HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15 OCTOBER 2025

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols (Chair), Cllr Jim Paine, Cllr John Shepherd

In attendance: Nigel Paterson, Kings Community Church, 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Keith House**,** Cllr Derek Pretty

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

   Nigel asked for an update on the LGR process and given the general drift in the news are there opportunities to take on other responsibilities.

   Cllr Ian Corben noted that EBC Full Council met on the 25 September, which agreed to propose to government that Eastleigh merge with Southampton and parts of the New Forest, with some additional wards from Test Valley. The Government will select their preferred options are and then will consult on these options with a decision early next year. The Chief Executives are working together to provide the best for the place that will form the Unitary.

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

4. **To Receive a Police Report**
   PC Amanda Turner was in attendance. She reported that Public Order figures and incidents of Criminal Damage have both decreased. However, incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) saw a slight increase over the summer holiday period.

   During a recent Community Speedwatch operation, 578 vehicles were monitored on St John's Road, with 28 recorded as exceeding the speed limit. Officers have now received speed gun training, and vehicle operations continue to be conducted regularly. The bid for Operation Tranquillity was successful, which will allow additional road units to support ongoing vehicle operations.

   Cllr Ian Corben thanked PC Turner for attending the meeting on her day off. He also noted that during one monitoring period on Maunsell Way, 24 out of 176 vehicles were recorded as speeding. Cllr Corben expressed his appreciation to the officers conducting speed enforcement in the area.

   Cllr Corben further requested that a police presence be considered at Dowd's Farm during Halloween, considering the incidents that occurred there last year.

5. To receive the Speedwatch results

Cllrs noted the results.

6. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17 September 2025.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Ron Nichols noted that there have been several incidents of unenforced parking restrictions and the absence of a traffic enforcement officer.

Cllrs asked the Clerk to write to HCC to enquire about how regularly the Traffic Enforcement Officers are attending Hedge End, the letter to be copied to Cllrs Craig and Kyrle.

8. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

(a) Highways & Planning Committee – 3 September 2025 and 17 September 2025
(Minute H834, H835 and H839)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 3 September and 17 September be received.

(b) Policy & Resources Committee – 7 October 2025
(Minute P1472, P1473 and P1476)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 7 October be received.

9. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Leigh Hadaway reported that the Community Grant Scheme is open until the 31 October. The Youth Grant scheme opens on the 24 November until the 6 January.

Cllr Ian Corben noted that the next HEWEB meeting is the 15 December.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 19:56pm.