



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on
Thursday 26th March 2015
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Mayor	*Cllr P Bradley
Deputy Mayor	*Cllr P Isherwood
Councillors	Arrick, *Blades, Benson, *Dover, *Edwards, *F Foster, *M Foster, Hall, *Hewett, *Howard, *King, *Lancaster, *Mulliner, *Odell, *Piper and *Reavley

* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan
The meeting was also attended by County Councillor Nikki Barton, Mr Robert Serman and Bea Phillpotts (Haslemere Herald).

24/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Arrick and Hall.

25/15 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None.

26/15 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr Robert Serman asked if he could update the council on his efforts to get the footpath next to Lloyds bank designated as a right of way. He explained that he had 60 signed affidavits from residents saying they had used it for more than 20 years and these had been passed to SCC with a view to the matter being determined at September's LAC.

Mr Serman went on to thank the town councillors for all of the commitment they have shown and the hard work they have put in over that past 4 years.

Cllr Edwards thanked all of the councillors standing down at the next election.

27/15 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES

None.

28/15 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Barton stated that councillors could find all the updates she had on her website but did specifically mention:

- Efforts re Lloyds footpath being supported by John Hilder on safety grounds.

- Met with SWT to try to get VIC presence established at the Station. Cllr Piper reminded Cllr Barton that HTC will need to be involved in the discussions.
- SCC architect is coming up with plans for access at bottom of Shepherds Hill.
- It is hoped that a new covered and lit cycle rack will be installed at the station.
- 106 money will hopefully be used to build a crossing at the top of Weyhill.
- £10k funding has been secured for lighting at Sandrock, also for dropped curbs and pram ramps in the Town. Cllr Barton was asked if this could be extended to the Town Hall.
- 25% LAC funding to be spent on improving drainage.

Cllr Piper stated that the information received from SCC re it recent transport review did not contain any proposals, Cllr Barton to find out when they will be released.

She also asked what was being done to clear the rubbish on the A3 revealed by recent strimming. Cllr Isherwood explained that this is a WBC responsibility and currently Veolia has no resource.

Cllr Edwards asked that local businesses should be consulted about the proposed crossing on Weyhill.

Cllr Lancaster asked if Cllr Barton had found out why the section of the A286 between Three Gates Lane and Grayswood had not been resurfaced. This is due to lack of funding.

Cllr King will email Cllr Barton about getting signs at the top of Woolmer Hill to prevent large vehicles coming down it.

29/15 VISION UPDATE

It was suggested that a HTC has a formal link representative on the Vision and it was agreed that it would be appropriate to ask for a volunteer from the new Council in May.

RESOLVED:

- i. The Mayor, Town Clerk and Cllr Piper have delegated authority to instruct a consultant to review the neighbourhood plan work in line with an agreed brief, up to £1500 from the Vision budget.
- ii. Cllrs Isherwood, Mulliner and Deputy Clerk to prepare the brief in conjunction with representative from the Vision.

30/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of that meeting held on 15th January 2015 and any recommendations therein be adopted.

31/15 MATTERS ARISING

Item 4/15 Mr Bucker should read Mr Buckler.

Item 4/15 Cllr Edwards asked Cllr Mulliner for an update on the future of the Youth Campus. Cllr Mulliner reported that the Scouts and Guides will remain where they are with a new lease. St. John Ambulance would be willing to move if

an equally convenient site could be found but this seems unlikely and Cadets are willing to move to a more suitable site for their activities near Woolmer Hill. It is likely that in order of 30 social houses will be built on the site in around 3 years time.

Item 6/15 it was Cllr Lancaster who asked Cllr Barton about the resurfacing on the A286.

32/15 COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MAYOR

- Cllr Piper was welcomed back after her recent operation.
- Very best wishes and thanks extended to retiring councillors.
- Thank you to Brian Howard and Melissa King for donating a chocolate cockerel to be raffled for Mayor's charities.
- Thank you to Haslemere Society for donating £100 towards trees at bottom of Shepherds Hill.

33/15 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had nothing to report in addition to her regular Friday briefing note.

34/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED:- that the payments listed below and any variances in the council's accounts are approved.

Cashbook 1 Month 10 - £34,186.34

Cashbook 1 Month 11 - £43,844.62

Cashbook 3 Month 10 - £29,150.12

Cashbook 3 Month 11 - £29,167.22

Cashbook 4 Month 10 - 179,868.74

Cashbook 4 Month 11 - 199,075.26

Cashbook 6 Month 10 - £45,802.03

Cashbook 6 Month 11 - £237,608.59

35/15 TRANSPARENCY CODE

RESOLVED: that the Clerk's recommendations in the attached 'Transparency Code Requirements' are implemented as part of the new website re-launch. Clerk's report to be amended to show Transparency Code 2014, not 214.

36/15 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLVED:- that the minutes of the following meetings and any recommendations therein be adopted.

Planning - 5th February, 5th March (previously circulated)

Grants - 12th March (previously circulated)

Amenities 19th February (previously circulated)

37/15 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Edwards reported that SCC is reviewing the cost of Sure Start centres across Surrey. Haslemere is safe but might take on clients from other areas such as Elstead.

Michael Foster stated that once he is no longer a Councillor there will be a space on the Haslemere United Charities group. Cllr Blades will take this on, if re-elected.

Cllr Hewett stated that preparations are underway for the 30th anniversary twinning visit from Bernay.

38/15 REPORTS FROM TWIN-HATTED MEMBERS

Cllr Mulliner reported that WBC has gone further with their transport assessment that expected.

39/15 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

40/15 TOWN HALL INSURANCE RENEWAL

RESOLVED: That the Town Council's insurance is moved to Zurich for the period 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2018 at a cost of £2,298.30 inc IPT per annum.

41/15 DIGITAL MAPPING

RESOLVED: that the council will purchase the Pear Mapping package at a cost of £1825 for year one, to be funded from the Community Fund budget, and £200 from year two onwards to be funded by the IT Support budget.

42/15 STAFFING MATTERS

RESOLVED:

- i. That the minutes of the Staffing committee meeting held 24th March 2015 and recommendations in the confidential report dated 17th March 2015 are adopted. To include:
 - One pay point pay award for Clerk (spine point 42 increased to 43) and Deputy Clerk (spine point 34 increased to 35) from 1st April 2015, Deputy Clerk to receive a further point increase on successful completion of CiLCA.
 - Adoption from 1 April 2015 of new staff contracts.
- ii. That the Town Hall office be re-configured as a reception area to include new reception desk (paid for from capital expenditure), redecorating (paid for from Town Hall maintenance) and moving of furniture by professional company (paid for from Town Hall maintenance). Cllr Piper and town Clerk have delegated authority on cost.
- iii. Office Administrator's job to be advertised in Haslemere Herald and Messenger, Cllr Piper and Town Clerk have delegated authority as to wording.

Meeting finished 8.17pm

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....