



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting of the Amenities Committee

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 19th February 2015
Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Councillors

*M Odell (Chairman)	*P Bradley (Vice-Chairman)
*P Blades	*B Howard
*M Dover	P Isherwood
*J Edwards	S Mulliner
*B Hewett	

*Present

The meeting was clerked by Sarah Nash, Deputy Town Clerk
Cllrs King and Lancaster were in attendance.

1/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Isherwood

2/15 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Odell declared non-pecuniary interests for items 7g and 13 of the agenda as the Chairman of Haslemere Events, and item 9 of the agenda as the Chairman of Haslemere Educational Museum.

3/15 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 4th December 2014 were agreed.

4/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE STATED IN THE AGENDA

74/14: Grayswood Memorial. Commercial Groundscare quoted for 18 cuts a year however Angela Wheeler has confirmed that the status quo is 12 which would be sufficient. Cllr Howard suggested that the Deputy Town Clerk contacts Brian Farley or Michael Barnes regarding ownership of the land in question to enable some of the trees to be removed.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to contact Commercial Groundscare to instruct fewer cuts per year and Brian Farley / Michael Barnes regarding land ownership.

5/15 REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

6/15 ALLOTMENTS

a. Clammer Hill

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the gate post is rotten and is being fixed.

b. Sturt Road

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that there has been a complaint about the cockerel currently on site. The plot holder has been asked to remove it.

c. **Collards Lane**

Agreed to refund plotholder 18a **£68.46** as outlined in the recommendation in item 6c(i) of the agenda.

7/15 LION GREEN

- a. **Agreed** that HTC will await the yellow line extension due to take place within the next two weeks to see if that resolves the problem, at which point further consideration can be given if necessary. Deputy Town Clerk to note when the work is due to be completed by and chase SCC as necessary.
- b. Noted that the railings at the steps to Weysprings have been repaired.
- c. **Agreed** that up to £1000 can be spent on the installation of three new bins on Lion Green, preferably to include embossed HTC crests on each. Deputy Town Clerk to circulate proposed costs to Cllrs Odell, Howard and Edwards for delegated authorisation.
- d. **Agreed** that the hirer be given the flexibility to hold the fun fair up to the end of April if the weather is not appropriate on the agreed dates.
- e. **Agreed** to authorise additional expenditure of £160.00 for the installation of the picnic tables. It was suggested that once the picnic tables are installed HTC should hold a picnic there and invite the Haslemere Herald along for a photo opportunity. Dylans could be contacted to assist with some catering / ice creams. Cllr King confirmed that he would be happy to donate £50 towards ice creams for the children.
- f. **Recommended** that the application by the WAVE to use Lion Green as outlined in Appendix 3 of the agenda is agreed.
- g. **Recommended** that the application by Haslemere Events to use the premises licence for Lion Green for the provision of live entertainment is agreed.

8/15 HASLEMERE CONSERVATION APPRAISAL

Agreed that the Deputy Town Clerk should investigate further the cost of installing a round bin on the wall between Costa and Collingwood Batchelor, to also include an HTC embossed crest. Cllr Lancaster will liaise directly with Costa for permission; Collingwood Batchelor has already confirmed that they would not object to a bin being installed on the Costa side of the separating wall if it were to overhang slightly.

Agreed that rather than lighting the Chestnut tree outside the Georgian all year round with Christmas lights, it would be preferable to light it with uplighters throughout the year. Christmas lighting could be installed for the Christmas period only. Implementation of this should wait until the new owners of the Georgian have been confirmed; in the meantime the Deputy Town Clerk can investigate options.

Agreed that the tall planters outside Boots, Haslemere Travel and Clements Corner should be removed. Deputy Town Clerk to investigate the cost for doing so and look into any interested parties who may like to purchase them.

9/15 HIGH STREET NOTICEBOARD

Cllr Odell confirmed that the Museum are not in a position to contribute financially to the purchase of a new board so would not expect to retain use of it; the VIC would continue to use and maintain it.

Agreed that the existing noticeboard should be replaced. Rather than installing two noticeboards, the National Trust should be approached to see whether they would contribute half of the cost for the new board so they could take on one side. The VIC could continue to use

the other side. It was also agreed that the post should be reused, so only the double-sided boards would be needed. Deputy Town Clerk to take this forward.

10/15 SHEPHERDS HILL PLANTING SCHEME

Agreed to purchase and plant five Pyrus Chanticleer trees at a cost of £1390 plus VAT

Agreed that the trees should be watered during dry spells at a cost of £33 per visit plus VAT.

Agreed to clear the SCC portion of the area at a cost of £538 plus VAT

Recommended that Council writes to both Waverley Borough Council and Surrey County Council requesting that the land be transferred over to Haslemere Town Council.

11/15 SIGN CLEANING

Agreed that with localism funding, the signs and bins throughout Haslemere should be cleaned as well as two bus shelters, one opposite the train station and one by the junction of Shepherds Hill and Lower Street. The Deputy Town Clerk should also check whether when being cleaned a coating could be applied to prevent them from getting dirty so quickly.

12/15 LIQUID AMBER PRUNING

Agreed that the Liquid Amber should be pruned at a cost of £40, but before doing so seek advice on appropriate timing from the tree surgeon. It is the Twinning visit in May and the committee would like the tree to look good for this visit.

13/15 WEYDOWN ROAD NOTICEBOARD

Haslemere Events have taken on the ownership and maintenance of this board. If it is not kept to a reasonable standard it will be removed.

14/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

16th April 2015

Meeting closed 8.35pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Amenities