



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 13 December 2018
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Chairman	Cllr Melanie Odell*
Vice Chairman	Cllr Simon Dear*
Councillors	Abeyundara*, Bradley, Hewett*, Hill, King*, Peel and Round*

*Present

Meeting clerked by: Pippa Auger, Deputy Town Clerk.

58/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The committee accepted the absences of Councillors Peel and Hill who had prior work commitments

59/18 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

60/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 4th October 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record

61/18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE STATED IN THE AGENDA

24/18 The committee asked to record its thanks to Kemp & Stevens of Alton for providing a new dedicatory plaque, and inscribing it, free of charge for the Hindhead War Memorial.

26/18 Cllr Dear is to arrange a date for Cllrs to tidy up the Town Well path prior to the next Amenities meeting.

62/18 REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

63/18 LION GREEN

a) Table tennis table playing surfaces

Recommended: the playing surface to be concrete but investigations made to see if it can be coloured green

b) Playground surface erosion

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to investigate further resurfacing possibilities getting quotes for WetPour and bark chippings for the whole of the enclosed toddler area

64/18 TREE INSPECTIONS

Following the Appeal Court case of Cavanagh v Witley Parish Council the Amenities committee was asked to confirm the frequency of their tree inspections. Inspections

currently take place on a biennial basis with all recommended work being carried out in the suggested timeframes. This was noted.

65/18 WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Following complicated and difficult discussion it was agreed that Haslemere Town Council contact WBC and ask for a 125-year lease, with no break clause and rent of a peppercorn for Grover's Garden and Woodcock Green in Beacon Hill. Both areas are Waverley Borough Council owned land which Haslemere maintain at no expense to Waverley.

It was also agreed that Haslemere Town Council would not continue to maintain Town Meadow and St Christopher's Green, or the other much smaller parcels of land we maintain, once their tapered funding proposal commenced unless they were prepared to consider transferring the Freehold title.

20.22pm Cllr Dear leaves the room
20.24pm Cllr Dear returns

Action: Deputy Clerk to write to Waverley Borough Council setting out Haslemere Town Council's stance.

66/18 ALLOTMENTS

Collards Lane & Sturt Road only – following the Autumn inspections requests were made to clear areas of land within each allotment site which have historically been used as dumping ground for material such as glass and metal. The areas have become overgrown and therefore dangerous.

In addition, it was suggested that the Communal area at Collards Lane which abuts the area to be cleared is quite large and not really used much anymore.

Recommended: Deputy Clerk instructs the Council's contractor to clear the overgrown areas at Collards Lane and Sturt Road at a price of £310 and £340 respectively

Recommended: Deputy Clerk and Chairman measure out and create new plots at Collards Lane and Sturt Road, taking an agreed amount of space from the communal area at Collards Lane.

67/18 ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION EXPENSES

All the Allotment Associations have individuals who volunteer to work on communal areas to include mowing and erecting deer fencing, which can incur out of pocket expenses.

Recommended: an offer of £100 per annum be made to each Association on receipt of invoice and any associated receipts.

68/18 LEGIONELLA RISK ASSESSMENT

There was general discussion as to whether carrying out a risk assessment was necessary given it was highly unlikely the Council did not have responsibility for water equipment that could give rise to Legionella. However, after such discussion it was

Recommended: HTC instructs Valens Water to carry out a risk assessment for the Town Hall and Public Toilets, and the Town Hall officers be given training to do the ongoing monitoring should it be required.

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69/18 TOWN HALL STANNAH LIFT

Following discussion, the Amenities Committee agreed not to carry out supplementary testing of the lift in the Town Hall.

70/18 NEXT MEETING

7th February 2019.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed: M. Odell, Date: 7.2.19.
Chairman of Amenities

