PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Ralph Small  
Vice-Chair: - 

Councillors: Veronica Amos, Joyce Angell, Clive Carver, Alison Halford, George Hardcastle, David Hough, Judith Hough, Kevin Jones, David Mackie and John Walker.

Officers: Mr R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: 

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Helen Yale and Mike Jones.

The Chair opened the meeting by inviting Members to join him in one minute’s silent reflection of former Councillor John Edwards who passed away on 21 December 2009. The Chair then referred to the service which Councillor Edwards had given to the Community and particularly the Community Council, which he had Chaired on two occasions.

Councillor George Hardcastle paid tribute to Councillor Edwards who, he said had been a great character and would be sadly missed by not only his family but also by the Community, as evidenced by the number of mourners at his funeral including so many Members of the Community Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: 

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 December 2009 be approved as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: 

There were none.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES: 

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of the following Committees held on 14 December 2009 be received:

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Staff & General Purposes Committee
Lighting Committee
Playing Fields Committee
Planning Committee
Community & Environment Committee
Finance Committee

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES – HAWARDEN INSTITUTE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL:

The Chair referred Members to a report which had been attached to the agenda setting out the Council’s appointed representatives on the Hawarden Institute Management Committee. It was noted that Councillor Hardcastle had resigned from the Committee. Councillor Small indicated that he also wished to tender his resignation.

Councillor David Hough said that he would be willing to serve on the Hawarden Institute Management Committee and Councillor Amos who served on the Committee in her own right said that she would be prepared to act as one of the Community Council’s representatives.

IT WAS THEREFORE RESOLVED:

(a) that the Council’s nominated representatives on the Hawarden Institute Management Committee were Councillors Veronica Amos, Clive Carver, David Hough and John Walker.

(b) that the Secretary of the Hawarden Institute Management Committee be advised accordingly.

VACANCY – HAWARDEN WARD:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the vacancy created by the passing away of Councillor John P Edwards but as a mark of respect to him not to advertise the vacancy until the end of February.

It was also noted that Councillor Julia Royds was not in attendance that evening and therefore she would become disqualified as a Hawarden Ward Member on the grounds of persistent absence.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Councillor Royds’ vacancy be advertised at the same time as Councillor Edwards’ vacancy.

CHAIR’S REMARKS:

The Chair advised that there were no matters he wished to bring to the Council’s attention other than to record his best wishes to the Chair of Council on the birth of her daughter.

Chair’s Signature _________________________