HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18 FEBRUARY 2026

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

In Attendance: Nigel Paterson, Kings Community Church

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Helen Corben**,** Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Keith House**,** Cllr Cliff Morris**,** Cllr James Paine, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd

2. **Public Questions not on the Agenda**
   There were no public questions.

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

4. **To Receive a Police Report**
   PCSO Tracey Chilcott was not in attendance.

5. **To receive the Speedwatch results**
   Councillors noted that the SID data is of limited usefulness, as the summary figures are averages and do not show excessive speeds, thereby providing a potentially misleading representation of actual issues. It was also noted that the SID only records vehicles travelling in excess of 27 mph.

   Cllr Corben reported an increased police presence on Maunsell Way, with officers conducting speed enforcement checks.

6. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21 January 2026.**

   RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January be confirmed.

7. **Chair's Remarks**
   Councillor Ron Nichols reported the increasing number of potholes in the area, several of these have been marked but have not been repaired.

8. **Resolved Items for NOTING Only:**
   (a) Highways & Planning Committee – 7 January and 21 January 2026 (Minute H868, H869 and H872)
   That the Minutes of the meeting of the 7 January and 21 January be received.
   (b) Policy & Resources Committee – 3 February 2026

(Minute P1516 and P1517)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 3 February be received.

(c) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 11 February 2026
(Minute R597ii, R598, R599, R600, R601, R605 and R606)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 11 February be received.

9. Borough and County Reports

Cllr Corben reported on the HEWEB meeting held in January, at which the Kings Copse development was approved. Potholes and flooding continue to be in the area with residents raising issues with Eastleigh Borough Councillors, which are being escalated to Hampshire County Council (HCC) for action. Council tax is scheduled for approval next week and is expected to be set at approximately 1% below the rate of inflation.

Cllr Hadaway reported on the significant flooding on Tollbar Way, which regrettably resulted in flooding to several residential properties. The matter has been escalated to Hampshire County Council (HCC).

Cllr Kyrle reported that from a County Councillor perspective the current concern is the condition of local roads, particularly potholes. While the County Council is working to address these issues, limited resources are impacting the completion of repairs.

Tollbar Way was highlighted as requiring particular attention, as flooding in this area is becoming increasingly frequent.

Additionally, the traffic management arrangements at Maypole Roundabout were raised as a matter of significant concern, particularly regarding the closure of such a key transport route and the resulting disruption.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 19:53pm.