



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 24th August 2017
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Chairman	Cllr David Round*
Vice Chairman	Cllr Sahran Abeyesundara *
Councillors	Bradley, Carter*, Dear *, Dover*, Hewett*, King*, Odell*, Peel*

**Present*

Meeting clerked by: Joanna Cadman, Locum Deputy Town Clerk.

The meeting commenced at 7.10pm, after the conclusion of the preceding Extraordinary Council meeting.

45/17 Apologies for absence

Councillor Bradley

46/17 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

None.

47/17 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 15th June were agreed and signed as a true record.

48/17 Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise stated in the agenda

5/17: Bus Shelter: this has been repaired.

13/17: Network Rail: visual examinations were carried out in January 2017 and the next is scheduled for 2019. No immediate risks have been found and no works scheduled. The rubbish will be cleared in due course.

Action: Deputy Clerk to request a site meeting, Cllrs Abeyesundara, King and Round to attend.

11/17: Pocket Park: SCC have advised that the retaining wall will be dealt with by the Structures team. In the meantime, in their view, it is not dangerous, some peeling has exposed the reinforcing.

49/17 Representations by the public

None

50/17 Minutes of Informal Meetings

Meeting with National Trust and SCC re Lion Lane.

Trees have been removed to allow for the soak-aways to be dug. SCC have approved the work, and are now waiting for the contractor to schedule it in.

51/17 Allotments

- i. The Deputy Clerk reported that allotment applications are received on a regular basis and the waiting list is increasing. Members discussed the feasibility of finding another site, and the unused area of the recreation ground at Beacon Hill was identified as feasible.

The Mayor will raise this subject at the Meet the Mayor meeting in Hindhead.

Action: Deputy Clerk to analyse the waiting list to establish areas of demand.

- ii. A hornets nest on an allotment at Collards Lane has been eradicated.

52/17 Lion Green

- i. Condition of Lion Green:
 - a) Bare patches in grass: it was agreed to re-inspect after the Food Festival.
 - b) Bollards outside Apple Tree pub: it has been proved to be impossible to trim around them because of the proximity of the parked cars. Cllr Abensundara suggested that the solution would be to install posts at each end, which would be linked by a padlocked chain when strimming is due, preventing cars from parking by the verge. This was agreed.
Action: Deputy Clerk to arrange for this work to be carried out.
 - c) Zip wire seat: a replacement seat has been ordered.
 - d) Wetpour: Playsafe have agreed that the wetpour was laid in poor weather conditions and needs to be replaced, which they will do at their expense. They have not given an installation date.
 - e) Roundabout: the repair is in hand, the handrails are being repainted at the same time, to improve the overall look. It was stressed that the repaired and re-painted roundabout should be put back in place as soon as possible – Deputy Clerk to press contractor.
 - f) Bin next to the youth shelter has been installed.
 - g) Bin next to Marks and Spencer. The door and hinges are missing, the bin cannot be repaired. Members agreed the purchase of a new bin, at a cost of £250.
 - h) It was noted that two bins on Town Meadow are in a poor state of repair.
Action: the Deputy Clerk to report this to WBC.
 - i) Report on the examination of play equipment was noted.

53/17 Town Centre

- i. Noticeboard next public toilets: members noted that a replacement magnetic whiteboard has been purchased.
- ii. Kings Road railings: these are not yet repaired, the bollard is on order.
Action: Deputy Clerk to arrange a site meeting between SCC and Cllr Round.
- iii. Bollard outside White Horse: this was damaged by a lorry in 2016 and cordoned off, but no further action has been taken.
Action: Deputy Clerk to report to SCC Highways.

54/17 Grayswood

- i. Green Frontiers have completed the clearing of vegetation at the war memorial and it was agreed to be a great improvement.
- ii. Grayswood steps: these have been installed.
- iii. S106 funding for Grayswood steps: members agreed not to pursue this.

55/17 Town Well

Three quotations had been received to replace the existing grille with one that can be opened and locked, ranging from £1600 to £450. The working party had recommended that, rather than replace the grille, work would be done to clear inside the well (without removing the grille – as far as this was possible) and refurbish the approach path. The working party will clear the vegetation surrounding the well before deciding the next step. Cllr Dear has already cut back the overhanging ivy.

Action: Cllr Round to organise a working party of Cllrs Abeysundara, Dear, Odell and Round.

Well Dressing: it was agreed to revive the well dressing ceremony, as an important part of the town's history and a way of involving children. Cllr Odell suggested that this take place alongside the Charter Fair, (beginning of May 2018) which attracts a lot of people to the town.

56/17 Town Hall Lift

Stannah have recommended a supplementary test which confirms that the lift is safe for continuous use, at cost of £1200.

Members agreed, as this test is not mandatory, instead to investigate the feasibility of speeding up the lift so that it is fit for purpose.

Action: Deputy Clerk to discuss a potential upgrade with Stannah.

57/17 War Memorials

Members noted that the town's war memorials had been cleaned the previous year, but no repair work had been carried out. The following was agreed:

- i. Quotations to be sought to refurbish the main war memorial in the town centre, and re-black the letters.
- ii. All war memorials to be checked for repairs or refurbishment
- iii. The company who did work to the main war memorial in 2016 to be asked to rectify the poor workmanship free of charge.

Action: Deputy Clerk

58/17 Amenities projects and issues

Cllr Round's summary of current projects and blackspots had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Members agreed that a working party should be formed to consider all current items and those that might be added, and decide on priorities and further action.

Action: Cllr Round to organise a working party of Cllrs Abeysundara, Dear, King, Bradley and Round, to meet on Tuesday 29th at 3pm.

Weyhill Walkabout: still to be arranged.

Action: Cllr Round to organise a meeting of himself and Cllrs Abeysundara, Dear and Bradley.

59/17 Edge Leisure Centre

A meeting will be arranged for early September, as agreed.

60/17 Exclusion of the Public

Press and public were excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

61/17 Grounds Maintenance Tenders

Members agreed the recommendations put forward by the Grounds Maintenance working party in the confidential report appended to the agenda. This recommendation will be put to the September meeting of the Full Council.

62/17 Next meeting

5th October 2017

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman of Amenities

