

**MINUTES OF THE 120<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD  
27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**

**The Annual Parish Assembly was Chaired by the Chairman, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya. The Finance Chairman, Cllr. Derek Pretty, was in attendance.**

**PM1 Welcome to the Worshipful The Mayor of Eastleigh, Cllr. Malcolm Cross**

The Mayor of Eastleigh thanked the Town Council for the invitation to attend this meeting and stated it was a pleasure to be here. He reported that it has been a very interesting and exciting year and that it has been a privilege meeting so many different people representing different walks of life.

**PM2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly of the Meeting of 3 April 2013**

The Minutes were unanimously agreed and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

**PM3 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of 3 April 2013**

There were no matters arising.

**PM4 Retiring Town Council Chairman's Report**

The Chairman read his report as follows:

'It has been a privilege to have been elected as Chairman of Hedge End Town Council for 2013/2014 and I would like to thank my fellow colleagues in voting me in as your Chairman in May 2013.

There have been many highlights during the year but I would want to focus on just a couple that especially remain with me.

I was invited to present awards at the Air Training Corps Cadets event at Turnpike Way, which was an honour. It was heart-warming to present awards to hard-working young people who have invested so much of their private voluntary time for such a worthwhile organisation. Long may such dedication continue.

I was invited to a very special performance by the group Limelight at the Berry Theatre. This exciting drama project offers fun, friendly and creative sessions for all adults aged 18 – 30 with learning disabilities and those who have been unemployed for three months or more living in Eastleigh Borough or Romsey.

There was an outstanding turnout for the annual Remembrance Day parade in November and I want to pay tribute to all those people who attend to remember. It seems to me that the number of people who attend this important day grows year by year.

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I also attended a special mayoralty function at St Paul Church in Bursledon and I was proud to represent Hedge End Town Council.

Finally, I want to thank the Town Council groundstaff who always ensure that Hedge End looks smart and tidy for the areas the Town Council owns and my thanks to the office staff who work tirelessly throughout the year to make sure Hedge End operates smoothly'.

#### **PM5 Town Council Financial Report**

Cllr. Derek Pretty presented a financial report for the year ended 31 March 2013 and commented that the accounts have been duly certified by the External Auditors who are now BDO, having taken over from the Audit Commission, as being true and correct. He stated that the accounts and associated budgets have been kept within the prescribed individual budgets and that the accounts were in order.

#### **PM6 HEWEB Youth Council Report**

Donna Brewer reported on the HEWEB Youth Partnership. She outlined The Box Senior and Youth Sessions and the Friday Night Project. Numbers for all sessions have increased and there is a waiting list at present. She advised those present on the grants and funding received to date especially £820.00 from Rotary for the Friday Night Project chill room creation and cooking equipment. She reported on The Box training and development highlights were also outlined.

#### **PM7 Borough and County Council Reports**

A report was received from Eastleigh Borough Council reflecting on some of the key performance areas of the Hedge End, West End, Botley (HEWEB) Local Area Committee, highlighting the success of local projects, which have received backing of the Committee. It also acknowledges the importance of partnership working especially in challenging times. The report highlighted work on youth issues, community provision, community safety, town and village centres, planning applications and finance. Thanks were extended to Hedge End Town Council who has been pivotal in delivering ambitious projects for their area. There are plans to roll out community public access defibrillators across Hedge End, West End and Botley with the assistance of parish and town council partners.

#### **PM8 Reports from Local Organisations**

Brief reports on activities undertaken during the past year 2013/2014 were received from a number of local organisations.

#### **PM9 Presentation of 'Serving the Community' Awards and 'Best Cultivated Allotment' Awards by the Mayor**

The Worshipful The Mayor of Eastleigh, Cllr. Malcolm Cross presented the annual 'Serving the Community Award and 'Best Cultivated Allotment' awards, which were well received.

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**PM10 Public Questions**

None recorded

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.02 hours.