



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 7th April 2022

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.

Also present: Martin Wellen, Project and Open Spaces Officer

1/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members were in attendance

A minute's silence was held following the death of Cllr Peter Isherwood.

2/22 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

3/22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record

4/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE STATED IN THE AGENDA

9/21 The Chairman confirmed that the whips had now been planted at Town Meadow.

5/22 REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

6/22 EXTERNAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Councillors noted the three contracts and made the following comments:

- Cllr Dear pointed out that collection and disposal of waste requires waste transfer notes and a waste carriers' licence. This requirement is covered in the contract procedure rules.
- Cllr Robini suggested that any weed spray and machinery used while carrying out the contracts should be as environmentally friendly as possible.

7/22 PUBLIC TOILET CLEANING TENDER

Councillors noted the contract and had no further comments.

8/22 PREFERRED CONTRACTOR LIST

Councillors noted the list.

9/22 **LION GREEN FOOTBALL SURFACE**

Councillors discussed this issue at length. The football goals are a victim of their own success, and the unintended consequence is the erosion of the grass and surface. Installing a playing surface of any kind will be costly and there are arguments for and against.

For: solves the issue of erosion, children playing in mud when the weather has been wet

Against: Costly for an amateur pitch, a polymeric surface is not a football surface, concern about environmental impact

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk to investigate installation locally of polymeric surface, find out about pros and cons, arrange a site visit, apply for s106 funding for it in the interim to get an indicative response so we know where we are funding-wise, consult with users locally possibly through Shottermill Junior School and local football clubs.

It was agreed to revisit at the next meeting on 9th June 2022.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Amenities