

## **Clerk's report to Full Council March 2021.**

It is looking more and more certain that the Government will not extend the provision for us to hold online meetings past the deadline of 6 May. This could potentially mean that we need to hold meetings in a venue larger than the Council Chamber to allow councillors, staff and public to attend safely. We are working on booking suitable alternative venues.

Can we please ask all councillors who use social media to make sure they are following the Town Council and help us by sharing / re-tweeting our posts?

Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/haslemeretowncouncil/](http://www.facebook.com/haslemeretowncouncil/)

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We have been able to help two local families this week, providing shoes and school uniform from our hardship fund.

The Mayor and Clerk have been speaking with local stakeholders regarding events in the town over the next year or so. A couple of post-Covid events are in process of being planned, there will also be a celebration in 2022 of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Rock Snake at Lion Green is completed and we have had much positive feedback.

Arran has rebuilt the bench at the corner of Lower St and Tanners Lane – emails of appreciation have been received.

Pathways – new MiFi has been installed, new laptops ordered and signage will be going in shortly.

New logs and parking restrictions are in place at the entrance to the Golden valley

A new bike shelter near Waitrose, proposed by WBC, is progressing, confirmed location awaiting specification on type.

Air con covers planning put in, awaiting committee response April. Air con install delayed to end of April.

Football counters for Wey Hill and Haslemere high street going up in next 2 weeks

### **WBC land transfers.**

We have now surveyed all land transferred from WBC to try and identify immediate issues. VitaPlay are going to Town Meadow Friday 12 March to clean the play area equipment, fencing, surfacing and benches. We are waiting for quotes to repaint the fencing, gates and one piece of equipment at Town Meadow and repaint the railings at Clements Corner

Arran has looked at drainage at Town Meadow, including rodding. He is getting a quote for work which he believes will improve the situation and allow our contractors to mow / residents to use more.

With that we are working on new HTC signage for all areas, Grover's gardens new signage

## Retail Vacancy Rates - totals Waverley

	<b>Retail premises</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacancy Rate</b>
Farnham	241	23	10%
Milford	23	0	0%
Farncombe	39	3	7%
Godalming	202	16	8%
Haslemere	120	17	14%
Bramley	30	3	10%
Wey Hill	72	4	6%
Cranleigh	112	9	8%

February 2021

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Farnham	242	19	8%
Milford	23	0	0%
Farncombe	39	3	7%
Godalming	202	13	6%
Haslemere	120	17	14%
Bramley	30	3	10%
Wey Hill	72	3	4%
Cranleigh	111	11	10%

September 2020

	<b>Retail premises</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacancy Rate</b>
Farnham	243	10	4%
Milford	24	0	0%
Farncombe	38	0	0%
Godalming	203	11	5%
Haslemere	120	12	10%
Bramley	29	3	10%
Wey Hill	72	1	1%
Cranleigh	111	9	8%

February 2020

We are in close contact with the Chamber who are positive that the vacant premises will not stay vacant for long – apparently discussions are in place over several of them.