



**HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

**Town Mayor:** \*Cllr Penny Bradley  
**Deputy Mayor:** Cllr Peter Isherwood`

**Councillors**

*Mrs J Arrick	Mrs B Hewett
Mr D Benson	*Mr B Howard
*Mrs P Blades	*Mr W King
Mr M Dover	*Mrs C Lancaster
*Mr J Edwards	*Mr S Mulliner
*Mrs F Foster	*Mrs M Odell
*Mr M Foster	*Mrs L Piper
Mr G Hall	Mr D Reavley

\* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan  
16 members of the public attended in the Council chamber (more were invited to wait downstairs for health and safety reasons), in addition to SCC Councillors Barton and Harmer, Revd David Muskett, and Caroline Toms (Herald). Mr Ken Griffiths joined the meeting for item 8.

**1/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Dover, Reavley, Benson, Isherwood, Hewett, Hall.

**2/15 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Odell declared a pecuniary interest in item 16 at the Council's current website supplier and non-pecuniary interest in item 23 as she is the Chairman of Haslemere Educational Museum.

All Members have a pecuniary interest in item 18 as Council Tax payers within the Council's area. See minute 3/15 below.

**3/15 DISPENSATIONS**

The Town Clerk reported that she had granted a dispensation to Cllrs Piper, Hewett, Odell, Bradley and Isherwood at the budget sub-committee meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January in order that the meeting could continue. She also reported that before the meeting in progress, she had granted dispensations to Cllrs F & M Foster, Lancaster, Mulliner, Blades, Edwards, Howard, King and Arrick for the same reason.

**4/15 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr Paul Buckler gave a short presentation on the history and use of the Youth Campus (YC) at Weyhill. He explained that users of the YC wanted to remain at the site but that their landlord, Waverley Borough Council, was not being helpful in renewing them with long leases which did not contain break clauses.

Mr Bucker was seeking assurance that the Town Council would support users in their quest to renew leases where they are currently sited.

The Mayor read out a statement from WBC Leader, Cllr Robert Knowles, as follows:

**Weyhill Youth Campus**

Waverley has a longstanding commitment to all the organisations on the Weyhill Youth Campus. Waverley is also in regular contact with each of the organisations to assist with any issues they have.

As the current leases for the Weyhill Youth Campus have expired Waverley Officers are talking to the different community groups to ascertain their specific requirements. For some organisations this has included taking the opportunity to explore whether there are other sites in Haslemere that might better suit their future needs.

The Scouts and Guides have indicated they do not want to move and Waverley Borough Council are currently discussing new lease arrangements with them. Meetings have taken place since New Year.

Whilst the Army and Air cadets are happy with their current location they are operating within certain constraints that arise from the location and are keen to move to a more suitable venue. Waverley's Head of Communities is currently working with the Air Training Corps and Army Cadet Force to ascertain if a more suitable location exists within Haslemere.

The St John Ambulance have also indicated that they would like to stay on the campus and Waverley are working closely with them to understand their needs.

The Orchard Club is not part of the Youth Campus. However they are a venue that Waverley is committed to and which is supported financially through the Waverley Grants Scheme.

The Council does not have an agreement with the Montessori School, therefore any discussions regarding the School will need to be conducted with the Scouts and Guides groups who are responsible for the day to day use of the building.

There was a short discussion amongst councillors. Cllr Piper stated that whilst Council appeared to be fully supportive of the YC, they should not get involved in negotiations on the lease between landlord and tenant.

The Mayor stated that the Town Council would support the YC users in any way they could.

**5/15 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES**

None.

**6/15 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

No report was received from either County Councillor present.

Cllr Edwards asked Cllr Barton why the section from Three Gates Lane to the Wheatsheaf in Grayswood had not been resurfaced. Cllr Barton to find out and report back.

### **7/15 PROPOSED SCULPTURE ON LION GREEN**

Council agreed to move this item forward.

The Sculpture Working Party (WP) had agreed that Lion Green would be a good location for a sculpture but questioned whether Jon Edgar was the right sculptor. He already has a sculpture in the Council's area and the WP wondered if it would be more appropriate to invite other sculptors to submit designs.

Cllr King suggested that other local artists be approached to see if they would be interested. This was proposed by Cllr Bradley and seconded by Cllr Edwards.

**RESOLVED:** That the working part meets again and takes forward the Council decision to invite designs from other artists, in addition to Jon Edgar's.

