



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on
Thursday 21st January 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.

1/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: No apologies have been received; Cllr Dullaway not present.

2/21 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Odell declared a pecuniary interest in item 9 as a President of the Haslemere Museum.

Cllr Round declared a pecuniary interest as spouse of above.

Cllr Barton declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chair of HCRP

Cllr Keen declared a non-pecuniary interest as committee member of A Place 2 B Youth Club

3/21 DISPENSATIONS

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

4/21 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None present.

5/21 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES

None present.

6/21 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 19th November 2020 are approved.

7/21 MAYORS UPDATE

The Mayor gave his update highlighting the following:

- Meeting with Thames Water to discuss past issues and how they will address these going forward.
- Forthcoming support available within the Community via the retraining centre at George Denyer Pavilion

8/21 CLERKS UPDATE

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

9/21 BUDGET 2020-2021

Cllr Dullaway joined the meeting and presented the three following options regarding the precept, summarised below:

(Cllr Robini and Cllr Keen left the meeting due to technical difficulties, Cllr Dear took over Chair)

1. No change in precept, the Council will need to fund £47,402 from reserves.
2. Increase precept to balance the budget. This leads to no use of reserves but implies a 13.56% increase in the precept.
3. Combined use of reserves to meet one-off items already agreed by Council and a precept rise to fund the remaining costs. Council previously agreed £30k in one off payments to a local organisation at November council. This would imply a precept increase of £17,402 equating to a 4.98% increase in last year.

The Council discussed the above options, with option 3 being the Working Party's recommendation. There was a lot of support for no change in the precept however Council also had to balance no change against leaving enough reserves for use in the coming months should they need to fund other support measures in the town and other projects already earmarked to be funded from reserves. Council acknowledged that Option 3 represented a rise per Band D property of £2.66 per annum, or 5p per week. At £47.73 per Band D property Haslemere Town Council's precept remains well below the national average.

Cllr Odell proposed the working party's recommendation for option 3, Cllr Whitby seconded this proposal. A majority vote entailed.

RESOLVED: The Council adopts Option 3, with the precept for 2021-22 set at £366,932 and £30,000 used from the Council's reserves.

(Cllr Robini and Cllr Keen re-joined the meeting)

10/21 CONCLUSION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT 2019-20

RESOLVED: Council notes section 1-3 of the Annual Return (attached) and agrees no further action to be taken in relation to 2019-2020 audit of Accounts

11/21 INTERNAL AUDITOR'S INTERIM REPORT

RESOLVED: The internal Auditor's report is noted. There are no points identified to take forward.

12/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

An error on Cashbook 1 (current account) Month 9 receipts totalling should read £5,693.85.

RESOLVED: The schedule of payments as detailed in the Cashbook printouts for months 8 and 9 and any variances in the Council's accounts, including reported overspends and virements are approved.

13/21 HTC RESPONSE TO LPP2 CONSULTATION

RESOLVED:

A working party was set up to formulate a response to the draft LPP2 consultation being run by Waverley Borough Council (which expires at 11:59pm on Friday 27 January 2021). The response can be read in full on Appendix 8.

The Council discussed the response in detail and the following votes were recorded in favour of the recommended response; Cllrs Weldon, Whitby, Matthes, Nicholson, Hewett, Lloyd, Barton, Ellis, Dullaway, Davidson, Keen, and Robini. Cllrs Dear, Isherwood, Arrick, Odell and Round voting against. Cllr Cole Abstained.

RESOLVED: The response as stated in Appendix 8 is agreed and is to be submitted to WBC in relation to the LPP2 Consultation.

14/21 MEETINGS CALENDER 2021-22

RESOLVED: The calendar of meetings 2021-22 is agreed on correction of an Amenities meeting on Dec 10 which should read Dec 9.

15/21 RISK ASSESSMENT

RESOLVED: The Risk Assessment at Appendix 5 is approved.

16/21 ASSET REGISTER

RESOLVED: The Asset Register at Appendix 11 is approved.

17/21 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 – 3rd December & 7th January
- Amenities 10th December
- Grants 11th January
- F&G 7th December

18/21 PATHWAYS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Council noted Cllr Matthes' update as circulated with the Agenda. Cllr Dear would like to congratulate Cllr Matthes on all her hard work in implementing this project.

19/21 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Barton gave an update of the Covid-19 Vaccination programme and confirmed that St Christopher's Church had temporarily shut due to issues relating to the storage and distributing of the Pfizer vaccine. The Church will shortly reopen and will be administering the Astra Zeneca vaccine as it does not require cold storage, it is hoped that they can meet their target of vaccinating 200 people per day.

Meeting finished at 8.25pm

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....