

MINUTES of the meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** held in the Heritage Hall at the Town Hall, at 8:23pm on Monday 20th May 2024.

PRESENT: Councillor Harrison (Chair)
Councillors Antony, Beardwell, Brown, Freeman, Inwood, Langdon and Rees.
In attendance: Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk
Town Councillors Adams, Haugh, Jani, Lockett and Squire-Smith.
District Councillor May
4 Members of the Public

40/25 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:

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

41/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Birch and Compton.

42/25 DELEGATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES:

Members noted the Council's Resolution as to the Powers and Duties delegated to the General Purposes & 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, biodiversity and environmental matters, together with the considerations in regard to Highways & Transport matters; and the delegation to make representation to the North Hertfordshire Council and Hertfordshire County Council, and such other bodies as they consider necessary, be delegated to the General Purposes & Highways Committee; and that the Committee shall appoint Sub-Committees and Working Parties as appropriate.

43/25 COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE:

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

44/25 APPROVAL OF GENERAL PURPOSES & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MINUTES:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes & Highways Committee held on 15th April 2024 (minutes 357/24 to 366/24). The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

45/25 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, Lockett and 1 vacancy.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the terms of reference (copy attached).

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 15th July 2024.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26 pm.

Signed: _____

Date _____