



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 23rd February 2017
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Chairman	Cllr David Round*
Vice Chairman	Cllr Libby Piper*
Councillors	Abeyesundara, Bradley*, Carter*, Dover, Hewett*, King*, Odell*, Peel

*Present

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

1/17 **Apologies for absence**

Councillors Abeyesundara and Dover

2/17 **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**

None.

3/17 **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held 15th December 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.

4/17 **Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise stated in the agenda**

82/16: Cllr Round advised that a meeting with the National Trust will be arranged imminently.

89/16: The gritters have been purchased and the salt / grit bins are in place.

90/16: It was questioned whether a Christmas lights wash up meeting has taken place

Action: Deputy Clerk to liaise with the Town Clerk

5/17 **Representations by the public**

Cllr King reported that a resident had notified him of vandalism to the bus shelter on Critchmere Lane.

Action: Deputy Clerk to arrange for this to be repaired and to report the outcome back to the resident concerned.

6/17 **Allotments**

- All but two plots have been allocated at Clammer Hill
- There was a break in at Collards Lane; preventative action is being considered, for example CCTV / neighbourhood watch signs.

Action: Deputy Clerk to investigate in partnership with the allotment association.

- The allotment contract needs a clause inserting advising that ploholders are to leave equipment on site at their own risk

Action: Deputy Clerk to update the contract ready to be issued in 2018.

7/17 **Lion Green**

A quote has been received for £365 for the removal of the multi-stemmed willow along the boundary of Lion Green.

Recommended: That this be authorised and paid for through Localism funding.

Picnic tables for Lion Green have been ordered. It was suggested that the emptying of the Lion Green bins, and potential new ones, should be included in contract LG2.

Action: Deputy Clerk to put this forward for the new contract as part of the grounds maintenance contract tender process.

The youth shelter bin has been destroyed and removed. Cllr King reported this incident, which involved a small fire, to the police.

Action: Deputy Clerk to source a new bin and sign off the purchase with the Chairman of Amenities. Also confirm that WBC are happy to include the new bin in their bin emptying schedule

The condition of Lion Green was raised at the recent Critchmere and Shottermill Meet the Mayor meeting. There are many dips and the grass in poor condition.

Action: Deputy Clerk to request that HTC's grounds maintenance contractors submit a proposal of action and costs to improve the condition of the green (e.g. hollow tining). This should then be reported to March Council for decision.

8/17 **Grayswood**

i. Cllr Round reported that there was general support for new steps on the recreation ground when the issue was raised at the recent Haslemere North and Grayswood Meet the Councillors meeting. This will be pushed forward to be completed within this financial year. So far two possible contractors have been sourced and replies are awaited; a third is also being sought.

Action: Deputy Clerk/Cllr Round to take forward

ii. Cllr Round reported that there was general support for the removal of further vegetation around the war memorial when the issue was raised at the recent Haslemere North and Grayswood Meet the Mayor meeting.

Action: Deputy Clerk/Cllr Round to meet with tree surgeons on site to obtain quotes and agree the scope of the project.

9/17 **Grounds Maintenance Tender Working Party**

The Committee recommended that a working party be formed to carry out the grounds maintenance tender process.

Recommended that a working party be formed comprising the following councillors /officers: Councillors Abeyesundara, Piper, Round and the Deputy Clerk.

Cllr Round reported that a meeting had been held with Matt Lank from WBC regarding HTC taking on the maintenance of certain land in Haslemere. It was a very positive meeting and WBC are happy to carry out a year's trial. Cllrs Abeyesundara and Round will present a report to March Council for consideration.

Action: Deputy Clerk to check with Commercial Groundscare that their original quote submitted for this work is still valid.

10/17 Tall Planters – High Street and Petworth Road

After speaking with Liphook in Bloom it seems that watering the planters is likely to be expensive. A quote has been sourced for the removal of the planters on the High Street and Petworth Road.

Action: Deputy Clerk to send a report to March Council for consideration.

11/17 WBC PIC Funding

The following schemes were suggested to be put forward as PIC funding schemes:

- Children's play area surfacing at Lion Green
- A333: tidying up trees
- A333: clearing ditches
- A333: Milestone restoration
- Town well project
- Any assets that need replacing after carrying out an audit of all HTC assets.

Action: Deputy Clerk to contact WBC asking if HTC's last bid for funding was successful, and also to clarify if this funding is available only for capital investment (and define eligibility). To identify any date by when ideas need to be submitted to WBC, and then to circulate all councillors for additional projects.

12/17 Town Well

Cllr Round proposed that a working party be formed to progress the town well project.

Recommended that a working party be formed comprising the following councillors: Cllrs Round, Hewett and King.

13/17 Blackspots in Haslemere

Cllr Round proposed that a walkabout takes place in March. The following have agreed to attend: Cllrs Round, Abeyasundara and Bradley and the Deputy Clerk, plus Cllrs Hewett and Carter for Hindhead.

Action: Deputy Clerk to coordinate a date from mid-March.

Cllr Round / Deputy Clerk updated the Committee on ongoing work on blackspots in Haslemere.

Action: Deputy Clerk to contact Network Rail to establish whether the footbridge from Kings Road has been surveyed recently or not, and to confirm its condition.

There are still a number of outstanding SCC issues in the area that have not been resolved, including the VAS by Fosters Bridge.

Action: Deputy Clerk to liaise with Cllr Carter to arrange a meeting with appropriate SCC officers to attempt to resolve these outstanding issues.

Action: It was agreed to send the updated list to the Haslemere Society who had identified many of the items needing attention.

14/17 Next meeting

13th April 2017

Meeting closed at 7.59pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Amenities