



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 13th August 2015
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

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

*Present

Meeting clerked by: Sarah Nash, Deputy Town Clerk.

In attendance: Mr Rodgers, Mrs Angela Wheeler

41/15 Apologies for absence

Councillors Arrick and Edwards

42/15 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Cllr Odell declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7(ix) of the agenda.

43/15 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 16th April 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.

44/15 Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise stated in the agenda

35/15: The allotment tour went well however it was noted that the gate at the bottom of the site has come away from the post and there is still no noticeboard. Councillor Odell thanked Councillor Bradley for making the arrangements for the visit.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to follow up.

45/15 Representations by the public

The Chairman proposed that item 9 of the agenda was brought forward to allow a Angela Wheeler, a member of the public, to address the committee. This was unanimously agreed.

46/15 Grayswood

- i) A request for a meeting with the landowners of Grayswood Memorial has been sent, awaiting a formal response.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to follow up.

- ii) Angela Wheeler attended to make a representation. She thanked HTC for the grounds maintenance around the war memorial in Grayswood and addressed the committee with a request to install steps on the recreation green from Lower Road, adjacent to the bench and bin. She has carried out a straw poll and there is a lot of support for this proposal.

The committee recognised that the National Trust owns the land in question, that Waverley Borough Council lease it and that it is Common Land.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to obtain a quote for the installation of steps and send to Waverley for advice / support.

47/15 Allotments

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to carry out site inspections as soon as possible.

48/15 Lion Green

- i) The three bins have now been ordered for Lion Green from Broxap

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to coordinate installation when delivered.

- ii) A Marks & Spencer representative has agreed to meet with the Mayor in September to discuss:
- a. The future of the Post Office
 - b. Ongoing damage caused to Lion Green by delivery lorries
 - c. Maintenance of boundaries

Action: Deputy Town Clerk / Cllr Odell to follow up.

- iii) Councillor Abeyesundara has sourced quotes for the installation of permanent paved areas:
- a. Supply & install 5 x circular paved areas, 1.5m diameter: **£2038+VAT**
 - b. Supply & install 5 x square paved areas, 1.5m²: **£1685+VAT**

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to send out two more formal quote requests subject to Charity Commission permission and budget.

- iv) A quote has been received for resurfacing the footpath on Lion Green at £1430+VAT. It was questioned whether the whole footpath did indeed need completely resurfacing or whether patching would suffice. It was also noted that the hand rail/posts by the stream also need repairing.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to seek advice on whether patching would suffice and obtain quotes, to include the repair of the hand rail/posts. Authorised to spend up to £2000, as resolved at July Council.

- v) Cllrs Round informed the committee that he is awaiting a response from Waverley regarding other proposed outdoor gym areas in Waverley.

Action: Cllr Round & Cllr Edwards to follow up.

Cllr Abeyesundara presented a quote received from Caloo for the supply and installation of 8 pieces of equipment (4 x resistance, 4 x cardio-vascular) for £10,000+VAT.

It was suggested that this project could be suitable for Beacon Hill.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to contact Chichester and Havant District Councils where there are similar schemes to establish:

- a. Initial cost and maintenance costs
 - b. Contactors used
- vi) The Committee **recommended** that permission be given for the Air Cadets to camp on Lion Green over the weekend of the 2016 Fringe Festival.
- vii) The Committee **agreed** that HTC should consider entering Lion Green into the Green Flag Award Scheme next year.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to add to a future agenda.

- viii) The Committee considered the permanent provision of power to Lion Green. It was agreed that initially a meeting should be arranged between Cllr Round and regular hirers of Lion Green such as the Fringe Festival and the Circus.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk and Cllr Round to coordinate a meeting for September.

- ix) Agreed that a working party is formed to formulate a charging schedule for Lion Green. Councillors on the working party include Cllrs Rodgers, King, Bradley, Round and Sherratt. It was proposed that a meeting should take place in September and that Hamish Donaldson be invited to present Haslemere Festival's finances.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to coordinate the meeting and provide a list of regular hirers to the working party.

49/15 High Street Issues

- i) The bin is being installed by Waverley, they are just awaiting final confirmation from Costa and details on timings. Cllr Odell met with the temporary manager of Costa who confirmed that they would make every effort to clear pavements. Ashtrays are now in use and staff are being reminded.
- ii) The Deputy Town Clerk is awaiting a quote from Broxap for the replacement of the board.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to follow up.

50/15 Christmas Lights

Cllr Abeyesundara presented the proposed lighting scheme to the committee. It was suggested that next year's budget should allow for the provision of lights on West Street once the new lighting columns have been installed. It was also suggested that some cross road lighting could be considered this year along West Street as a temporary measure.

Action: Working party to meet on Tuesday 18th August at 4pm to finalise the Christmas lighting tender.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to arrange with Skanska for all lighting columns to have the necessary infrastructure in place.

51/15 Pigeons in Haslemere

Cllr Odell advised the committee that the problem is that the pigeons are being fed; this needs to stop to address the issue.

Action: Cllr Odell to meet with Clive Hawkins to discuss the issue.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to put signs on HTC noticeboards urging people to refrain from feeding the pigeons.

Action: Cllr Abeyesundara to speak with his contact at the Hawk Conservancy about the possibility of having regular falcon visits to the town.

52/15 Next meeting

8th October 2015

Meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman of Amenities