



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 17th December 2015
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Chairman	Cllr David Round*
Vice Chairman	Cllr Penny Bradley
Councillors	Abeyundara*, Arrick, Edwards*, Hewett*, King*, Odell*, Rodgers, Sherratt

*Present

Meeting clerked by: Sarah Nash, Deputy Town Clerk.
In attendance: Cllr Drake for part of the meeting

68/15 Apologies for absence

Councillors Bradley, Rodgers and Sherratt.

69/15 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Cllrs Abeyundara, Edwards and King declared non-pecuniary interests in item 13 of the agenda as members of the Wey Hill in Bloom committee.

70/15 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 8th October 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.

71/15 Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise stated in the agenda

65/15: Public toilets - Cllr Edwards advised that he is awaiting an update from Richard Homewood at Waverley, he will circulate the response once received.

64/15: Dustcart – A meeting with SCC Cllr Hodge has been requested. In the meantime fly-tipping seems to have increased. The committee suggested that HTC publicises that fly-tipping should be reported directly to Waverley so the situation can be monitored and dealt with.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to take forward.

72/15 Representations by the public

None

73/15 Allotments

All invoices have now been sent out. Contracts have not been issued as rolling contracts were implemented last year.

A notice of eviction has been sent to one of the plotholders at Sturt Road. No response has been received from the plotholder as yet.

A plotholder at Collards Lane has requested that HTC addresses the problem of overgrown trees/hedgerow on the boundary with the National Trust land as it is now starting to impact on the crops due to lack of light.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to obtain a quote for a hedgerow management plan and report back to the February 2016 Committee meeting.

74/15 **Lion Green**

- i) **Marks & Spencer:** M&S has confirmed that they will be delaying opening until July 2016. It was also noted that the Post Office lease ends in June 2016. It was suggested that it might be wise for the Post Office to start seeking alternative space before then in preparation for end of their lease.

Cllr Drake joined the meeting to observe.

The Deputy Clerk reported SCC's concerns on the impact an increased in customers would have on the traffic lights by Tesco. It was agreed that this issue would be raised during future discussions between HTC and M&S.

- ii) **Installation of BBQ surfaces on Lion Green:** The Deputy Town Clerk to chase a formal quote from Commercial Groundscare and feedback from the Charities Commission.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to follow up.

- iii) **Play Area, gym equipment and table tennis table:** It was agreed that the play area improvements should take priority followed by the outdoor gym equipment, then the table tennis table. The Deputy Clerk advised that HTC has been shortlisted for Tesco funding for the playground.

Frensham Parish Council has recently installed both outdoor gym equipment and a table tennis table so it was agreed that the Deputy Clerk should remain in contact with the Clerk at Frensham to monitor how successful the equipment is.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to report back to Amenities.

Cllr Hewett asked whether Waverley would consider installing some outdoor gym equipment on the Beacon Hill recreation ground.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to contact Waverley to see if this is something they would consider.

- iv) **Electrification of Lion Green:** It was agreed that this is not currently a priority however in the meantime a quote should be sought from SSE to establish how much it would cost to install power on Lion Green.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to seek a formal quote.

- v) **Water supply on Lion Green:** It was agreed that this is not currently a priority however in the meantime a quote should be sought from Thames Water to establish how much it would cost to install a water supply on Lion Green.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to seek a formal quote.

- vi) **Bi-annual tree survey:** The Deputy Town Clerk is currently awaiting a quote from PBA for the bi-annual tree survey of Lion Green and the Sturt Road embankment.

Cllr Edwards has spoken with Arno Spaarkogel from Waverley regarding the replacement trees on St Christopher's Green. He has confirmed that they will be planted next Autumn.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to report this to the Haslemere Society.

75/15 High Street Issues

The Deputy Town Clerk is working with a local blacksmith to have this repaired.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to follow up.

76/15 Christmas lights and permanent uplighters

Cllr Round reported that he has received complimentary remarks on the Christmas lights.

It was agreed that up-lighting the Chestnut outside the Georgian would be a good idea however this should be done in consultation with the new owners of the Georgian.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk and Cllr Round to meet with the owners of the Georgian to discuss the proposal. In the meantime the Deputy Town Clerk to seek another quote for a fixed up-lighter and speak with Waverley regarding potential funding.

Cllr Drake left the meeting.

77/15 Grayswood

- i) The Deputy Town Clerk is awaiting a response from the owner of the land surrounding the Grayswood War Memorial to establish whether they are happy with some tree remedial work to take place to open up the view from the site.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to follow up.

- ii) Waverley have indicated that they may be happy to have some steps installed if the National Trust is in agreement.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to seek three quotes for the installation of steps and liaise with Waverley regarding further action.

78/15 Pigeons in Haslemere

The problem of pigeons was discussed, it was agreed that the problem stems from people feeding them.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to write to all neighbouring properties to St Christopher's to request that they stop feeding the pigeons.

79/15 Pocket Park

It was agreed that HTC should still seek to acquire the freehold of this land however in the meantime legal advice should be sought to establish what the legal costs would be to extinguish highway rights and what the implications for doing so would be.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to follow up.

80/15 Tall planters

After some discussion it was recommended that HTC does not remove any of the tall planters. It was also noted that Weyhill in Bloom are planning to install a sculpture on the tall planter at Haslewey.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to obtain advice and a quote from HTC's grounds contractor for planting trailing plants which require little water in the tall planter on the High Street, along with associated watering methods and costs.

81/15 Installation of a noticeboard on the Memorial garden in Beacon Hill

Recommended: That a noticeboard is purchased at a cost of £549 plus VAT to be installed at the memorial garden in Beacon Hill, budget to be agreed.

82/15 Staff parking

It was suggested that the Collards Lane carpark could be a suitable place for two officers to park however needs investigating. Cllr Edwards, Cllr King and the Deputy Town Clerk to visit the car park to assess the available space and Cllr Edwards to report their findings back to the Amenities committee.

Action: Cllr Edwards, Cllr King and the Deputy Town Clerk to take forward.

83/15 Next meeting

11th February 2016

Meeting closed at 8.42pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman of Amenities