HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD 20 MAY 2026

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

Councillor Ron Nichols opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

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

1. Election of Chair

The Retiring Chair sought nominations for the Chair of the Town Council. Cllr Leigh Hadaway was proposed by Cllr Ian Corben seconded by Cllr Keith House and unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Leigh Hadaway as Chair of the Town Council for the Municipal Year 2026/2027. Motion Carried.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Leigh Hadaway be elected as Chair of the Hedge End Town Council for the Municipal Year 2026/2027.

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

2. Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr James Paine was proposed by Cllr Ian Corben seconded by Cllr Keith House and unanimously agreed to elect Cllr James Paine as Vice-Chair of the Town Council for the Municipal Year 2026/2027. Motion Carried.

RESOLVED: That Cllr James Paine be elected as Vice-Chair of the Town Council for the Municipal Year 2026/2027.

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

4. Public Questions not on the Agenda

Nigel congratulated Cllr Paine on his election to vice chair and all Councillors in the local elections

A member of the public raised that bin collections have been missed in Bursledon Road. Cllr Craig raised a report with Eastleigh Borough Council.

A member of the public reported an overgrown hedge obstructing visibility at the corner of Bursledon Road and Foord Road. Cllr Craig raised a report with Eastleigh Borough Council.

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 2027

a. Recreation and Amenities Committee

Chair: Cllr Leigh Hadaway Vice-Chair: Cllr Paul Carnell

Membership:

Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr David Kinloch, Cllr James Paine, 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 James Paine

c. Highways and Planning Committee

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

Membership:

Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr John Shepherd.

e. Personnel Committee

Chair: Cllr Keith House Vice-Chair: Cllr John Shepherd

Membership:

Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr James Mitchell, Cllr James Paine, Cllr Derek Pretty

f. Strategy Committee

Chair: Cllr Keith House Vice-Chair: Cllr Leigh Hadaway

Membership

All Councillors.

Councillors noted the outstanding service that Cynthia Garton had given to the Council Committees.

RESOLVED: That the committees be elected as stated to hold office until the Annual General Meeting of May 2027 coupled with the appointment of representatives to outside bodies.

7. Appointment of representatives to outside bodies

a. Utilita Bowl Liaison Committee
Cllr John Jupe, Cllr David Kinloch, Cllr Derek Pretty

b. Village Hall Management Committee
Cllr Helen Corben and Town Clerk / Deputy Town Clerk

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

d. Wildern Community Management Committee
Cllr Derek Pretty

e. Gazette Editorial Board
Cllr Margaret Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Keith House, 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 19:45 hours.