



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 2HG
01428 654305 / town.clerk@haslemeretc.org

Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 20 August 2020
Held remotely via Zoom

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.

18/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The committee accepted the absences of Cllr Dullaway

19/20 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

20/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 11 June 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record

21/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE STATED IN THE AGENDA

None

22/20 REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

23/20 ALLOTMENTS

After discussion, the committee were happy for the Deputy Town Clerk and Projects and Open Spaces officer to continue researching and costing the projects listed in the appendix to bring them back to Amenities in October 2020. It is recognised there may not be the funding to carry out all of them.

It was noted by the committee that the area of Sturt Road which had been cleared 18 months ago has not been successful as an allotment plot as no-one who rented it has got to grips with it. A plot holder who keeps chickens has expressed an interest in renting it as a chicken run. It was agreed this was the best course of action.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk to arrange to have the area strimmed back, plastic and debris removed. To be let for the purposes of a chicken run.

24/20 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDED: That in accordance with the provisions of section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

There were no members of the public present.

25/20 LION GREEN PLAYGROUND

The committee discussed at length the following projects for the play area at Lion Green:

- a) Installing an inclusive roundabout;
- b) Resurfacing the zip wire;
- c) Installing an inclusive swing seat;
- d) Repairing the surface around the edges of the seesaw and toddler’s climbing frame; and
- e) Surfacing the football “pitch” with artificial grass.

The committee did not approve of the idea of installing an artificial surface to cover the area of worn grass by the football goals. As well as concerns about the cost, it was felt that it was not an environmentally friendly project to pursue.

Recommended: the committee does not progress getting artificial grass installed on the football pitch.

The committee also felt that the zip wire surface had life left in it.

Recommended: the committee does not progress with the resurfacing of the zip wire this year.

The committee welcomed the idea of installing an inclusive roundabout and swing seat and repairing the edging of the surfaces by the see saw and multiplay unit. It was agreed that one company would do all the work to reduce overheads.

Recommended: subject to satisfactory enquiries by Cllr Matthes regarding the suitability of the equipment it was proposed a recommendation be taken to Full Council for the installation of an inclusive roundabout and swing seat and repair of the edging of the surfaces by the see saw and multiplay unit.

Cllr Robini raised the issue of broken glass down at Lion Green. As there is an increase in the use of Lion Green, there is an increase in litter. Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that two temporary litter bins would be installed and emptied twice weekly until the end of September. There is still the need for a litter pick Sunday mornings but our current contractor does not have anyone available and willing to do it.

26/20 NEXT MEETING

15th October 2020

Meeting closed at 7.56pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Amenities