HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 27 MAY 2025

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr Jim Mitchell (Retiring Chair), Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd

Councillor James Mitchell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

In Attendance:

1. Election of Chair

The Retiring Chair sought nominations for the Chair of the Town Council. Cllr Ron Nichols was proposed by Cllr Ian Corben seconded by Cllr Paul Carnell and unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Ron Nichols as Chair of the Town Council for the Municipal Year 2025/2026. Motion Carried.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Ron Nichols be elected as Chair of the Hedge End Town Council for the Municipal Year 2025/2026.

After the formal inauguration process, Cllr Nichols signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chair and thanked all present and gave an acceptance speech.

2. Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr Leigh Hadaway was proposed by Cllr Ian Corben seconded by Cllr Paul Carnell and unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Leigh Hadaway as Vice-Chair of the Town Council for the Municipal Year 2025/2026. Motion Carried.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Leigh Hadaway be elected as Vice-Chair of the Town Council for the Municipal Year 2025/2026.

3. Apologies: Cllr Maggie Allingham**,** Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd

4. Public Questions not on the Agenda

5. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

6. To appoint and elect Committees as appropriate and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to hold office until the Annual General Meeting of May 2026

a. Recreation and Amenities Committee

Chair: Cllr Leigh Hadaway Vice-Chair: Cllr Maggie Allingham

Membership:

Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr David Kinloch, Cllr Derek Pretty

b. Policy & Resources Committee

Chair: Cllr Derek Pretty Vice-Chair: Cllr Cliff Morris

Membership:

Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty,

c. Highways and Planning Committee

Chair: Cllr Paul Carnell Vice-Chair: Cllr John Jupe

Membership:

Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Lucy Jurd, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd.

e. Personnel Sub-Committee of Policy & Resources Committee

Chair: Cllr Keith House Vice-Chair: Cllr Cynthia Garton

Membership:

Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Derek Pretty

f. Strategy Committee

Chair: Cllr Keith House Vice-Chair: Cllr Ron Nichols

Membership

All Councillors.

Councillors noted the outstanding service that Jane Welsh had given to the Council Committees.

RESOLVED: That the committees be elected as stated to hold office until the Annual General Meeting of May 2026 coupled with the appointment of representatives to outside bodies.

7. Appointment of representatives to outside bodies

a. Utilita Bowl Liaison Committee

Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr David Kinloch

b. Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Helen Corben and Town Clerk / Deputy Town Clerk

c. HEWEB Youth Partnership

Cllr Lucy Jurd

Cllr Cynthia Garton noted that HEWEB Youth Partnership had not met and confirmation has since been received confirming it no longer exists.

d. EDALC (Eastleigh District Association of Local Councils)
Cllr Cliff Morris

e. Wildern Community Management Committee
Cllr Cynthia Garton

f. Gazette Editorial Board
Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr John Jupe

8. To Review and Adopt Standing Orders

Councillors reviewed the standing orders adopted in December 2022 and last reviewed at Full Council in 2025. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the standing orders which will be reviewed at the next Annual Meeting of the Council or earlier as deemed necessary.**

9. To Review and Adopt Financial Regulations

Councillors reviewed the financial regulations adopted in December 2022 last reviewed at Full Council in 2025. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the financial regulations which will be reviewed at the next Annual Meeting of the Council or earlier as deemed necessary.**

10. To Review and Adopt Scheme of Delegation

Councillors reviewed the scheme of delegation adopted in December 2022 last reviewed at Full Council in 2025. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed the scheme of delegation which will be reviewed at the next Annual Meeting of the Council or earlier as deemed necessary.**

11. To Review the General Power of Competence eligibility

Councillors reviewed the eligibility criteria for the General Power of Competence first adopted on 21 December 2022, and that the Council continues to meet two criteria for eligibility (LA 2011 s8) set out in a statutory instrument known as the parish councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. **RESOLVED: Cllrs confirmed that the Council continues to meet the eligibility for continued use of the General Power of Competence.**

12. To confirm dates and times of ordinary meetings of the Town Council for the ensuing municipal year

It was agreed that regular Full Council meetings should continue to be held monthly at the usual start time, and that committee meetings should proceed as previously scheduled

RESOLVED: That ordinary Full Council meetings continue on a monthly basis and all other committee meetings to continue as previously prescribed.

There being no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 19:44 hours.