

EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL
ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2024 AT 7PM.

Present: Councillor F Visser (Town Mayor)
Councillor S Ody (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillors Barnett, J Belsey*, M Belsey*, Farren, Gibbs, Gibson*,
Hughes, Mockford, Peacock*, Pond*, Reeves*, Scott and Whittaker.

* = absent

Others present: Town Clerk

The Town Mayor welcomed all to the extraordinary meeting, he explained this is not an ordinary meeting and therefore is a very short agenda, to simply deal with the matter that has arisen and requires swift attention.

73 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

RESOLVED: To accept the following apologies

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| Cllr J Belsey | Personal Commitment |
| Cllr M Belsey | Personal Commitment |
| Cllr I Gibson | Personal Commitment |
| Cllr A Peacock | Personal Commitment |
| Cllr C Pond | Personal Commitment |
| Cllr S Reeves | Personal Commitment |

74 **CASUAL VACANCY**

The Council noted that Cllr Dabell had resigned from his seat on the Town Council. He was thanked for his many years' service, including a period as Mayor and wished well in placing his efforts into the District and County Council positions that he holds, where the Council look forward to working with him further.

The Town Mayor advised that the Council is required to declare that a Vacancy has arisen.

RESOLVED: the Council declared that a Casual Vacancy for a Councillor on the Ashplats North Ward has arisen

The Town Mayor explained the process of filling the vacancy is that a notice will be posted giving the details as to how an election can be called. If an election is not called within the appropriate time the Council will consider the co-option process to fill the vacancy. If an election is called it is envisaged that it will coincide with the police and crime commissioner election on 2nd May.

The meeting was closed by the Town Mayor at 7.06 pm.

Town Mayor