

**HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD 21 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Paul Carnell (Chair), Cllr. Stephen Carr, Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. Jerry Hall (until 19.50 hours), Cllr. Val Houghton, Cllr. Keith House, Cllr. Georgina Jenks, Cllr. James Mitchell, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya, Cllr. Bruce Tennent, Cllr. Jane Welsh

1. Public Questions not on the Agenda

Nigel Pattison commented that his report given in July did not feature in detail in the Minutes for that particular meeting. This was noted.

A member of the public enquired as to the latest position of the Budgens site and felt that as a public amenity for car parking, it should remain open for the time being. Cllr. Keith House advised that the landowner is not prepared to open the car park and that Eastleigh Borough Council wants to see retail retained on the ground floor.

2. Apologies

Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Ian Corben, Cllr. John Jupe. Cllr. Emma Norman, Cllr. Kevin Paddick, Cllr. Derek Pretty

3. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

4. To Receive a Police Report

None recorded.

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

RESOLVED

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

6. Chair's Remarks

The Chair advised that he recently attended a special event at Wildern School to wish pupils all the best for carrying the 2012 Olympic flame to Germany covering 970 kilometres. The celebrations were also part of the fact that Eastleigh is twinned with Kornwestheim. He advised that he recently attended a devolution workshop meeting called by Hampshire County Council in Chandler's Ford together with the Town Clerk as part of a consultation process. He advised that the DCLG has just issued a consultation paper on the 2017/2018 Local Government Finance Settlement, which refers to the concept of capping precepts for parish and town councils. The Town Clerk advised members that he has received the Annual Return from BDO (External Auditors) and they have returned an unqualified opinion on the accounts for 2015/2016.

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Finally, the new electoral arrangements for Eastleigh Borough Council have just been published by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

7. Resolved Items for Noting Only:

- a) **Highways & Planning Committee – 20 July 2016**
(Minute H18)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 20 July 2016 be received.

- b) **Finance & Administration Committee – 6 September 2016**
(Minute F725)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 6 September 2016 be received.

- c) **Highways & Planning Committee – 7 September 2016**
(Minute H22)
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 7 September 2016 be received.

- d) **Community & Culture Committee – 13 September 2016**
(Minute CC904(i), CC904(ii))
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 13 September 2016 be received.

- e) **Recreation & Amenities Committee – 14 September 2016**
(Minute R18, R19(i), R19(iv))
That the Minutes of the Meeting of 14 September 2016 be received.

8. Borough and County Council Reports

Cllr. Margaret Allingham reported that at the last HEWEB Local Area Committee, the Chairman gave a brief report on recent activities as did the Local Area Manager, Julia Birt.

Cllr. Cynthia Garton reported that at the same HEWEB Local Area Committee meeting, Borough Councillors agreed monies for the new children's playground in Greta Park, improvements to footpaths in Grange Park and works on the roof of the Wildern Leisure Centre swimming pool.

Cllr. Keith House advised that Eastleigh Borough Council has approved funding for new platform shelters at Hedge End station. The case hearing on the land immediately opposite the Ageas Bowl has been reopened. He referred to the consultation paper on the proposals for capping parish and town council precepts at a suggested 2% or £5.00 per annum. He advised members that Eastleigh Borough Council's

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position on devolution is to support the proposal for a Combined Authority as part of a Solent Combined Authority. He summarised the various electoral arrangements as part of the final recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission as it applies to Eastleigh both Borough and Parliamentary. He concluded his report stating that on 27 September 2016, Eastleigh Borough Council Cabinet will be agreeing the timetable for the Local Plan for public consultation and a statement is aimed to be published at Christmas.

Cllr. Bruce Tennent reported that he has recently attended a number of onerous committees dealing with serious matters impacting on pensions. It appears likely that employer contributions towards pensions will need to increase beyond the target threshold set at 3.99% until 2020. He provided an update to Bradbeers roundabout works following an enquiry he has made. The works taking place on Bradbeers roundabout are remedial works being carried out by Bradbeers Contractor. A concrete fillet has been installed on the outside edge behind the kerb line as vehicles have been overrunning the edge causing damage to the roundabout. High friction banding is also to be carried out on the existing surface in October for one night. It is claimed that there is no impact to traffic flows as works are currently on hold. It is anticipated one further night of work for the overbanding is scheduled but this is weather dependant.

He advised members that he has been working with a West End Pre-School with a potential to award them a grant as part of his County Councillor £8,000 grant funds and is consequently learning more about early year's education especially with regard to special educational needs.

There being no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 20.03 hours.