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

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

In attendance: Three members of the public.

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

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

   None were raised.

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

4. **To Receive a Police Report**
   PCSO Tracey Chilcott attended the meeting alongside PCSO Michaela Price, who covers Hedge End South. PCSO Chilcott provided an update on Operation Tranquillity, noting that it is progressing well and that the number of complaints has decreased, possibly due to recent weather conditions.

   A beat surgery was recently held at Hedge End Library, during which concerns were raised about large vehicles using Bursledon Road and a request was made for additional 30mph speed repeater signs. Cllr Kyrle advised that the highways authority does not install these signs where pavements are present.

   PCSO Chilcott reported that retail operations are planned for December to address shoplifting. There are currently no significant crime trends in Hedge End, although some incidents have been reported in West End and Boorley Green. She invited suggestions for potential future beat surgery locations.

   Cllr Craig informed the meeting that a public event regarding Operation Tranquillity will be held in Hound on Saturday, 17 January 2026, at Abbey Hall, and noted that police attendance would be welcomed.

   PCSO Chilcott also confirmed that The Avenue, between Bubb Lane and Allington Lane, has been added to the patrol plan.

   Cllr Ian Corben highlighted that this aligns with the Community Speedwatch findings, which show that speeding on Maunsell Way is noticeably worse in the evenings compared to daytime.

   PCSO Chilcott further reported that no new issues have been identified at

the Skatepark. Several young people are currently subject to behaviour orders and are excluded from Woodhouse Lane.

Finally, she provided an update on the ongoing knife-crime initiative. While knife crime remains low in the area, the initiative serves as an important opportunity to raise awareness.

5. To receive the Speedwatch results

Cllrs noted the results. The what3words location for Turnpike Way is incorrect.

6. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 October 2025.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7. To agree to advertise the Berry Ward vacancy for co-option

Cllrs agreed to advertise the vacancy.

8. Support to Hound Parish Council

Cllr Keith House, as Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported that Hound Parish Council experienced a significant staffing issue a few weeks ago. As a result, Hedge End Town Council was approached to request interim support from the Clerk. This was approved at the Personnel Committee meeting on 1 October, with the understanding that Hound Parish Council would reimburse Hedge End for the Clerk's time. The Clerk has undertaken additional hours to ensure the continued smooth operation of both councils, and the Council expressed its thanks for this commitment.

Cllr House also declared a non-pecuniary interest, noting that he has been co-opted onto Hound Parish Council to assist during a period of reduced council membership.

Cllr Tonia Craig declared an interest in her capacity as a councillor for Hound Parish Council.

Cllr Craig additionally expressed her thanks to the wider office team for their support in enabling these arrangements to function effectively.

9. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Leigh Hadaway reported that Cllr Ron Nichols laid a wreath on behalf of the Council at the Remembrance Sunday service. Cllr Ian Corben noted that the Remembrance Parade proceeded smoothly and reflected excellent organisation, expressing thanks to the team responsible for coordinating the

event.

Cllr Hadaway also informed the meeting that he will be switching on the Christmas lights the following day, together with the Mayor of Eastleigh and the cast of Dick Whittington.

10. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

(a) Highways & Planning Committee – 1 October 2025 and 15 October 2025
(Minute H843, H844 and H848)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 1 October and 15 October be received.

(b) Policy & Resources Committee – 4 November 2025
(Minute P1480, P1481, P1482 and P1483)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 4 November be received.

(c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 12 November 2025
(Minute R577, R578 and R579)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 12 November be received.

11. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Ian Corben reported that The Avenue is now fully operational. He also noted that the next HEWEB meeting is scheduled for 15 December 2025.

Cllr Leigh Hadaway advised that the HEWEB Youth Community Grant Scheme will open on 24 November.

Cllr Keith House provided an update on discussions regarding the schools planned for One Horton Heath, noting that the proposed opening date is 2028.

He further reported that the Government has today launched a formal consultation on Local Government Reorganisation, with a decision expected in the new year. https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-hampshire-isle-of-wight-portsmouth-and-southampton

Cllr Tonia Craig informed the meeting that a County Council meeting is scheduled for 27 November 2025.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:04pm.