



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 19 August 2021
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Chairman	Cllr Peter Nicholson*
Vice Chairman	Cllr Simon Dear*
Councillors	Cole, Davidson*, Dullaway*, Hewett*, Keen*, Matthes, Odell, Robini* and Round*

*Present

Meeting clerked by: Pippa Auger, Deputy Town Clerk.

19/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The committee accepted the absences of Cllrs Cole & Matthes (holiday) and Odell (Museum event)

20/21 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

21/21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 8 April 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record

22/21 REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

23/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE STATED IN THE AGENDA

None

24/21 CLERK'S REPORT

Noted

25/21 ALLOTMENTS

Noted

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to liaise with Town Clerk about increasing the plot inspections to every 6 weeks. Currently they are once a quarter (one per season) and it is a challenge to keep on top of allotment holders who are not maintaining their plots properly. The waiting list currently exceeds the number of plots the Council owns.

The problem of deer at Clammer Hill was discussed. They appear to have gained access to the site since the spoil heap was removed earlier this year. The Deputy Clerk met with an allotment holder earlier in the week to have a good look round the boundary and only one access point could be found.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to obtain quotes for fencing off the access point at Clammer Hill and see whether this resolves the issue.

26/21 LION GREEN ZIP WIRE RUNWAY RESURFACING

The committee discussed the resurfacing of the runway at length and agreed that it did not have enough information to come to a resolution at this meeting. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would provide a

further report with quotes to repair, as well as replace, the surface and removal of the concrete base would not be included.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to provide the report at the next meeting.

27/21 LION GREEN INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC TOILETS

Cllr Dear introduced the principle of installing public toilets at Lion Green, in the area between the Apple Tree pub and the entrance to Marks and Spencer. It was agreed that it would enhance the offering at Lion Green, provide a much-needed community facility and provide the Council with storage for gritting equipment needed for Wey Hill in the winter. There was universal approval for the location of the facilities.

The Council could use CIL money, obtain a small Public Works Loan Board contribution and top up by adjusting the precept in 2022.

ACTION: Cllr Dear and Project and Open Spaces officer to continue working on a scheme and obtaining quotes, and to report to Full Council.

28/21 TOWN MEADOW

Noted.

The Project and Open Spaces officer has now been able to arrange more site visits with drainage contractors and is currently waiting for quotes.

The idea of a wetland area was discussed. Members agreed that they did not want to pursue this idea at present.

29/21 THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

The committee agreed that it did not wish to pursue the planting of a tree for the Queen's Jubilee, but it would consider external requests.

30/21 RAILWAY EMBANKMENT

Members discussed the request from Haslemere Rotary about a wildflower trial area on the Railway Embankment. Earlier this year it received requests from local residents and groups to sow wildflower areas around town. Historically, these have drawn criticism from other residents because they were poorly maintained by WBC. Council considered a proposal for properly maintained trial areas, which will run until October 2022, and reviewed thereafter. However, it did agree the area could do with some improvement.

RESOLVED: To refuse the request from Rotary as the Council is already running its own trial area, which it has control over. The grounds maintenance contract has another 21 months to run and it is not considered appropriate to keep asking them to change the maintenance program.

ACTION: To investigate a low maintenance option, such as shrubbery, to improve the look of the embankment and invite the Rotary's involvement.

31/21 NEXT MEETING

14th October 2021

Meeting closed at 8.32pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Amenities