

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD 20 JANUARY 2016**

**Cllrs. Present:** Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. Ian Corben, Cllr. Jerry Hall, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Keith House, Cllr. Georgina Jenks, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. James Mitchell, Cllr. Emma Norman (Chair), Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Bruce Tennent, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Chris Yates

- 1. Public Questions not on the Agenda**  
None recorded.
- 2. Apologies**  
Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Derek Pretty
- 3. Declarations of Interest**  
None recorded.
- 4. To Receive a Police Report**  
No police report received.
- 5. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

***RESOLVED***

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

- 6. Chair's Remarks**  
The Chair advised that she has been invited by the British Army to an evening reception at the Grand Harbour Hotel, Southampton to gain a deeper understanding of the functions of the British Army. She updated members and those present that she is working on creating dementia friendly communities in Botley and West End. In addition, she is negotiating with colleagues in establishing a dementia café.
- 7. Resolved Items for Noting Only:**
  - a) Highways & Planning Committee – 16 December 2015**  
***(Minute H56)***  
**That the Minutes of the Meeting of 16 December 2015 be received.**
  - b) Finance & Administration Committee – 5 January 2016**  
***(Minute F689)***  
**That the Minutes of the Meeting of 5 January 2016 be received.**

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- c) **Highways & Planning Committee – 6 January 2016**  
*(Minute H61)*  
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 6 January 2016 be received.
  
- d) **Recreation & Amenities Committee – 13 January 2016**  
*(Minute R45, R46)*  
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 13 January 2016 be received.

**8. Matters for Resolution**

**Finance & Administration Committee – 5 January 2016**  
*(Minute F690)*

**To consider a budget for the Town Council 2016/2017**

The Chairman advised members this was a recommendation made by the finance and administration committee meeting to approve the draft budget of the Town Council. At this committee meeting, members recommended a 1% increase in the Council Tax and this is calculated as being  $87.66 + 1\% = 88.54$ . Therefore, the Precept requirement is £650,801.76, with a support grant of £39,297.59 = £690,099.35.

It was RESOLVED to approve the budget and precept requirement for the Town Council for 2016/2017 of £690,099.35.

**9. To discuss and consider the Borough Electoral Review**

Cllr. Keith House advised members on the proposal from Eastleigh Borough Council for Hedge End to be represented at the Borough Council through two three-councillor wards, namely Hedge End North and Hedge End South, by taking the northern polling district (HE) of the Hedge End Wildern Ward and combining it with Hedge End Grange Park Ward to form Hedge End North and by taking the southern polling district (HD) of the Hedge End Wildern Ward and combining it with the Hedge End St Johns Ward to form Hedge End South. Members supported the Borough Council proposal for two two-councillor wards for the whole of the West End Parish Council area and one two-councillor ward for the whole of Botley Parish Council's area.

Members agreed with this rationale and that the Town Clerk formally respond to the Boundary Commission on the position as stated.

**10. Borough and County Council Reports**

Cllr. Keith House updated those present on Eastleigh Borough Council matters. He reported that the Borough Council has been the electoral review and focusing on proposed polling district boundaries. He advised that it is currently budget time where local authorities are examining their budgets and setting their 2016/2017 budgets. The

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Local Plan is also currently being discussed and a number of local plan exhibitions are being held.

Cllr. Jane Welsh advised that at the last HEWEB Local Area Committee meeting, two planning applications on reserved matters were discussed. Street Parking measures were considered for recommendation and agreement except for those related to Church Lane as these were deferred. Local projects were also discussed for recommendations and approval including community grants and all were approved.

Cllr. Bruce Tennent reported that Southern Water intends to insert a large pipe between Haskins and Wide Lane. Works will be undertaken in sections to minimise disruption as far as possible.

He reported that Section 268 has been negotiated for the Moorgreen Hospital application. It will include, among many objectives, widening of the Botley Road cycleway, bus stop improvements and information in real-time and accessibility improvements. There will be a special meeting held on 9 February to examine the recent unexplained deaths of special needs children. There is currently a school governor vacancy at Berrywood school and if anyone is interested, they should contact Cllr. Bruce Tennent.

He advised that the construction of the new school at Fair Oak & Horton Heath has been delayed and it is likely to commence in 2019 as there is a shortfall of the money required.

He concluded his report that by advising that it is budget season at Hampshire County Council and it appears that there will be 37% cuts in budgets across the board. It is likely that Hampshire County Council will increase its precept to the maximum permitted before triggering a referendum call, which is 1.99%.

There being no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 20.05 hours.