HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20 MAY 2026

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Leigh Hadaway (Chair), Cllr Keith House, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr James Paine, Cllr John Shepherd

In attendance: Nigel Paterson – Kings Community Church, a member of the public, a co-option candidate.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Rupert Kryle, Cllr Cliff Morris**,** Cllr Derek Pretty

2. **Public Questions not on the Agenda**
   There were no public questions.

   The Council held a one minutes silence in memory of Cllr Cynthia Garton

3. **Declarations of Interest**
   None were declared.

4. **To Receive a Police Report**
   PC Amanda Turner and PCSO Tracey Chilcott were unable to attend as they were conducting a beat surgery at Sainsbury's.

5. **To receive the Speedwatch results**
   Councillors requested that SID data include a precise location reference, such as a What3Words address, to provide greater clarity regarding the device location.

   Councillors reiterated that the SID data currently provides limited value, as the summary figures are based on averages and do not highlight instances of excessive speeding, potentially giving a misleading representation of the issues being experienced.

   It was requested that the signage issues be addressed. The sign on Tollbar Way northbound has slipped to ground level, while one of the signs on Tollbar Way eastbound has slipped halfway down the pole and is frequently obscured by vegetation. The second sign on Tollbar Way is also regularly obscured by vegetation.

6. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2026.**

   RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7. To consider co-option applications for Berry Ward vacancy.

One application has been received for the co-option vacancy from David Fleming. Cllrs discussed the application, acceptance of David Fleming onto the Council was proposed by Cllr Keith House and seconded by Cllr Ron Nichols with a unanimous vote. **RESOLVED: That David Fleming be co-opted into the Berry Ward until the next Town Council elections. David signed his acceptance of office enabling him to join the meeting and gave a brief overview of his interest in joining the council.**

8. Chair's Remarks

Councillor Leigh Hadaway thanked Councillor Ron Nichols for all his hard work over the past year.

Councillor Leigh Hadaway also shared a personal reflection on Cynthia, noting that despite her illness she remained professional, thoughtful, and kind. He recalled how she had continued to chair a meeting during this time while remaining positive throughout and remarked that she was an exceptional person who will be sadly missed.

9. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

(a) Highways & Planning Committee – 1 April and 15 April 2026
(Minute H893, H894 and H898)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 1 April and 15 April be received.

(b) Policy & Resources Committee – 12 May 2026
(Minute P1545, P1546, P1547 and P1551)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 12 May be received.

(C) Recreation & Amenities Committee – 13 May 2026
(Minute R616i & ii, R617, R618, R619 andR621)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 13 May be received

10. Borough and County Reports

Councillor Leigh Hadaway reported that Councillor John Shepherd had been elected Chair of the Hedge End, West End and Botley Local Area Committee. Councillor Shepherd stated that he was honoured to have been elected to the role.

Congratulations were also extended to Richard Gomer on his election as Mayor of Eastleigh Borough Council.

Councillor Ian Corben advised that the show home at One Horton Heath is now open.

Councillor Keith House noted that Hampshire County Council had not yet held its Annual Meeting and, as a result of there being no overall majority, the future structure of the authority remains uncertain.

In relation to Local Government Reorganisation, councils across each area are currently identifying representatives to serve on the shadow committee.

Eastleigh Borough Council has continued to advocate for Asset Transfer arrangements to support the development of more resilient communities.

Members were advised that the Hedge End Town Centre regeneration project is continuing to progress.

Councillor Craig updated the Council regarding a previous report from a resident on Bursledon Road concerning vibrations from the roadway affecting their property, noting that further damage has since occurred.

Councillor Craig also updated the Council regarding the water leak on Granada Road, which resulted in disruption to the gas supply and continues to impact the road. Hampshire County Council has committed to undertaking an investigation, although no timescale has yet been confirmed.

Councillors enquired about the future ownership of assets such as Manor Farm and whether these would transfer to a future unitary authority. It was noted that Hampshire County Council has previously not entered into devolution arrangements with Town and Parish Councils.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:15pm.