



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 15th June 2017
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

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

*Present

Meeting clerked by: Joanna Cadman, Locum Deputy Town Clerk.
In attendance: Cllr Dear, Cllr Edwards

Before the meeting, the Outgoing Chairman, Cllr Round held a minute's silence for those who had died in the fire at Grenfell Tower in West London

29/17 Election of Chairman

Cllr Bradley nominated Cllr Round
Cllr Abeyesundara seconded the nomination
There were no other nominations
Cllr Round was duly elected Chairman.

30/17 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Round nominated Cllr Abeyesundara
Cllr King seconded the nomination
There were no other nominations
Cllr Abeyesundara was duly elected Vice Chairman

31/17 Apologies for absence

Councillors Dover and Peel

32/17 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

None.

33/17 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 13th April were agreed and signed as a true record.

34/17 Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise stated in the agenda

5/17: the bus shelter has been subject to graffiti again, since it was repaired.

Action: Deputy Clerk to arrange for its repair and to recommend to SCC that it is eventually replaced with a plastic shelter, as suggested previously.

11/17: Grayswood recreation ground

Action: Deputy Clerk to follow up the question to WBC on why the application for funding was unsuccessful.

13/17: Network Rail: the steps on the Kings Road footbridge are unsafe and rubbish is accumulating under the steps.

Action: the Clerk to pursue this with Network Rail.

20/17: Allotments: after discussion, it was agreed that the Mayor should ascertain whether there is demand for allotments in Beacon Hill and Hindhead at the next Hindhead Meet the Mayor meeting, before considering possible sites. In the meantime, members were asked to suggest any potential sites that they are aware of.

11/17: the retaining wall at the rear of the Pocket Park/Shepherds Hill is dangerous.

Action: the Clerk to report to SCC, copying in the SCC councillor.

35/17 Representations by the public

None

36/17 Minutes of Informal Meetings

Meeting with National Trust re Punchbowl, 27th April:

Members noted the planning application submitted by the National Trust to extend and refurbish the café and increase the car parking space, which is still pending a decision.

The National Trust have offered HTC Christmas trees, one will be placed on Lion Green and the other on their land.

The possibility of a village centre in Hindhead was discussed, and it was agreed to wait to ascertain Baron's plans, as their site is the only possible option.

Meeting with National trust 29th March

Meeting with National Trust 24th April

Members noted the minutes of these meetings and agreed the following:

- That an informal meeting with NT should be held during the summer.
- A meeting should be arranged with NT and SCC regarding the flooding in Lion Lane, caused by blocked drains, to discuss the possibility of diverting some flood water onto their land.

Action: Deputy Clerk to arrange this meeting, Cllrs D Round, W King and P Bradley to attend.

Extension of footpath refurbishment into Well Lane: members noted that this will go ahead and agreed a working party to clear the vegetation: Cllrs Abeyundara, Bradley, Odell and Round volunteered.

Action: Cllr Round to organise

37/17 Allotments

i. The Deputy Clerk reported as follows:

Collards Lane

- all plots are allocated, all payments are in
- the allotment association have upgraded the deer fencing
- CCTV has now been installed, along with signage.

Sturt Road

- All plots are allocated, all payments are in.
- Deer fencing will need replacing, the allotment volunteers will be asked to take this on.
- The leaking tap has been repaired.

Clammer Hill

- All plots are allocated, one payment awaited.
- A buffer needs to be retained between the back of plots 1-12c and the neighbour to enable them to maintain their boundary. All ploholders have been advised.

38/17 Lion Green

i. Condition of Lion Green:

- The grass is patchy in places and should be re-seeded later in the year.
- the grass around the posts next to Marks and Spencer needs closer strimming. It had been agreed that the contractors would give HTC notice next time they undertook this work, so that notices could be put on cars to advise them that the access would be closed while this work was carried out.

Action: Cllrs Abeyesundara, Edwards, King and Round to meet with CGC; to be arranged by the Deputy Clerk.

- The grass around the community centre has been cut, but not the hedge.

Action: Cllr Edwards to follow up.

ii. Roundabout repair

Playsafe, who have removed the roundabout, have quoted £1651 to replace the spindle. The Deputy Clerk has discussed the proposed repair with another company, who have suggested a new inclusive roundabout. As the current roundabout is now old and there is money in the budget for some replacement equipment, it was agreed to pursue this.

Action: Deputy Clerk to obtain three quotations for repair or replacement, to be taken to full Council for a decision.

iii. Bin next to bus shelter

The bin was delivered to HTC offices the previous day, and has been taken by CGC to install, at a cost previously agreed,

iv: possible positioning of tubs on Lion Green

Cllr Edwards advised that the tubs were no longer available.

39/17 Grounds Maintenance Tender Process

The amended draft specifications, contracts and contract procedure rules were considered by the Committee and agreed.

Action: to be ratified by full Council for the sake of good order. At the same time, Deputy to issue the tender documents to three suppliers, after checking with the Town Clerk, requesting and requiring a response no later than the end of July.

40/17 Grayswood

i. Further clearing of vegetation by war memorial

Three quotations had been received with a price ranging from £290 to £450, all exclusive of VAT. Members agreed to accept the quotation from Green Frontiers, at £320 + vat.

ii. Grayswood Steps

The work to the steps is in hand.

41/17 Blackspots in Haslemere

Wey Hill: Cllrs Abeyesundara, Bradley, Dear, King and Round will undertake the walkabout.

Grayswood: Cllrs Dear, Odell and Round will undertake the walkabout.

Action: Cllr Round to organise

42/17 Town Well

Three quotes had been received, all with very different specifications and costings.

Action: referred to working party of Cllrs Abeyesundara, Dear, Odell and Round. Cllr Round to organise.

Members agreed that the well dressing ceremony should be reinstated once the well is restored.

43/17 The Edge Leisure Centre

Cllr Carter said that the recent meeting had been very positive and it had been good to learn that WBC intend to continue to develop the Edge. It was hoped that it might be possible to get more schools involved in using the facilities and noted that the Chairman of Governors at Woolmer Hill would like to be involved in discussions and will be invited to the next meeting. This had been scheduled for September, but noted that this would be too late for WBC's budget process

Action: Deputy Clerk to arrange a meeting for August. Cllr Round to discuss dates with The Mayor

44/17 Next meeting

24th August 2017

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Amenities