



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 6th October 2016
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Chairman	Cllr David Round*
Vice Chairman	Cllr Libby Piper*
Councillors	Abeyundara, Bradley, Carter, Dover, Hewett*, King*, Odell*, Peel*

*Present

Meeting clerked by: Sarah Nash, Deputy Town Clerk.
In attendance: None

63/16 Apologies for absence

Councillors Abeyundara, Bradley, Carter and Dover

64/16 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

None.

65/16 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 11 August were agreed and signed as a true record.

66/16 Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise stated in the agenda

Beacon Hill tubs – Cllr Hewett has sent the Deputy Clerk an audit of the tubs in need of replacement. Cllr Edwards is arranging for the tubs to be passed to HTC from WHIB with a small donation.

Japanese Knotweed: This has yet to be actioned and will be carried forward.

Action: Deputy Clerk to action.

67/16 Representations by the public

None.

68/16 Allotments

- i. The Deputy Clerk gave an update on the status of all three allotment sites, in particular the problems at Clammer Hill. There are a number of vacant plots being allocated so it is hoped that once they are, the site will dramatically improve.
- ii. The Deputy Clerk has put a request in to the Budget Working Party to increase the grounds maintenance budgets for all three allotment sites to account for any work needed to maintain the hedgerows.
- iii. The Committee considered the charges for plots and agreed that they should remain the same for 2018.

RECOMMENDED that the allotment prices remain unchanged for 2018.

69/16 Lion Green

The Deputy Clerk advised that the playground contract has been awarded and the new equipment should be installed mid-November.

Cllr King advised the Committee of some feedback received from a resident of Wey Springs at the Critchmere and Shottermill Meet the Mayor session. They had requested that a further consultation took place on what equipment should be installed at the play area. The Committee agreed that Cllr King should write back to the resident advising that a consultation has already taken place and the equipment is on order.

Action: Cllr King to respond.

70/16 WBC Grounds Maintenance

A meeting has taken place with Matt Lank of WBC to establish whether WBC would consider HTC maintaining certain parcels of land. Cllr Piper reminded the Committee that HTC had previously taken the stance that it would only consider taking on land management if the freehold was passed to HTC.

If HTC is to be considered as a contractor by WBC this would require service level agreements and it is likely that the funding provided by WBC would cease after three years.

The Committee agreed that Cllr Abeyesundara and Cllr Round could pursue this with WBC however it must be made clear that at this stage they are only exploratory discussions, and that this has not been formalised by Council.

71/16 Grayswood

- i. The owner of the land on which the war memorial is sited has given permission for HTC to continue maintaining the grass area and to open the view by cutting back the trees if so desired. They did make it clear that they would not wish to take on any financial commitment for this work.

Action: Deputy Clerk to instruct Commercial Groundscare to cut back the trees to open the view in time for this year's Remembrance Sunday.

- ii. The Deputy Clerk advised that WBC is unlikely to award the funding for the provision of steps on the recreation ground. The Committee suggested that this should be raised at the Grayswood Meet the Mayor session as to whether it is something that is needed, and if so:

The Committee, under its delegated powers, **RESOLVES** to fund the steps out of the Community Fund. The total cost quoted is £800.

72/16 Town Well Refurbishment

Cllr Round confirmed that this project is something he would like to lead on. He has spoken with representatives from Haslemere Educational Museum to investigate linking up the well with the walkway from the Museum, but a site meeting has yet to take place because of holidays. This is also something that could be raised at the Meet the Mayor session.

73/16 Uplighter in tree at Georgian Hotel

The Deputy Clerk advised that the owners of the Georgian Hotel have confirmed that they are happy to power the uplighters to the tree. The total cost for warm white LED uplighters is £1750, £1550 of which has been funded by WBC S106 funds, and £200

funded by HTC. The Committee discussed whether colour changing uplighters should be considered at a further cost of £200 and this was agreed.

The Committee, under its delegated powers, **RESOLVES** to contribute a further £200 from the Community Fund to upgrade the lights to colour changing.

74/16 Tall planters – High Street and Petworth Road

Cllr Round has not yet spoken to the shops regarding taking on responsibility for the tall planters.

Action: Deputy Clerk and Cllr Bradley to speak with the shop owners when asking them to water tubs.

75/16 Emergency Plan

Cllr King gave an update on his work on the Emergency Plan. There is still some work to do on the winter plan but once this is done Cllr King will present the plan to Council.

Action: Cllr King and the Deputy Clerk to take this forward.

76/16 Christmas Lights

Cllr Abeyesundara and the Town Clerk are meeting with Light Angels in the next week where they will agree a solution for the hanging stars and plan the switch on ceremony (currently proposed for 25th November).

Action: Cllr Abeyesundara and Town Clerk to take this forward.

77/16 Haslemere Society

Cllr Round advised that he had responded to John Greer's email regarding issues around the town.

The Committee also discussed the town crest plaque on Fosters Bridge and agreed to have it removed when the Christmas lighting goes up as it is too difficult to keep clean. Cllr Round will notify John Greer of this decision.

It was agreed that a meeting should take place at Clements Corner with John Greer to discuss the area. This will take place once Cllr Round and John Greer are both available, w/c 17th October. Cllr Piper suggested awaiting the decision of the planning application that is currently being considered for the old Crown and Cushion car park as these plans may affect the area in question.

The following councillors agreed to go on a walkabout: Cllrs Round, Bradley, Hewett and Peel. Cllr Round advised that he would also like to visit the cemeteries as part of this exercise.

Action: Cllr Round to arrange a meeting with John Greer and a date for the walkabout.

78/16 Next meeting

15th December 2016

Meeting closed at 8.26pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman of Amenities