



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 13th February 2020
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Chairman	Cllr Peter Nicholson*
Vice Chairman	Cllr Simon Dear
Councillors	Cole*, Davidson*, Dullaway*, Hewett*, Keen*, Matthes*, Odell*, Robini* and Round*

**Present*

Meeting clerked by Pippa Auger, Deputy Town Clerk.

1/20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The committee accepted the absences of Cllr Dear (fundraising event)

2/20 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None

3/20 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held 22nd August 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record

4/20 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE STATED IN THE AGENDA**

Noted

5/20 **REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

None

6/20 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TENDER WORKING PARTY**

Cllrs Davidson, Hewett, Keen, Nicholson and Round agreed to be on the working party

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to arrange first meeting

7/20 **LION GREEN**

A) BIKE RACK INSTALLATION

The Councillors had a lengthy discussion about the recommended location and suggested installation of the bike racks. It was proposed rather than anchoring the racks into the grass using a base plate which would be set into concrete under the grass surface, a concrete base should be installed on top of the grass offering more security and be easier for contractors to maintain the area if in use. The committee also discussed using its own contractor to do the installation for the purposes of public liability going forward. The offer by the Lion's Den owner to do the installation was acknowledged with thanks.

Resolved: A quote to be obtained from the Council's contractor to install a concrete base on the area of green proposed and three bike racks to be paid for from the Amenities budget. If the quote for the base exceeds £1,000 it will be bought back to the Amenities Committee for further discussion.

B) FEE FOR RENTING THE GREEN OUTSIDE THE LION'S DEN AND THE APPLE TREE

The councillors discussed the pros and cons of renting out this small area and the impact on local residents. An agreement would be drawn up particular to this site with a curfew of 10pm be set for all events to be finished. Rental of this area will not be confined to the Apple Tree and Lion's Den. All evening events are to be properly supervised by the event organiser, which will be reflected in the terms of the agreement.

Resolved: A fee of £50 per day be set for the rental of this area, with a refundable deposit of £150 to be paid. This is to be reviewed at the October 2020 Amenities committee together with the agreement terms and usage.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to draw up agreement.

C) POSTS

Following damage to the small areas of Lion Green, either side of the Marks & Spencer entrance, it was proposed to install a permanent solution that would prevent cars parking or driving on them. The suggestion was chestnut posts, in the style of those used at Milford heath. Prior to this meeting, in August 2019, the committee had agreed to install knee-high ranch fencing between the boulders and youth shelter on the opposite side of the road.

During lengthy discussion it was agreed that the same style of "post/fencing" should be used in both areas for aesthetic reasons.

The committee would like to record its thanks to Cllr Dear for arranging a working group to repair the damage done to the green.

Resolved: Chestnut posts are installed on both sides of Lion Green, once the balance of quotes have been received. The Deputy Clerk and Chairman to agree which contractor to proceed with. Cllr Round wished to have his objection to this resolution recorded.

D) CLEANING OF THE PLAY AREA

Resolved: the committee agreed to proceed with quote 2 from VitaPlay subject to the Deputy Town Clerk receiving positive references.

8/20 **WAR MEMORIALS**
Report noted.

9/20 **ALLOTMENTS**
Report noted.

The committee noted the length of the waiting lists at Collards Lane and Sturt Road allotments.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to email the waiting list to see if anyone would like to swap allotment site to Clammer Hill.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman of Amenities