



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF  
HEDNESFORD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Meeting held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford.  
Members of the public were invited to attend in person  
The Meeting was Livestreamed on the Council Facebook Page.**

**Present:**

Cllr Darrell Mawle (Acting Mayor)  
Cllr Arthur Roden  
Cllr Sharon Jagger  
Cllr Garry Jones  
Cllr Paul Woodhead  
Cllr Mandy Dunnett  
Cllr Stuart Crabtree  
Cllr Laura Harrison

**In Attendance:** Officers: Ginetta Adams (Community Centre and Administration Officer)

**Members of Public:**

There was one member of the public.

**Public Participation**

A member of the public asked what was going to change within the council after resignations of councillors and officers since the current councillors have been in post? he quoted references which were claimed to have come from an internal email but would not clarify how he had come in possession of this document. Cllr Jones and Cllr Crabtree discussed how the hate campaign through social media had compounded the situation.

Cllr Mawle advised that he could not give answers to events that had happened before he joined the council and that we must now look at moving forward, part of this process will be recruiting a new Chief Officer.

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Debbie Cartwright

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. Minutes**

**I. To review and approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 (see separate document).**

- Exclude section for Chase Lighthouse..... to be revisited
- Amendment – Private Business - Item 9 ii Proposed Amendment Cllr Cartwright voted for not Cllr Dunnett who was entered twice by mistake.
- Private Business – Add to minutes the result of item 9 iii

**Proposed** Cllr Darrell Mawle      **Seconded** Cllr Laura Harrison  
**Vote**  
**For** – Cllr Mawle, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Dunnett, Cllr Jagger, Cllr Jones  
**Against** – Cllr Roden  
**Abstained** – Cllr Woodhead, Cllr Crabtree (neither present at the meeting)

**Resolved** – Minutes approved with the above amendments to be added.

#### **4. Acting Mayor's Announcements/ Updates**

##### **I. Update on the Bleed Kits**

Permissions are now in place for the installation of both bleed kits, one will be placed on the exterior wall of the community hall next to the defibrillator at St Peters church, the second will be on the exterior wall next to the defibrillator on the Pavilion on Hednesford Park. Turtle Engineering will confirm a date for installation, we will then issue a press release for the kits.

##### **II. Queens Brazier Lighting Event, Party in the park, Queens Commonwealth Baton Relay**

This event was put on at very short notice due to security, it was good to see everyone pulling together to put such a fantastic event on, Cllr Mawle thanked everybody that got involved allowing Hednesford to shine its light for this prestigious occasion, he thanked Cllr Jagger for her part in the Brazier lighting and everyone else for a great team effort.

##### **III. Derek Davies**

The Chair gave condolences to Muriel Davis on the passing of her husband, Derek Davis and commented that Derek had served the people of Hednesford for many years and would be sadly missed.

#### **5. Election of new Mayor and deputy Mayor**

##### **Election of Mayor**

##### **Nominations**

**First Nomination** – Cllr Mawle

**Proposed** Cllr Dunnett      **Seconded** Cllr Harrison

**Resolved** – Cllr Mawle is the new Mayor.

##### **Nominations of Deputy Mayor**

**First Nomination** – Cllr Harrison

**Proposed** - Cllr Roden      **Seconded** - Cllr Crabtree

##### **Vote**

**For** - Cllr Roden, Cllr Crabtree

**Against** - Cllr Woodhead, Cllr Jones, Cllr Jagger

**Abstained** – Cllr Mawle, Cllr Dunnett

**Second Nomination** – Cllr Dunnett

**Proposed** – Cllr Jagger      **Seconded** – Cllr Woodhead

**Vote**

**For** - Cllr Woodhead, Cllr Jones, Cllr Jagger, Cllr Crabtree

**Against** - Cllr Roden, Cllr Harrison

**Abstained** - Cllr Mawle

**Resolved** - Cllr Dunnett is the Deputy Mayor

**To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

**Private and Confidential Business**

I. Chief Officer vacancy update

Minutes.....

A discussion was had about how the earlier interviews went with the 3 candidates. A unanimous decision was reached to offer the position of Chief Officer to Lindsey Smith.

