



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 11th February 2016
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Chairman	Cllr David Round*
Vice Chairman	Cllr Penny Bradley*
Councillors	Abeyundara*, Arrick, Edwards*, Hewett*, King*, Odell*, Rodgers, Sherratt

*Present

Meeting clerked by: Sarah Nash, Deputy Town Clerk.
In attendance: None

1/16 Apologies for absence

Councillors Rodgers and Sherratt.

2/16 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Cllrs Odell and Round declared non-pecuniary interests on item 8viii(c) of the agenda and left the room whilst this item was discussed.

3/16 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 17th December 2015 were amended to clarify that the sculpture scheme is not a Wey Hill in Bloom scheme. The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

4/16 Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise stated in the agenda

76/15: Cllr Abeyundara went on a walk round with Carolyn from Light Angels to come up with an action plan for the 2016 Christmas lighting scheme. A number of the apex lights in the High Street, Wey Hill and West Street are not functioning properly. It is suggested that a proposal is drawn up whereby shops will be offered the service of replacing their lighting harnesses at a cost.

Action: Cllr Abeyundara will report back to the next Amenities meeting with a formal written proposal.

74/15iii – Tesco play area funding update:

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to establish when the voting will take place in Tesco for schemes so we can encourage people to vote for the play area.

78/15 – Pigeon problem update:

Action: Cllr King to come up with a proposal to eradicate the pigeon problem and report to the next Amenities Committee meeting.

5/16 Representations by the public

None

6/16 Allotments

- i. The improvements to Collards Lane car park were carried out on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th February.
- ii. The following allotment payments are outstanding: Two at Collards Lane, one at Sturt Road and four at Clammer Hill.
- iii. Hedgerow management at Collards Lane – The tree survey company will provide a quote once the bi-annual tree survey has been carried out.
- iv. Replacement of deer fencing at Collards Lane – Collards Lane Allotment Association are happy to carry out the replacement of the deer fencing if HTC provide the materials. The estimated cost will be in the region of £200.

Recommended: That the allotment association proceed with purchasing the materials for the replacement deer fencing which will be reimbursed by HTC.

7/16 Lion Green

- i. **Marks & Spencer:** We are still awaiting a meeting with M&S. A number of potential sites for the post office were discussed.

Action: Mayor's Secretary to press for an on-site meeting with M&S to go through their proposals and to discuss the future of the post office.

- ii. **Installation of BBQ surfaces on Lion Green:** HTC is still awaiting a response from the Charities Commission. Cllr Abeyesundara wanted to clarify that the BBQ surfaces were not his idea. A problem had been raised of BBQs on Lion Green and he came up with a solution to the issue.

Action: Cllr Abeyesundara to draw up a proper proposal to present to the next Amenities meeting, after which it can be sent to the Charities Commission advising what HTC's plans are, and if a response is not received by a certain date HTC will proceed with the work.

- iii. **Play Area, gym equipment and table tennis table:** The Deputy Town Clerk advised that we are awaiting feedback from Frensham Parish Council regarding how well used their gym equipment and table tennis table are.

The Deputy Town Clerk also requested that the play equipment replacement budget for 2015/16 is rolled forward as an earmarked reserve with the aim of spending it in 2016/17.

Recommended: That the play equipment replacement budget for 2015/16 is rolled forward as an earmarked reserve in 2016/17

Cllr Odell proposed that the table tennis table (iii), gym equipment (iii), electrification of Lion Green (iv) and permanent water supply on Lion Green (v) are removed from the

agenda and not discussed on future agendas as there is no budget for any of these projects.

This was unanimously agreed.

- vi. **Bi-annual tree survey:** The Deputy Town Clerk reported that a quote of £500 has been received.

Recommended: That the bi-annual tree survey goes ahead at a cost of £500.

- vii. Planting scheme at Lion Green – It was agreed that this cannot be progressed until HTC has met with M&S to discuss their plans for the site.

viii. Lion Green hire applications:

- a. The Food Festival application for the hire of Lion Green was brought forward. Cllrs Round and Odell left the room and Cllr Bradley chaired this item.

It was noted that there would be stalls at the event which would be charged. Cllr King stated that as there would be stallholders from outside Haslemere present a charge should be applied for the hire. Cllr Bradley stated that the event is for the benefit of the local community and any money made is put back into other events by Haslemere Events.

The committee unanimously agreed that the Food Festival should be given permission to hire Lion Green. Cllr Bradley then proposed that the £150 charge should be waived, this was seconded by Cllr Hewett. A vote was taken; Cllrs Bradley, Hewett and Abeyesundara voted in favour of waiving the charge, Cllrs King and Edwards voted against.

Recommended: That the Food Festival is granted permission to hire Lion Green on 17th September 2016 and that the £150 charge should be waived.

Cllrs Odell and Round returned to the meeting.

- b. The Showtime Amusements Funfair application for the hire of Lion Green between 21st March – 29th March inclusive was considered.

Recommended: That Showtime Amusements is granted permission to hire Lion Green between 21st March – 29th March inclusive, to be charged the standard £150 per day.

- c. The 3 Counties Church WAVE application for the hire of Lion Green between 22nd July – 29th July inclusive was considered.

Recommended: That 3 Counties Church is granted permission to hire Lion Green between 22nd July – 29th July inclusive and that the £150 charge should be waived.

- d. The Showtime Amusements Funfair application for the hire of Lion Green between 27th September – 3rd October inclusive was considered.

Recommended: That Showtime Amusements is granted permission to hire Lion Green between 27th September – 3rd October inclusive, to be charged the standard £150 per day.

8/16 **High Street Issues**

- i. The Deputy Town Clerk informed the committee that a local blacksmith has advised that the hinges cannot be fixed. He has suggested buying new boards and he will quote for fixing them to the bracket already there.

Recommended: The Deputy Town Clerk to proceed with ordering two new boards and arranging for the fitting, to be achieved at a cost under £1000.

- ii. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that a meeting with the new owners of the Georgian has been requested and that some prices have been sourced for permanent uprighters. Cllr Abeysundara stressed his concern that the Wey Hill end of town is being forgotten. The committee agreed that the Horse Chestnut outside the Georgian should be looked at first as this was an outcome of the conservation area appraisal, then other status trees could be considered for permanent uprighting at St Christopher's Green and Lion Green. It was noted that S106 funding will be requested for these schemes.

Recommended: The Deputy Town Clerk to speak to WBC officers to discuss this proposal.

9/16 **Grayswood**

- i. Michael Barnes has met with the landowners who are happy to work with HTC to get the trees cleared. A further letter has been sent asking for their cooperation.
- ii. Quotes are being sourced for the installation of steps.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to give Angela Wheeler an update.

10/16 **Pocket Park**

Cllr Odell has spoken with Cllr Barton on this issue who advised that she is seeking further advice from Jon Hilder from SCC.

Action: Cllr Odell to chase Cllr Barton for a response.

11/16 **Tall Planters**

The Deputy Town Clerk is awaiting a quote from HTC's grounds contractors.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to forward the quote to the Amenities Committee once received.

12/16 **Wey Hill Fairground Car Park**

The committee discussed the future of the car park.

Recommended: That Council awaits the outcome of the Vision's draft policies before forming an opinion on the future of the Wey Hill Fairground Car Park.

13/16 Next meeting

14th April 2016

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman of Amenities