell noted the Christmas Lights Switch on tomorrow.

7. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

(a) Highways & Planning Committee – 2 October 2024 and 16 October 2024
(Minute H747, H748 and H752)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 2 October and 16 October be received.

(b) Policy & Resources Committee – 5 November 2024
(Minute P1364, P1365, P1366, P1367, P1368, P1369, P1370, P1373 and P1374)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 5 November be received.

(c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 13 November 2024.
(Minute R521, R522i, ii and R523)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 13 November be received.

8. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Ian Corben noted that there was a HEWEB meeting on the 11 November. The meeting approved a new bin on Old Shamblehurst Lane, metal barriers were installed at Barfoot Close. Cllr Kyrle reported another panel on the bus shelter at Kings Copse Avenue shot out by a BB gun. These are all costs incurred by the council as a result of ASB. It was noted that this was a small minority of people causing issues in the community.

Cllr House reported the Bubb Lane to HE Station cycle way will be starting soon. It was confirmed that the Town Councils request to join this to the existing paths through the estate have been approved and will be installed as part of the works.

It is likely that the development at Phase 2 Hedge End Way will start early in 2025. The site visit to One Horton Heath recently was a missed opportunity for anyone that didn't get to attend and should it arise again it's a worthwhile visit. Houses will be available for reservation soon.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:29pm.