



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on
Thursday 18th November 2021 - Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Mayor	*Cllr S Dear
Deputy Mayor	Cllr J Keen
Councillors	*Arrick, Barton, *Cole, *Davidson, *Dullaway, *Ellis, Hewett, Isherwood, Lloyd, *Matthes, *Nicholson *Odell, *Robini, *Round, *Weldon, Whitby

* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan and minuted by Jo Cork, 5 members of the public were present. Tom White from the Haslemere Herald was also in attendance.

77/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: Apologies are accepted from Cllrs Isherwood (unwell), Lloyd (house move), Barton (family illness), Hewett (family commitment), Keen (unwell), Whitby (work commitment).

78/21 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Odell disclosed a non-pecuniary interest for 'Visit Haslemere' and 'Jubilee Celebrations' regarding budget setting (agenda item 12.1 and 12.2) and will withdraw during discussions, Cllr Round (as spouse of above) will also withdraw from the discussions.

Cllr Matthes disclosed a pecuniary interest in the Haslemere Vision Biodiversity project (agenda item 12.5) as her husband is likely to be paid as an ecologist, and will withdraw during discussions.

79/21 DISPENSATIONS

All Councillors who pay Council Tax and live within the Council's Boundary have been granted dispensations by the Clerk in budget setting.

80/21 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Helen Bowcock, owner of Hasleworks (2-4 Petworth Road) asks members of the Town Council to give permission for a bike rack to be installed outside of the premises, as she has specific customers who use her offices who have stated they will use them. Cllr Dear stated that this is on the agenda (item 11) and will be discussed then.

81/21 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES

None

82/21 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the following meetings and any recommendations therein be adopted. The minutes were signed by the Mayor as a true record:

23rd September – Full Council

18th October – ECM

8th November – ECM

83/21 MAYORS UPDATE

The Mayor's Update had been distributed to the Council prior to the meeting and was noted, Cllr Round asked if this could be included with the documents on the website.

84/21 CLERKS UPDATE

The Clerk's Report had been distributed to the Council prior to the meeting and was noted. The Town Clerk added that she has received the usage figures for electric car charging from Waverley Borough, and Haslemere has the greatest usage by far.

Cllr Weldon would like to thank the Town Clerk for her work on Boundary Road Playground.

85/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments as detailed in the Cashbook printouts for months 6 & 7 and any variances in the Council's accounts.

86/21 INTERIM AUDIT

Council noted the interim audit report from Farsight consulting.

87/21 BIKE RACK GRANT RESUBMISSION

Six Councillors had required Council to revisit its decision at the meeting of 23rd September to approve the installation of further bicycle stands in Haslemere.

Councillors have been asked to reconsider Transitions Haslemere's request to fund and approve the installation of 2 bicycle stands on the High Street (near Darnleys) and one on Petworth Road outside Hasleworks.

Cllr Weldon stated that there clearly is a demand for further bike racks to be installed in the Town as there is an increase in people using bikes to travel to town, we should be promoting and supporting this. There is an issue over security for bikes and people like to be able to view their bikes when using cafes.

Cllr Odell commented that this issue is not about funding, we already have bike racks installed in the High Street and more are due to be installed at Waitrose (by WBC), at present the bike racks in the High Street are seldom used, why install more which will only clutter the High Street?

Cllr Ellis commented that as this was already agreed in principle why would we not install further bike racks.

Cllr Dear proposed that the Council's previous decision in September on cycle racks be re-stated, with the exception that a bike rack be funded and permitted to be installed in the immediate vicinity of Hasleworks on Petworth Road.

Cllr Odell seconded.

RESOLVED:

The Council voted unanimously to support this.

Cllr Dullaway did not vote as he joined part-way during the discussion.

88/21 BUDGET WORKING PARTY

It was agreed that the following items are to be put forward into the draft budget:

Cllrs Odell and Round left the meeting

1. **Visit Haslemere - £5,000**
2. **Jubilee Celebrations - £5,500**

Cllrs Odell and Round re-joined the meeting

3. **Deer fencing and Clammer Hill - £7,000**
4. **Drainage at Town Meadow – £10,000**

Cllr Ellis asked what the long-term plans are for Town Meadow - and if it is necessary to drain the area.

Cllr Round agrees, a previous site visit to Easebourne Park shows how you can successfully work with a wet area.

Cllr Dullaway stated that this is for budget inclusion and are not proposals.

5. Haslemere Vision Biodiversity Project Part 2. £7,500

Cllr Matthes left the meeting.

Cllr Odell proposed that we budget £7.5k and should Haslemere Vision have difficulties in obtaining the full amount then they can re-apply for further funding.

Cllr Round seconded
The Council voted unanimously

Cllr Matthes re-joined the meeting

89/21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

The local Government Boundary commission is holding a review for Borough Council Wards, the deadline for submitting comments is the 13th December 2021. Cllr Nicholson is to liaise with the Town Clerk to make a representation prior to the date.

90/21 HINDHEAD AND BEACON HILL

Cllr Arrick addressed the Council regarding her concerns over the lack of representation for the residents of Hindhead and Beacon Hill, she made the following points:

- Housing Allocation – The Council limits development in Haslemere, yet development in Hindhead/Beacon Hill are increasing with sites at; Andrews, Barons, High Pitfold and The Royal School.
- Hindhead and Beacon Hill have been allocated two thirds of new dwellings, with Haslemere taking just one third – LPP2.
- Council have not taken a balanced approach regarding Redcourt vs. Hazel Grove
- Some Councillors have been talking to developers for the Royal School Site.

Cllr Arrick feels that the Council does not represent Hindhead and Beacon Hill and wonders whether it would fare better if it was a separate parish.

Cllr Dear said he was aware there was considerable disquiet in the Hindhead area for the reasons stated by Cllr Arrick, and that her comments would be minuted.

91/21 "WELCOME BACK" FUNDING

RESOLVED: The attached report is noted. The Town Clerk is authorised to spend up to the amount awarded by the Welcome Fund from the Community Fund and then claim back the costs, to be refunded to the Community Fund.

92/21 CIL EXPENDITURE

RESOLVED: CIL funds of £538.95 to be used to purchase the bin and fixing kit, installation will cost an additional £25 if the Project and Amenity Officer is unable to do it.

93/21 PARKING IN WEY HILL "SHOPPERS CARPARK"

Waverley Borough Council has asked us to comment on parking for the 'shoppers' car park in Weyhill, historically parking in a small section of the car park was controlled by a barrier that was opened/closed by former councillor Jim Edwards at certain times.

The Town Clerk is to suggest the following to WBC:

- Opening and closing of shoppers' car park barrier
- Permit for shopkeepers for 4+ hours

94/21 TOWN HALL SURVEY

Council instructs Redmond & Associates to carry out the survey and EPC up to £4000. They have provided a sample 10-year maintenance schedule with budget costings which would prioritise the repairs required as well as general maintenance work, with estimates costs for budgeting purposes.

95/21 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: The minutes of those meetings and any recommendations therein, not already made under delegated authority, be adopted:

- Planning 7th October and 4th November
- Amenities 14th October
- Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Committee 2nd November
- Infrastructure and CIL 4th November
- Finance and Governance meeting 4th October
- Grants Committee 8th November

Meeting finished at 8:25pm

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....21/1/22.....