

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of East Hendred Parish Council, Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.30pm in Snells Hall

Present: John Sharp (Chair), Mark Francis, Roger Turnbull, Charles Pappenheim, Catherine Shortis, Jonathan Shortis, Aloysius Atkinson

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor:

District Councillor: Sarah James

Members of the Public: Four members of the public

Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed. District Cllr Sarah James declined to accept office as a Parish Council member. Cllr James was congratulated on her new position as District Councillor. Thanks were given to Janet Shelley for her work with the District Council over the years.

106/23	<p>Election of Chairman Cllr J Shortis was nominated. Proposed Cllr S Shortis, Seconded Cllr Pappenheim. Cllr Sharp was nominated. Proposed Cllr Francis, Seconded Cllr Atkinson. Cllr C Shortis gave a speech in support of Cllr J Shortis' nomination. The Clerk requested a copy of the text, registering concern that the statement had broken the Councillors Code of Conduct. Cllr Sharp responded in his defence. Cllr J Shortis gave a speech outlining his reasons for wanting to be Chair. Cllr Sharp responded with the suggestion that further experience in local government was required. Cllr Atkinson suggested that any change should take place in the future when there was a full complement of Councillors. Cllrs J Shortis and Sharp left the room. Voting was by closed ballot. Cllr Sharp was duly elected Chair. RESOLVED. Cllrs J Shortis and Sharp returned to the room. Cllr J Shortis tendered his resignation with immediate effect. Cllr C Shortis did likewise. Cllr Pappenheim noted that it was unfortunate that they were unable to accept the democratic process. Cllrs J Shortis and C Shortis left the meeting. Cllr Sharp completed a declaration of acceptance of office for the position of Chairman.</p>	Action
107/23	<p>Election of Vice Chairman Cllr Pappenheim volunteered for the position of Vice-Chair. Proposed Cllr Pappenheim, Seconded Cllr Francis. RESOLVED.</p>	
108/23	<p>Election of Representatives for Working Groups and external Organisations Members of working groups and organisations Carried forward to June.</p>	Clerk (agenda)
109/23	<p>General Power of Competence Eligibility to adopt the GPC was confirmed and the power was adopted. Proposed Cllr Turnbull, Seconded Cllr Francis. RESOLVED.</p>	
110/23	<p>Review of the final accounts for 2022/23 It was proposed to carry this forward to June, along with the approval of the Annual Governance and Accounting Statements. Proposed Cllr Francis, Seconded Cllr Atkinson. RESOLVED. Clerk to set up a finance meeting to explain the accounts.</p>	Clerk
111/23	<p>Internal Audit Report The internal audit report was presented. The issue raised was explained. Cllrs Sharp, Pappenheim and Francis to form a group to review the project in question. Clerk to set up a meeting.</p>	Clerk

112/23	Annual Governance Statement Refer to minute reference 110/23 above.	
113/23	Annual Accounting Statement Refer to minute reference 110/23 above.	
114/23	Review of Insurance Policy and approval of quote The renewal quote was reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Turnbull, Seconded Cllr Francis. RESOLVED.	
115/23	Approval of Playground Inspection Rota To be updated following the changes in members. Carried forward to June.	Clerk
116/23	Council Meeting Dates for the next twelve months The meetings would continue to be held on 1 st Thursday of the month except August 2022 when there would be no meeting. The meeting dates for the coming year were therefore 1 st June, 6 th July, 7 th September, 5 th October, 2 nd November, 7 th December, 4 th January, 1 st February, 7 th March, 4 th April, 2 nd May. Afternote: The date of the June meeting was subsequently changed to Thursday 15 th June, to enable new members to be co-opted at the meeting.	
117/23	Date of Next Annual Meeting Thursday 2 nd May.	

The meeting closed at 8.16pm