Mr Ken Griffiths stated that he was disappointed with the Council's decision which he described as cultural censorship. Council thanked Mr Griffiths for all he had done so far but re-stated that they wanted to look at all options, including Mr Edgar's design.

### **8/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved by Council and signed by the Mayor.

### **9/15 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

### **10/15 REPORT FROM HASLEMERE VISION**

Stewart Brown's report to Council (previously circulated) was discussed. Council agreed that it was not appropriate for the Vision to hold another separate Fairground Car Park consultation at this time. There was also discussion around the timings of further work and consultations, given the WBC timescales for releasing housing figures.

It was agreed that this should be discussed at March Council when Stewart Brown can attend.

### **11/15 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR**

The Haslemere Food bank was delighted to receive the donations from the Mayor, which were supplemented by Tesco. 54 food parcels were given to families over Christmas.

Reminder about the open day at Jamia Ahmadiyya Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, all welcome.

One of the Police officers killed in the Paris shootings was from Bernay, the Mayor has written to the Mayor of Bernay to offer the Town's condolences.

Woolmer Hill has done really well at it's most recent Ofsted. Well done!

Flanders and Swan evening at the Royal School 13<sup>th</sup> Feb in support of Mayor's charities. Get tickets from the Town Hall.

### **12/15 CLERK'S REPORT**

Mayor asked this item to be deferred to next meeting due to length of the agenda.

### **13/15 COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT 2015**

**RESOLVED:** that the Council's risk assessment at appendix 3 to the Agenda is approved.

**14/15 ASSET REGISTER 2105**

**RESOLVED:** that the Council's asset register at appendix 4 to the Agenda is approved.

**15/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the schedule of accounts paid since the last meeting is approved as follows:

Cashbook 6 total receipts for months 8 & 9- £30,937.72  
Cashbook 6 total payments for months 8 & 9- £15,544.85  
Cashbook 3 total receipts for months 8 & 9- £0  
Cashbook 3 total payments for months 8 & 9- £0  
Cashbook 4 total receipts for months 8 & 9- £49.12  
Cashbook 4 total payments for months 8 & 9- £45,000  
Cashbook 1 total receipts for months 8 & 9- £45,490.95  
Cashbook 1 total payments for months 8 & 9- £42,454.01

2. That the Bank reconciliations area approved as follows:

Cashbook 1 (balance £12,438.68), Cashbook 3 (balance £29150.12) and Cashbook 4 (balance £179,868.74), Cashbook 6 (balance £14,864.83).

3. That the schedule of payments and cashbook totals as listed below are approved:

Cashbook 1, months 1 £28,978.15, 2 £70,982.30, 4 £41,929.56 and 6 £36,699.68.  
Cashbook 3, months 1 £26,643.21, 2 £26,643.21, 4 £29,150.12 and 6 £29,150.12.  
Cashbook 4, months 1 £245,831.42, 2 £245,923.58, 4 £174,877.50 and 6 £267,819.62

4. Any variances in the Management Accounts are approved.

**16/15 PAYMENT FOR WEBSITE REPLACEMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the computer maintenance budget, currently in credit by £250 can be overspent to a maximum of £900.

**17/15 ELECTION COSTS 2015**

**RESOLVED:** That any shortfall from the Election Reserve is met from the General Reserves.

**18/15 BUDGET 2015 – 2016**

**RESOLVED:** That the budget at Appendix 6 to the Agenda, showing Income £251,494, Expenditure £302,838 and a precept of £224,050 is adopted for 2015-2016.

**19/15 MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2015 - 2016**

**RESOLVED:** That the schedule of meetings for 2015-2016 is adopted.

**20/15 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the following meetings and any recommendations therein be adopted.

Planning – 11<sup>th</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup> January (previously circulated)

Amenities – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (previously circulated)

**21/15 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllr Edwards reported that Tennysons Sure Start has had the best Ofsted report of part-time centres in England, he will circulate.

Cllrs Bradley and Lancaster will circulate reports after the meeting.

**22/15 REPORTS FROM TWIN-HATTED MEMBERS**

Cllr Howard stated that, with reference to the earlier presentation regarding the Youth Campus, Council should keep an eye on the progress of negotiations. If, as alleged, WBC are being tardy the Mayor should challenge. Cllr Mulliner to review progress at WBC and report back as necessary.

**23/15 VIC GRANT APPLICATION**

**RESOLVED:** That the VIC is awarded a grant of £14,594.20 as per the application made to November Grants Panel.

Meeting finished 8.27pm

Signed.....  
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....