



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on
Thursday 22nd July 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. No members of the public were present. A reporter from the Haslemere Herald was in attendance.

38/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: Apologies are accepted from Cllrs Barton (ill), Dullaway (holiday), Hewett (family commitment), Isherwood (Covid concerns), Lloyd (isolating), Matthes (isolating), Nicholson (Covid concerns).

39/21 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None.

40/21 DISPENSATIONS

None.

41/21 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

42/21 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES

Cllr Robini had previously circulated a report as Surrey County Councillor. He is currently asking questions of Surrey in relation to youth problems in the Town. He has also been called to several road / water issues by residents. The one in Farnham Lane is now solved, he is still looking for a resolution to issues in Wey Hill and Chase Lane. SCC Highways team is currently being revamped.

43/21 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 13th May 2021 and any recommendations therein be adopted. The minutes were signed by the Mayor as a true record.

44/21 MAYORS UPDATE

The Mayor had previously circulated an update to Councillors. He reported that he and the Town Clerk were meeting with Link the following day to see if a cash point could be installed in the town. He has also written to Lloyds to see if they can 1) reconsider closing 2) delay closing, 3) provide statistics on cash point usage in the town. He has been told that the branch closure cannot be delayed, however Lloyds have provided him with cashpoint usage figures.

45/21 CLERKS UPDATE

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

46/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: The schedule of payments as detailed in the Cashbook printouts for months 2 and 3 and any variances in the Council's accounts, including reported overspends and virements and earmarks for 2021-22 are approved.

47/21 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 – 27th May, 17th June and 15th July
- Amenities 10th June
- Grants 19th July

48/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION GRANTS

The independent examiner's recommendations were noted by the Council.

Cllr Davidson asked that thanks be given to all those who participated in the work on the Neighbourhood Plan, in particular Cllr Odell who has worked on it since inception some years ago.

Cllr Odell noted that there were 30+ amendments or deletions suggested by the examiner and that LPP2, once adopted, will supersede the NP meaning that it will need to be reviewed again at that stage.

49/21 HASLEMERE ACTIVE TRAVEL

Cllr Odell stated that the aims of the group seemed to support the Council's climate and biodiversity aspirations. Cllrs Weldon and Whitby reported that much work had been done by the group in terms of walking and cycling routes.

RESOLVED: that Council broadly supports the work the group is trying to achieve and nominates Councillors Weldon and Whitby to be Council representatives.

50/21 GRANT APPLICATION – CYCLE RACKS IN HASLEMERE

There was much discussion around the need for cycle racks in the town and the proposed location. It was noted that Waverley was already providing a cycle shelter in the Town Centre and the need for further racks was questioned. Cllr Whitby noted that the group had spent the last 6 weeks photographing bicycles around the town leaning onto buildings – chained to rails etc - locations where bike racks were needed. It was suggested that a huge amount of work has gone into the application and that is supported biodiversity in the town.

Cllr Dear raised the issue of consultation with disabled groups / RNIB since obstacles were being placed on the pavement. He had seen only 6 uses of the town centre cycle racks within a week. It may well be that cycle racks are required in the town, but not in the Town Centre. Cllr Whitby noted that bikes can quite often be seen propped up outside Darnelys in the High St and at other locations in Wey Hill.

It was also noted that cycle racks are needed at Hindhead / Beacon Hill which the grant application failed to address. Cllr Weldon stated that the design of the racks, with the addition of planters, was attractive.

Cllr Ellis asked what the Council's aspirations for Haslemere are, does this include it being a walking and cycling destination?

RESOLVED: The Town Clerk is to ask Transition Haslemere to provide evidence that it has consulted with blind and disabled groups. It should also reconsider its proposed locations in the light of comments at the meeting and should include suggestions for Hindhead and Beacon Hill and bring a new proposal forward to the next Grants committee meeting.

51/21 CREATION OF NEW COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: That the CIL and Climate Change Working Parties are formally constituted as the Infrastructure and CIL and Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Committees in accordance with the attached Terms of Reference.

52/21 AMENITIES TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED: That the revised Amenities Terms of Reference at Appendix 11 are adopted.

53/21 CCTV INSTALLATIONS HINDHEAD AND BEACON HILL

RESOLVED: That the recommendation in the report circulated prior to the meeting is adopted and CCTV is installed in Beacon Hill and Hindhead as soon as possible, any budget shortfall coming from the Professional fees / CAPEX EMR.

54/21 BANK SIGNATORIES

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk is instructed to review the signatories on all council accounts. All former councillors to be removed, and where this leaves a deficit of signatories, councillors who are already signatories on the council's current account to be added as necessary.

55/21 ST CHRISTOPHER'S GREEN BOOKINGS

RESOLVED: The daily rate for commercial events held on St Christopher's Green is £75

56/21 WILDFLOWER TRIAL AREAS

Cllr Odell stated that she loved the idea of trialling properly managed wildflower area at Lion Green. Areas A and B were appropriate but not area C. Council generally agreed this approach and the Mayor thanked Cllrs Matthes and Dullaway for all the work they had done.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Council agrees that wildflower planting as set out in this proposal should go ahead, with the results to be reviewed at the November 2022 Full Council meeting.
- 2. That the planting should be limited to areas A and B.

57/21 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED: That the report from Cllr Matthes at Appendix 17 is noted.

Meeting finished at 19:55

Signed.....

Chairman of Meeting

Date.....