



# HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

<b>Mayor</b>	*Cllr J Robini
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	*Cllr S Dear
<b>Councillors</b>	*Arrick *Barton, *Cole, *Davidson, *Dullaway, *Ellis *Hewett, *Isherwood, *Keen, *Lloyd, *Matthes, *Nicholson *Odell, *Round, *Weldon, *Whitby

\* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan, minuted by Jo Cork. Also present were 6 members of the public from The Haslemere Hub and A Place to Be.

Prior to the meeting prayers were said by Reverend Chris Bessant from St Bartholomew's Church.

## **1/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Councillors were present

## **2/20 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Odell Non-Pecuniary, Treasurer of Haslemere Community Rail Partnership  
Cllr Round Non-Pecuniary, Spouse of Cllr Odell  
Cllr Keen Non-Pecuniary, Committee member of A Place to Be  
Cllr Robini Non-Pecuniary, Committee member of A Place to Be

## **3/20 DISPENSATIONS**

Town Clerk granted all Councillors dispensations relating to the making of the budget.

## **4/20 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr Jim Edwards would like to thank the Grants Committee for their financial support to the Youth Club and to all who volunteered for last year's RBL Poppy Appeal.

## **5/20 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES**

None.

## **6/20 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was noted that the incorrect minutes were posted onto the website, Jo Cork will circulate the correct minutes from the meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> November, these minutes will need to be approved at the next Full Council Meeting.

## **7/20 MAYORS UPDATE**

The Mayor gave an update for the past quarter. Several events are planned towards the end of the Mayoral year (from March to May); these will include a car boot sale, a car treasure trail, a golfing day on 30<sup>th</sup> April, and a musical evening with Mates and Godfrey on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### **8/20 CLERKS UPDATE**

The Clerk's Report had been distributed to the Council prior to the meeting and was noted.

### **9/20 BUDGET 2020-2021**

**RESOLVED** The budget for 2020-2021 showing a precept of £349,530 was agreed, the Town Clerk is authorised to instruct Waverley Borough Council to raise this amount via the precept.

After the budget was approved the Haslemere Hub and A Place to Be both thanked the Council for their financial support, they went on to give a brief overview of what they do and the challenges they face.

### **10/20 MEETINGS CALENDER**

**RESOLVED** The calendar of meetings 2020-2021 was agreed.

### **11/20 RISK ASSESSMENT**

**RESOLVED** The Risk Assessment at Appendix 5 is approved. Cllr Round would like to thank the Town Clerk for the quality of the document.

### **12/20 ASSET REGISTER**

**RESOLVED** The Asset Register at Appendix 6 is approved.

### **13/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Robini gave an update on the launch of the Neighbourhood Plan, the consultations will start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 and finish on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020, the drop in events have been booked at the following locations:

7 <sup>th</sup> March	Haslemere Town
16 <sup>th</sup> March	The Haslemere Hub
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Haslewey
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Hindhead British Legion
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Grayswood Club

Volunteers are needed to help run these sessions, please do contact the office if you can help.

These consultations will be publicised via a leaflet being mailed out to residents and via media platforms, posters, banners etc.

### **14/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:** The schedule of payments as detailed in the Cashbook printouts for months 8 & 9 and any variances in the Council's accounts, including reported overspends and virements are approved.

### **15/20 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the below meetings and any recommendations therein, not already made under delegated authority, be adopted.

- Planning & Highways Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The minutes from the Grants Committee (13<sup>th</sup> January 2020) were not received by all committee members. The Town Clerk will look into this and distribute to those who did

not receive them; therefore these minutes will be adopted at the next Full Council Meeting.

#### **16/20 COUNCIL STRATEGY WORKING PARTY**

Discussion took place regarding Haslemere Town Council: Strategic Plan 2019 - 2023 (Appendix 8) and it was agreed that the following amendments be incorporated within the document:

- Under Local business and transport include Surrey Hills
- Under Local business and transport include 'Also work to improve the flow of traffic in the town centre'
- Include Hindead as 'Haslemere & Hindhead' within the document

Cllr Round commented that HTC could help fund Haslemere Visitor Centre, Cllr Robini suggested that a grant be applied for.

Cllr Dear commented that the town should be more visible in publications such as 'Visit Surrey' as currently Haslemere not represented.

**RESOLVED:** The Haslemere Town Council: Strategic Plan 2019 - 2023 is adopted by Council with the above minor adjustments.

#### **17/20 HTC CARBON NEUTRAL 2030 AND CARBON AUDIT**

Cllr Lloyd confirmed that the 2030 Roadmap and Audit will be ready for next Full Council meeting. Criteria still needs to be set for environmental grants, the Town Clerk will speak with Godalming Town Council who have already set their criteria and feedback to Cllr Lloyd.

Engagement from the community is key and we need to consider how best HTC can interact with community groups; The Neighbourhood Plan should also consider Climate Emergency.

#### **18/20 ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION HASLEMERE - EVIDENCE GATHERING**

**RESOLVED:** Navigus is instructed to gather evidence and prepare a report for the SUM OF £1350

#### **19/20 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllr Keen is working with WBC to secure funding for the Haslewey to extend their kitchen, they are hoping to secure £7500 for this.

#### **20/20 PROPOSED CHANGES TO SURREY PENSION SCHEME FOI POLICY**

The Clerk has received a communication regarding revaluation of the scheme and potential increase in contributions. This was received too late for this meeting to decide.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that this matter is dealt with by the Staffing Committee who have delegated powers regarding staffing matters.

#### **21/20 VE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Cllr Odell confirmed the following events for the VE Day Celebrations:

- 8<sup>th</sup> May Charter Fair (possible Beacon Lighting)
- 9<sup>th</sup> May RSSG are holding a ball at Woolmer Hill School
- 10<sup>th</sup> May Carnival Procession from High Lane to Lion Green (where there will be an event)
- 10<sup>th</sup> May Civic Service at St Bartholomew's Church

Cllr Odell clarified that the Charter Fair is for Organisations/Charities to promote themselves and is not a duplication of the Christmas Fair, do encourage your groups to book a stall. HTC will have a stall there.

Meeting finished 8.05pm

Signed.....  
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....

