



# HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

<b>Mayor</b>	* Cllr S Abeysundara
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	* Cllr M Carter
<b>Councillors</b>	Arrick, *Blades, Bradley, *Dover, *Drake, *Edwards, *Hall, *Hewett, *King, *Newbury, *M Odell *Peel, *Piper *Rodgers, *Round, Sherratt

\* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O’Sullivan  
19 members of the public were in attendance

Before the meeting prayers were said by Revd Barbara Steele-Perkins of All Saints Church, Grayswood.

## **46/16 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2016/2017**

Councillor Round nominated Cllr Abeysundara

Councillor Dover seconded the nomination

There were no further nominations.

Cllr Drake asked for a recorded vote for the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Vote went as follows:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Odell	Newbury
Carter	Drake
Piper	King
Hewett	Hall
Dover	Edwards
Round	Rodgers
Blades	
Peel	

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Abeysundara is duly elected Town Mayor for 2016-2017.

## **47/16 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF TOWN MAYOR**

Cllr Abeysundara made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and gave a speech of thanks.

**48/16 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR 2016/2017**

Councillor Odell nominated Cllr Carter  
Councillor Piper seconded the nomination  
There were no further nominations.

Vote went as follows:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Odell	Newbury
Abeyesundara	Drake
Piper	King
Hewett	Hall
Dover	Edwards
Round	Rodgers
Blades	
Peel	

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Carter is duly elected Deputy Town Mayor for 2016-2017.

Cllr Carter gave a short acceptance speech.

**49/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Arrick, Bradley, Sherratt.

**50/16 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Cllrs Abeyesundara and Edwards declared a non-pecuniary interest as committee members of Wey Hill in Bloom.

**51/16 DISPENSATIONS**

None requested or granted.

**52/16 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

None.

**53/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the town Council meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 are a true record of that meeting.

The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

**46/16 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

**47/16 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:** That the schedule of payments as set out below and any variances in the Council's accounts are approved:

	Month 12	Month 1
Cashbook 6 –	£25,588.75	£26,352.55
Cashbook 7 –	£30,000	£0
Cashbook 8 –	£0	£0

**48/16**     **END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2015-2016**

**RESOLVED:** That the Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2016 are approved.

**49/16**     **INTERNAL AUDIT 2015-2016**

**RESOLVED:** That the report from the Internal Auditor and recommendations therein are adopted by Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Internal Auditor's letter of engagement is approved.

**50/16**     **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Annual governance statement for year ended 31st March 2016 is approved.

**51/16**     **ANNUAL RETURN and ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Annual Return and Accounting Statements for year ended 31st March 2016 are approved.

**52/16**     **APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

**RESOLVED:** That Council remains 'opted-in' and allows the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd to appoint its External Auditor from 2017.

**53/16**     **BANK SIGNATORIES**

**RESOLVED** – that the signatories on the Town Hall bank accounts are Town Clerk or Deputy Clerk plus any two of the following Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cllr Bradley, Cllr Piper, Cllr Odell.

**54/16**     **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the following meetings and any recommendations therein are agreed.

Planning Committees held 30th March, 27th April.

Amenities 14th April.

There was some discussion over charging on Lion Green, and the definition of 'commercial' events. Cllr Odell suggested that the definition of commercial should be re-defined, Cllr Hall stated that it had already been agreed by Council and was therefore Council policy.

The Mayor noted that a year's notice is given to allotment users for change in rent and proposed that regular Lion Green users are given the same period of notice of potential charging. Cllr Hall seconded the proposal.

After councillors had voted for and against the resolution above but before any abstentions had been asked for, Cllr Drake asked to clarify that any councillor who has a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in the long-standing events being discussed should disclose it.

The Mayor replied that Council was in the middle of a vote.

The Town Clerk advised that it is a matter for individual Councillors to decide whether or not to declare an interest. Cllr Drake noted the advice.

**RESOLVED:** Deputy Town Clerk to write to regular users such as Fringe Festival and Classic Car show to give them notice that a charge for use of Lion Green may be implemented in future for all commercial users.

Grants 12th May.

There was some discussion over the recommendation to give Weyhill in Bloom a reduced amount to that requested. Cllr Drake suggested that it was worthwhile to note that the recommendation from the Grants Committee was unanimous.

**RESOLVED:** The reduced amount be paid, however any amount to be awarded to Weyhill in Bloom for 2017-2018 should be discussed during the budget round and be added to the 2017-2018 budget.

55/16     **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**RESOLVED:** That the committee membership for 2016-2017 is approved as per the schedule at Appendix 7 with the following amendments:

1. Cllr Bradley, not Cllr Abeyesundara is representative on Haslemere Hall.
2. Cllr Edwards joins the Grants committee.
3. Cllr Newbury joins the F&A committee.

56/16     **BAGS OF HELP GRANT - PLAYGROUND UPDATE PROJECT**

**RESOLVED:** That a working party comprising the Mayor, Clerk, Chair of Amenities, Chair of F&A and Cllr King is created. The working party is delegated authority to agree plans and award the contract, subject to HTC policies.

Meeting finished 7.49 pm

Signed.....  
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....