HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19 MARCH 2025

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols (Chair), Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd

In attendance:

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Jane Welsh

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 with Sgt Ralph Akehurst. Sgt Ralph has previously served at Hedge End on another team. Tracey had received some emails from Cllrs about problems in St Luke's and Dowds Farm. Two youths were detained after an assault. Two arrests were made in connection to drugs. There were also public order incidents with shoplifting and youth nuisance. The police are continuing with their interventions having identified the individuals. The problems in the village were a separate group of youths and four have been identified and are being dealt with.

   Cllr Helen Corben asked if the young people are taken back to parents. Tracey confirmed that this does happen, and parents are spoken to. Other agencies are also notified.

   Cllr Rupert Kyrle asked if there were any obvious indicators of why this is happening around St Luke's. Tracey felt that this was an easy opportunity with lots of exit routes.

   Cllr Keith House joined the meeting.

   Cllr Paul Carnell asked what support you get from the parents. Tracey reported that there was a mixed response with some parents showing concern and others not as bothered.

   Cllr Derek Pretty asked if it was possible to have some police patrols in the Dowds Farm area.

   There was a beat surgery at the library today where other issues were identified including youths hanging out near Dowds pond and the youth shelter.

   Tracey is doing a a series of talks on scams and crime prevention. The

Clerk offered to share this with the local groups.

Sgt Akehurst noted that shoplifted has become a district priority so more action will be taken.

Cllr Ron Nichols thanked the Sgt and PCSO for attending.

5. To receive the Speedwatch results

Cllr Rupert Kyrle asked if the data could be shared with Botley Parish. The Clerk offered to go back to the speedwatch co-ordinator with the contact details.

6. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19 February 2025.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7. Correspondence

Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling project Consultation.

8. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Ron Nichols as Vice Chair had no updates to give.

9. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

(a) Highways & Planning Committee – 5 February 2025 and 19 February 2025
(Minute H777, H778 and H782)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 5 February and 19 February be received.

(b) Policy & Resources Committee – 4 March 2025
(Minute P1404, P1405, P1410 and P1411)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 4 March be received.

(c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 12 March 2025
(Minute R541 and R542)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 12 March be received.

10. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Derek Pretty reported on the HEWEB meeting where Thorney Down Farm variation to conditions was considered. Traffic Regulations Orders were discussed for Itchen Valley and Hedge End Station. The footpath from Bubb Lane to the train station is being upgraded.

Cllr Rupert Kyrle reported that the County Council has signed off the funding for the remaining phase of the bypass. The southern gateway to the Maypole Roundabout will be the last phase.

Cllr Keith House reported that HEWEB had granted £47,700 for improvements to the footpaths through Wildern Local Nature Reserve.

Cllr Keith House reported that the County have their meeting tomorrow to agree the Local Government Reorganisation proposal.

Cllr Helen Corben asked if the Hedge End station was on the proposal to be re-opened. The Clerk offered to try and find an answer.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20.26pm.