HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17 SEPTEMBER 2025

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

In attendance: 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Derek Pretty

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

A member of the public raised a query regarding CCTV, noting that the July meeting had discussed the potential installation of CCTV at the skatepark, but was subsequently followed by an announcement that CCTV was being removed from the village.

Cllr Leigh Hadaway clarified that the skatepark proposal had been referred to the Recreation & Amenities Committee for a feasibility review, pending the receipt of further reports from the police.

Cllr Ian Corben provided background on the village CCTV system, which was originally funded by Eastleigh Borough Council. Four fixed cameras are currently in place in Hedge End; however, the system is now outdated, and funding is being sought for its replacement. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has offered a contribution towards costs, and consideration is being given to a mobile CCTV solution that could be deployed at identified hotspots.

A member of the public reported that an overgrown hedge was obstructing the pathway at the corner of Foord Road and Bursledon Road. Cllr Tonia Craig confirmed that they would raise the matter with the relevant officers.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding traffic on Bursledon Road, noting they had received an email from Hampshire County Council (HCC) advising that the matter was the responsibility of Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC). Councillors reiterated that highways matters fall under the responsibility of the Highways Authority and therefore are most definitely within the remit of HCC. The resident was asked to forward a copy of the email to Cllr Tonia Craig for clarification.

A discussion took place regarding the 7.5-tonne weight restriction on Bursledon Road. Residents were encouraged to seek clarification from Hampshire County Council (HCC) on whether a weight limit is currently in place for the specific section of the road.

3. Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

4. To Receive a Police Report

PC Amanda Turner and PCSO Tracey Chilcott were in attendance. PC Turner reported on the introduction of a new system, which will use data for Hedge End North at all meetings. Figures will then be disaggregated for each parish as required.

Vehicle-related crime has been identified as a priority, and a bid has been submitted to run Operation Tranquillity, which would provide additional resources to address this issue.

Councillors noted that police have been carrying out speed enforcement locally. PC Turner confirmed that speed gun training has been arranged for the Hedge End team.

Councillors also provided an update on the new link road from Chalcroft Roundabout to Allington Lane.

In response to concerns regarding speeding on Bursledon Road, PC Turner reported that Speedwatch had monitored 172 vehicles, of which only 12 were recorded exceeding the speed limit. It was acknowledged that Speedwatch monitoring is limited to specific times of operation.

5. To receive the Speedwatch results

Cllr Ian Corben noted the disappointing results for Maunsell Way where it was 24 out of 141 vehicles were speeding which was significantly more than other areas.

6. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16 July 2025.

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

7. To appoint to Committee vacancies.

Cllr James Paine requested to join Policy & Resources Committee and Recreation and Amenities Committee. The appointments were proposed by Cllr Keith House and seconded by Cllr Ian Corben. **RESOLVED: That Cllr James Paine is appointed to both Committees until the next AGM in 2026.**

8. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Ron Nichols noted that he has had a very good month opening two play parks and attending a Botley Bypass site visit. Questions were asked about when the section between pavilion road and maypole roundabout. Cllr Kyrle confirmed that the southern gateway section are still proceeding.

The Chair reminded councillors about the Christmas Light Switch On taking place on the 20 November and the Remembrance Parade on the 9 November.

9. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

(a) Highways & Planning Committee – 2 July 2025 and 16 July 2025 (Minute H823, H824 and H828)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 2 July and 16 July be received.

(b) Policy & Resources Committee – 2 September 2025 (Minute P1462, P1463, P1464, P1465 and P1468)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 2 September be received.

(c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 10 September 2025 (Minute R568ii, R571i,ii and R572)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 10 September be received.

10. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Ian Corben reported that The Avenue has now opened at One Horton Heath linking Chalcroft Way and Allington Lane.

Cllr Keith House spoke about Local Government reorganisation which will be discussed at Cabinet and Full Council on 25 September 2025 for submission to Government on the 26 September 2025.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:23pm.