MINUTES of the meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSE & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** held in the Heritage Hall at the Town Hall, at 8.56pm on Monday 15th May 2023.

PRESENT: Councillor Harrison (Chair)

Councillors Antony, Beardwell, Brown, Compton, Freeman, Inwood,

Langdon and Rees.

In attendance: Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk

Town Councillors Haugh, Jani, Lockett and Squire-Smith.

6 Members of the Public

43/24 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Members noted the appointment of Councillor Harrison as Chairman and Councillor Langdon as Vice-Chairman of the committee for the ensuing year.

44/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Birch.

45/24 DELEGATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES:

Members noted the powers and duties delegated to the General Purpose & Highways Committee in the Full Council Meeting –

That the considerations, powers and duties in regard to:-

footpaths, street lighting, sustainable travel, open spaces and climate and environmental matters, together with the considerations in regard to Highways & Transport matters; and the delegation to make representation to the North Hertfordshire District Council and Hertfordshire County Council, and such other bodies as they consider necessary, be delegated to the General Purpose & Highways Committee; and that the Committee shall appoint Sub-Committees and Working Parties as appropriate.

46/24 COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE:

Members noted the terms of reference as approved in the full council meeting.

47/24 APPROVAL OF GENERAL PURPOSE & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MINUTES:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the General Purpose & Highways Committee held on 17th April 2023 (minutes 385/23 to 394/23). The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

48/24 CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY ACTION WORKING PARTY:

It was **RESOLVED** that the following Members be appointed to the Climate and Biodiversity Action Working Party for the ensuing year: - Councillors Beardwell, Freeman, Langdon and Lockett.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday	/ 17 th July 2023.
There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.01 pm.	
Signed:	Date
Chairman	