



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on
Thursday 18th March 2021. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Mayor	*Cllr J Robini
Deputy Mayor	*Cllr S Dear
Councillors	*Arrick, Barton, *Cole, *Davidson, *Dullaway, *Ellis, *Hewett, *Isherwood, *Keen, Lloyd, *Matthes, *Nicholson *Odell, *Round, *Weldon, *Whitby

* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan and minuted by Jo Cork. There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

20/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: Apologies have been received from Cllrs Barton, Hewett and Lloyd.

Councillors Arrick and Hewett were not present at the start of the meeting but joined where indicated below.

21/21 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None given.

22/21 DISPENSATIONS

All Councillors who pay Council Tax and live within the Council's Boundary have been granted dispensations by the Clerk in budget setting.

23/21 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None.

24/21 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES

None present.

25/21 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 21st January 2021 are approved.

26/21 MAYORS UPDATE

The Mayor gave his update highlighting the easing of lockdown and the challenges it will bring. This is Cllr Robini's final Council meeting as Mayor after holding the position for two years. Next month he will present his funds raised for the Mayor's charities, unfortunately his fundraising has not been able to progress as hoped due to the Covid pandemic.

27/21 CLERKS UPDATE

The Clerk's Report had been distributed to the Council prior to the meeting.

28/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: The schedule of payments as detailed in the Cashbook printouts for months 10 and 11 and any variances in the Council's accounts, including reported overspends and virements and earmarks for 2021-22 are approved.

Cllr Arrick joined the meeting at 19:00

29/21 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: that the minutes of those meetings and any recommendations therein, not already made under delegated authority, be adopted:

- Planning & Highways Committee – 4th February & 4th March
- Amenities 11th February
- Grants 8th March
- Staffing 5th March

30/21 GRANTS

Cllr Keen: Two grant applications were received after the last Grants meeting. The chairman of Grants has asked for these Grants to go into the Agenda since there is still money in the 2020 – 2021 Grants pot for both Green and small grants. too late for the Grants committee to discuss.

- Hindhead Cricket Club are requesting £4.5k for a Pitch roller.

Cllr Keen proposed that a grant of £1000 be award for this project,

Cllr Dullaway seconded this proposal.

RESOLVED: Hindhead Cricket club is awarded £1000

- Surrey Hills to South Down Community Rail Partnership are requesting a grant of £1250 for help with promotion and marketing to promote visitor economy.

Cllr Isherwood asked for clarification of the organisations as he understood that money had been put into the budget for the rail partnership. Cllr Odell explained that there are 2 different organisations: Haslemere Community Rail Partnership (funded in the budget) and Surrey Hills to South Down Community Rail Partnership (applying for this grant).

Cllr Keen proposed that a grant of £1250 be awarded for this project.

Cllr Dullaway seconded this proposal.

RESOLVED: Surrey Hills to South Down Community Rail Partnership is awarded £1250

Cllr Keen commented that we only received 2 applications for 'green' grants within the last year which was disappointing. Cllr Matthes and Cllr Weldon both confirmed that 'green' projects are in the pipeline with several local groups but are not at the application stage yet.

31/21 AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: The revised standing orders at Appendix 7 are adopted having been amended to clarify that it was the host could remove public or councillors from a remote meeting.

32/21 EMERGENCY PLAN

The Deputy Town Clerk has reviewed and updated the Council's emergency plan, with advice taken from Waverley Borough Council's emergency planning team.

Cllr Whitby commented that Beacon Hill does in fact have 2 defibrillators which need to be incorporated into the list, one is located at The Royal British legion and one at the garage, he also questions the emergency plan for Beacon Hill residents, Town Clerk to discuss Beacon Hill response with the Deputy Clerk.

RESOLVED: The revised Emergency Plan at Appendix 8 is adopted.

19:34 Cllr Hewett joined the meeting.

33/21 DRAINAGE AT TOWN MEADOW

Councillors were generally in favour of spending surplus budget in the ad hoc grounds maintenance budget on drainage at Town Meadow.

Cllr Dear supported the ambition but was not convinced it will be successful, but the costs quoted are fair. The Council are all in agreement that Town Meadow is a great asset for the Council, and we should do what we can to alleviate the swamp like centre.

RECOMMENDED: That Investigative works is carried out by Commercial Groundscare at a cost of £589 + VAT, this may increase slightly if issues arise once the work starts.

34/21 CIL – IDEAS FOR PROJECTS

Council is reminded that any ideas for projects for the CIL Working Party to consider to be sent to Cllr Whitby as Chairman or the Deputy Town Clerk. They need to be new infrastructure projects and must not remedy deficiencies in existing infrastructure.

To date, the sum of £24,000 has been paid to the Council. The next due date is 1 April (or shortly after), but no payment is expected as WBC are having to refund £265 from the sum already paid to us.

Cllr Round has an infrastructure project in mind and will contact Cllr Whitby directly.

Cllr Weldon is currently involved in a coalition of groups who are hoping to develop an ‘active travel’ project for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists; they are hoping to present their ideas at the next Council meeting.

35/21 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

Council noted the report which had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Cllr Whitby reported that Beacon Hill Focus Group have several projects in Beacon Hill and Hindhead which are planned for September. The Village Fete is scheduled for the 4th September and the British Legion is re-opening on the 14th April.

Cllr Isherwood is looking for a location for an additional noticeboard in Hindhead, he will contact Pippa and Arran regarding a suitable place.

Cllr Odell confirmed the Haslemere Museum will be opening on the 17th May and the Haslemere Festival will also commence from that date.

36/21 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

37/21 STAFFING MATTERS

Cllr Odell confirmed that pay awards have been award to the staff on the back of successful appraisals and would like to formally thank all the staff for their hard work in supporting both the Council and the community over the past year.

RESOLVED: That Council notes the staff minutes, including pay awards, made by Staffing Committee under delegated authority.

Cllr Whitby questioned the future of on-line meetings going forwards and whether there would be a hybrid solution as it has proved successful for many. The Town Clerk confirmed that consultations are ongoing regarding this.

Meeting finished at 20:00

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....