

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 17 FEBRUARY 2016**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Paul Carnell (Acting Chair), Cllr. Stephen Carr, Cllr. Ian. Corben, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Jerry Hall, Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Georgina Jenks, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Bruce Tennent, Cllr. Jane Welsh, Cllr. Chris Yates

1. To Receive a Declaration of Acceptance of Office for the successful candidate for the Freegrounds Ward

A declaration of acceptance of office was signed by Cllr. Margaret Allingham as the successful candidate for the Freegrounds Ward as a result of the election held on 11 February 2016.

2. Public Questions not on the Agenda

Keith Day sought an explanation regarding an article in the latest edition of Standpoint relating to the expansion of countryside sites. Cllr. Bruce Tennent believed this related to accessibility and development at the Itchen Valley Country Park and proceeded to give a brief summary.

3. Apologies

Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Keith House, Cllr. Emma Norman, Cllr. Kevin Paddick, Cllr. Derek Pretty

4. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

5. To Receive a Police Report

PS Mark O'Hanlon provided an update to recent police activities. He stated there were 127 front-line staff operating from the Hedge End office covering a wide area. It transpires there are less severe cuts from the police than originally anticipated and that the work undertaken by the police has changed fundamentally. There appears to be a step-change in policy with a focus on vulnerable people. There has been an increase in PCSOs generally across the sector. PS Peter Lea is taking over from Friday 19 February 2016 to include the Hedge End sector. The issue of car parking in St Johns Road was raised and PS O'Hanlon explained that cars parked in close proximity to a junction is not an offence, provided that they are not parked on enforcement lines.

6. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held Wednesday 20th January 2016

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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7. Chair's Remarks

The Acting Chair made no comment. The Town Clerk reminded members of the Race Night taking place on 26 February 2016 in aid of the Mayor's Appeal for her selected charities. Cllr. Jane Welsh provided an explanation of her chosen charities.

8. Resolved Items for Noting Only:

- a) **Highways & Planning Committee – 20 January 2016**
(Minute H66)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 20 January 2016 be received.

- b) **Finance & Administration Committee – 2 February 2016**
(Minute F696)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 2 February 2016 be received.

- c) **Highways & Planning Committee – 3 February 2016**
(Minute H71)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 3 February 2016 be received.

- d) **Community & Culture Committee – 9 February 2016**
(Minute CC872, CC874)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 9 February 2016 be received.

- e) **Recreation & Amenities Committee – 10 February 2016**
(Minute R51, R53)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 10 February 2016 be received.

9. Borough and County Council Reports

Cllr. Jerry Hall advised that there is to be a meeting on the Boorley Green Development with the purpose of finalising a few outstanding matters. He advised that the Fleming Park development has been delayed as the developers and accountants have requested such a delay. He advised that the yellow lines in Church Lane have not been agreed and still being evaluated.

Cllr. Jane Welsh confirmed that the matter of yellow lines in Church Lane has been deferred from the last HEWEB Local Area Committee. She stated she has discussed this matter in detail with residents and understood the arguments being put forward. She believed that yellow lines would still result in churning of the grass verges, which must be avoided. She felt that bollards would be the solution and that a site visit

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is needed with the Local Area Co-ordinator and Stephen Bradbury (Hampshire County Council Highways). She referred to the extension to the pavilion in the park.

Cllr. Bruce Tennent reported that the budget briefing meeting is shortly to be held for Hampshire County Council. It is likely that Hampshire County Council will increase its element of Council Tax by 3.99%. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has stated that he will be removing the Revenue Support grant to local councils by 2020. He referred to an NHS scrutiny meeting held on 9 February regarding the tragic death of Connor Sparrowhawk and the apparent failings of the Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust. Cllr. Bruce Tennent concluded his report stating that he had recently attended a Health & Adult Care Select Committee meeting where he was concerned at the lack of transparency,

There being no further business to transact, the Acting Chair closed the meeting at 20.35 hours.