MINUTES OF THE 127TH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD

17 MARCH 2022

Councillors Present: Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr John Jupe (Chair), Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty

In attendance:
Brett Athow – Operations Manager
Carolyn Badman – Office Manager
Members of the public

PM15 Apologies: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Dave Kinloch

PM16 Retiring Town Council Chairman's Report
Cllr John Jupe welcomed the Worshipful Mayor of Eastleigh, Cllr Cynthia Garton and everyone to the meeting and explained the housekeeping rules. It's been an honour to serve the council for the past year. Its been an honour and privilege to serve the community this last year as Chair of Council and I've thoroughly enjoyed it and hadn't appreciated what went on behind the scenes. All the councillors have been very supportive throughout my term and I am sure the Vice Chair Cliff Morris will enjoy this support in the forthcoming year. The Christmas Lights Switch on was a memorable event with a splendid turnout. Although sombre the Remembrance Parade was supported by lots of residents and Paul Holmes the MP.

We are very fortunate in Hedge End to have so much here as I visited Tadic and King Community Church. I would also like to take this opportunity to mention the Queens Jubilee celebrations which are being advertised.

PM17 Town Council Financial Report
Cllr Derek Pretty, Chair of Policy & Resources Committee. Every year the Audited Accounts as presented to you at the Annual Parish Meeting. They represent the financial activities of Hedge End Town Council during the fiscal year ending 31st March 2021.

They show the income and expenditure of the Council and have been subject to scrutiny by our own accountant and auditor, and then presented to independent external auditors for final approval and comment. Approval was received and the certified accounts subsequently presented to, and approved, by Full Council.

They represent the financial activities of this Council throughout the year 2020/2021. They are prepared by the Town Clerk who is the Responsible Financial Officer. These accounts are available on the Hedge End Town Council website.

As well as being online there are paper copies available tonight of the accounts of from 2020/21. It was a difficult year with Covid, all the staff remained working, and thanks go to the ground staff for keeping the green spaces open. For most of the year all of the community buildings were closed with no income coming in. The office remained open helping with general public enquiries and keeping the services going. The support of Eastleigh Borough Council gave in giving a proportion of their

grant to the Towns & Parishes that otherwise wouldn't have had any was undoubtedly invaluable. Having said that we managed everything we were able to do and entered 2021/22 with a sound financial base. Thanks should go to the Clerk and Staff for all the work they did during this time.

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PM18 HEWEB Local Area Committee Chairs 2019/20 Report

Cllr Cynthia Garton in her fourth year as Chair of the Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) Local Area Committee (LAC) remarked that last year she started the annual review making reference to the covid pandemic, little realising that a year later we would still be experiencing the impact of the pandemic. She noted that she remained impressed by, and grateful to all the local people and the NHS who continue to support our communities and vulnerable people. Whilst the pandemic has presented challenges much has been achieved which is shared below:

Itchen Valley Country Park

The introduction of the first elements of Memorial Walk is valued by many. Exciting improvements are proposed following approval of £3.3m funding for play equipment, trails and enhanced parking. The Park's staff deliver a wide range of events and as Mayor Cllr Garton is delighted that the park will be hosting a 'Wellies and Walkies' for the Mayors chosen charity Mountbatten.

Woodhouse Lane

Cllr Garton had the pleasure of officially opening Deer Park School and reported that work is progressing on the sports facilities at Berrywood Fields. The space will benefit local community clubs and provide Hedge End Rangers a place to call home. Botley Bypass is anticipated to be completed later in 2022

Shamblehurst Lane Crossing

As a priority for HEWEB Cllr Garton is pleased this project has now been completed, increasing safety for local residents.

Hatch Farm
A contract has been awarded to deliver a wheeled sports area. The final design consultation took place on 9 March.

Boorley Park
Cllr Garton was pleased to open the multi use games area and the play area in July. The snagging issues on the buildings have been resolved and the legal transfer for the buildings and sports pitches will conclude shortly.

Public Arts Projects
A number of the public arts projects were delayed due to covid however, the new gates at the Berry Theatre entrance have recently been completed.

Community Project Funding & Grants
Being Mayor this year has given Cllr Garton the opportunity to attend lots of places across the Borough that provide support for communities and residents and HEWEB has awarded over £10k in the area.

Councillors are frequently contacted by residents as regards parking issues. Through Committee sites are prioritised for traffic regulation orders which typically comprise of double yellow line. A traffic study around Wildern School was also commissioned.

Many of the projects have been achieved in partnership with the Town & Parish Councils in the area and for this the committee are thankful.

The Committee has continued to engage with the CCG and have been tireless in the delivery of the Covid-19 vaccination programme which we thank them for.

The Multi Agency Flood Resilience Group was started in Hedge End in 2020 and has expanded to include other areas of the borough.

Regular meetings are being held with CI Marcus Cator, the HE Neighbourhood policing team Sgt Jackson is leaving the team in April and thanks were given to him. The Committee look forward to continuing this work with Sgt Sally Ferris when she arrives.

Thanks, were also extended to the Local Area Manager, Kitty Budden and the Assistant Local Area Manager Siobhan Stand for the support they give to the committee.

Cllr Garton ended her report on commenting on the tragedy we are witnessing in Ukraine and as Council's, Committees and individuals we hold them in our thoughts. Cllr Garton wished everyone peace, good health and happiness for the coming year.

PM19 Reports from Local Organisations
There were no organisations in attendance.

PM20 Presentations of 'Serving the Community' Awards by the Mayor of Eastleigh
Cllr Cynthia Garton read the citation for the winning nominee outlining their achievements and the reasons for the nominations of the award. The winner of the award Alice Bound was earlier presented with a certificate, a gift card and chocolates.

PM21 Public Questions
None recorded.

Cllr John Jupe bought the meeting to a close and thanked everyone for attending.

There being no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 19.34 hours.