



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on
Thursday 23rd September 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. 4 members of the public were present. A reporter from the Haslemere Herald was also in attendance.

58/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: Apologies are accepted from Cllrs Hewett (family Commitment) Isherwood, (unwell) Lloyd (Parents Evening), Ellis (unwell). Cllrs Barton and Odell will be attending the meeting late due to other commitments. Cllr Arrick will be leaving early.

59/21 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Keen disclosed a non-pecuniary interest for 'A Place to be Youth Group regarding their Grant request (agenda item 12) and will withdraw during discussions.

60/21 DISPENSATIONS

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

61/21 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr Julian Wilkinson stated that last night at a Waverley Meeting, the Royal School site at Hazel Grove was put onto the LPP2, as this site has AONB, AGLB status and lies outside the Settlement Boundary, Mr Wilkinson would like to know which Haslemere Town Councillors voted to include this as it contravenes the Neighbourhood Plan. The Town Clerk told Mr Wilkinson that she would respond to him in writing.

62/21 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES

None

63/21 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 22th July 2021 and any recommendations therein be adopted. The minutes were signed by the Mayor as a true record.

64/21 MAYORS UPDATE

The Mayor had previously circulated an update to Councillors.

65/21 CLERKS UPDATE

The Clerk's Report had been distributed to the Council prior to the meeting and was noted.

66/21 CONCLUSION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT 2020-21

RESOLVED: Council notes sections 1-3 of the Annual Return (attached) and agrees no further action to be taken in relation to 2020-21 audit of accounts.

67/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments as detailed in the Cashbook printouts for months 4&5 and any variances in the Council's accounts, including reported overspends in the Heating and Cooling system and Remembrance Sunday as reported in the Agenda are approved.

68/21 BIKE RACK GRANT RESUBMISSION

Transition Haslemere have resubmitted their grant request for £2893.60 (as requested at July Council) to the Council for a variety of bike racks in Haslemere, Wey Hill and Hindhead.

Cllr Dullaway stated that he supported this initiative but racks should be placed in positions where they are needed and not where they exist (Haslemere centre). It was noted that WBC are taking two parking spaces from the High St car park to install a covered back rack and use of this should be monitored before adding additional racks into the Town Centre.

Cllr Robini supported the grant request and saw it as an opportunity to show that we have declared a climate emergency and to encourage local shopping. Waverley Borough Council have reported that car parks are close to full capacity.

Cllr Matthes confirmed that the 'Plant Lock' bike racks can be moved to any site and are environmentally sound. Clive Davidson from Transition Haslemere confirmed that upkeep would be undertaken by his organisation.

Cllr Keen proposed that Council should fund racks at the proposed locations where there currently are none – Junction Place, Wey Hill and Hindhead. This decision to be reviewed after 6 months to a year when the usage of the new rack in the town centre can be seen.

Cllr Weldon put forward a counter-proposal to award the full grant.

Vote 7 for Cllr Keen's proposal, 5 for Cllr Weldon's proposal.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council will fund racks at the proposed locations in Junction Place, Wey Hill and Hindhead. This decision to be reviewed after 6 months to a year when the usage of the new rack in the town centre can be seen. The Town Clerk is authorised to pay the grant pro-rata depending on number of racks required.

Cllr Arrick left the meeting

69/21 BUDGET WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED: That a Budget working party consisting of Cllrs Round, Dullaway, Davidson, Hewett and Lloyd plus the Town Clerk is formed to put together the draft budget for consideration at November council and sign off at January council.

70/21 REVENUE GRANTS

RESOLVED: That revenue grants are approved for the following for 2022-23

1. Hoppa - £5000
2. A Place to Be Youth Club - £5000

71/21 BUDGET ITEMS FOR INCLUSION

The following proposals have been put forward for inclusion in the 2022-23 budget:

1. Pavement trees

Cllr Weldon proposed a budget allocation of £2000 for the replacement of trees in 6 locations around the town. The trees were previously removed by Surrey CC. who have confirmed they will cooperate with local groups/individuals to plant trees for an application fee of £25 per location and if approved, £300 for a 100 metre stretch.

2. Queen's Green Canopy

A tree planting initiative has been proposed to celebrate the Queens Jubilee next year, Cllr Matthes proposed a budget allocation of £500 which will fund 10 trees being planted around the town.

Cllr Keen suggested that if further funding is needed Cllr Matthes could apply for a Green grant.

RESOLVED: that the two projects above are added to the 2022-23 budget.

Cllr Odell joined meeting

Cllr Barton joined meeting

72/21 PUBLIC TOILETS FOR LION GREEN

Cllr Dear proposed the installation of public toilets on Lion Green, these WCs will be attractive in design and located between the access to the M&S car park and the road adjacent to the Apple Tree Pub. They would be of an ecological design minimising the use of electricity and water.

Cllr Robini supports the idea and suggests that a CCTV camera cover the toilets to deter anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Barton asked if the proposed building would have a 'green' design Cllr Dear confirmed that the building would as self-sufficient as possible and have the technology to be remotely locked at night.

RESOLVED: That the installation of public toilets on Lion Green is agreed in principle and that a final, costing proposal will be submitted before the budget is set in January.

73/21 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- Planning & Highways Committee – 12TH August & 9th September
- Amenities - 19th August
- Infrastructure and CIL 9th September

74/21 AONB BOUNDARY REVIEW – WORKING PARTY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN INDEPENDENT

A proposal to set up a working party for Surrey Hills AONB review has been put forward as the Surrey Hills Board are inviting councils to make recommendations and take a position on community submissions.

Cllr Barton stated that HTC needs to support the boundary review as it affects us greatly and fully supports setting up a working group. Cllr Robini agreed that we need to be involved with this as more AONB areas in north Surrey, we need more in the south.

Cllr Odell agreed in principle, but stated that more information was needed, including Terms of Reference. Cllr Dullaway agreed.

RESOLVED: The creation of a working party is agreed in principle, Town Clerk to get clarification from Surrey Hills AONB on what is actually required from the Council. 'Terms of Reference' and membership of the working party to be agreed in November Council.

75/21 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2021

The following councillors will lay the wreaths at the following locations:

Grayswood – Cllr Cole
St Albans – Cllr Davidson
St Stephens – Cllr Nicholson
Town Centre - Mayor

Cllr Whitby asked that in addition, a wreath be laid at each location for the NHS.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council provides two wreaths at the four locations. The Town Clerk will re-use any in storage that are still in good order from previous years and purchases new ones to replace those which cannot be reused. The usual donation of £200 is made to RBL, £50 per wreath more if more than 4 need to be purchased.

76/21 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Robini (Surrey County Councillor) met with 2 engineers today to discuss the Tanners Lane Crossing and issues with Woolmer Hill Road.

Cllr Robini also stated that Waverley Borough Council will be raising car park charges next year, the Town Clerk requested that the Town Council is consulted before any decisions are made.

Cllr Keen announced that Haslewey will be launching a Teen Youth Club (14-16 years) from the 1st October, from a grant supported by Haslemere Town Council.

Meeting finished at 8:10

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....18.11.21.....