HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17 JUNE 2026

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr David Fleming, Cllr Leigh Hadaway (Chair), Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Ron Nichols, Cllr James Paine, Cllr John Shepherd

In attendance: Nigel Paterson – Kings Community Church, two members of public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cliff Morris**,** Cllr Derek Pretty

2. **Public Questions not on the Agenda**
   A member of the public asked about a minute from the previous meeting regarding the Hedge End Town Centre regeneration project.

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.

   It was noted that a Beat Surgery is scheduled to take place at the Library on Saturday, 20 June 2026.

5. **To receive the Speedwatch results**
   It was noted that the perception among residents is that speeding is more prevalent than reflected in the reported data; however, the identified locations are consistent with the concerns that have been raised.

6. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20 May 2026.**

   RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7. **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/2026 – to receive and agree the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026.**
   - **a)** to receive and agree the details of the Annual Governance Statement. **RESOLVED: Councillors agreed the Annual Governance Statements.**
   - **b)** to receive and agree the Accounting Statements. **RESOLVED: Councillors agreed the Accounting Statements.**
   - **c)** to confirm no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP. **RESOLVED: Councillors confirmed there were no conflicts of interest.**

8. To appoint Councillors to committee vacancies.

Cllr David Fleming requested to join Highways & Planning.

RESOLVED: That David Fleming is added to the committee membership.

9. Chair's Remarks

Councillor Leigh Hadaway reported that he was delighted to attend this year's Hedge End Unwrapped festival, which provided an excellent programme of free, family-friendly entertainment and artistic performances for the local community.

It was noted that Cynthia's funeral will take place tomorrow. A webcast will be available for those who are unable to attend in person.

10. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

(a) Highways & Planning Committee – 20 May 2026
(Minute H900)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 20 May be received.

(b) Policy & Resources Committee – 2 June 2026
(Minute P1554, P1555, P1556, P1557 and P1561)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 2 June be received.

11. Borough and County Reports

Councillor John Shepherd reported that there had been no HEWEB meeting since the previous meeting.

It was further reported that a new Chief Executive has been appointed, with formal confirmation expected at the next Eastleigh Borough Council meeting.

Councillor House advised that the Cemex application relating to Hamble Airfield was heard in the High Court yesterday as part of the Judicial Review process. If the challenge is successful, the appeal will be required to be reheard.

Councillor House also reported that the temporary speed limit reduction on the M27 is due to be removed on 23 June 2026.

An update was provided on Local Government Reorganisation and the proposed warding arrangements for the new unitary authority. Elections for the new authority are scheduled for May 2027. Town and Parish Council elections in Hedge End will also take place in May 2027 and will be held for a five-year term to align with elections in other parishes.

It was noted that joint committees in advance of shadow authorities are expected to be established shortly, with Southampton City Council taking the lead role.

A question was raised regarding the potential impact of the Judicial Review being pursued by Hampshire County Council on the overall timetable and process for Local Government Reorganisation.

It was noted that New Forest District Council had withdrawn its Judicial Review challenge following legal advice.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 19:53pm.