



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on
Thursday 17th January 2019, Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Mayor	*Cllr D Round
Deputy Mayor	*Cllr P Blades
Councillors	Abeyesundara, *Arrick, Barton, ,*Bradley,*Dear, *Edwards, *Hall, *Hewett, *Hill, *Isherwood, *King, *Odell, *Peel, *Piper, Rodgers, *Carter

* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O’Sullivan and minuted by Jo Cork.

Prior to the meeting prayers were said by Reverend Mary Bowden who will be retiring on the 3rd February. She will hold her last service at St Bartholomews Church followed by lunch, all Councillors are welcome to attend.

1/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: The following apologies are accepted by Council: Cllr Barton (unwell).

2/19 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Relevant minute number shown in brackets.

Non – Pecuniary Interests:

Cllr Hall (12/19 & 13/19) as WBC Executive Member

Pecuniary Interest:

None disclosed

3/19 DISPENSATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that she had previously granted a dispensation to all Councillors in respect of budget setting.

4/19 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

5/19 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES

None

6/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 22nd November 2018 and any recommendations therein be adopted. The minutes were signed as a true record.

7/19 MAYOR’S UPDATE

The Mayor’s Charity Dinner was held on the 17th November at the Georgian Hotel and was well attended, the evening raised £6,249 for the Mayors Charities. Thank you to all who contributed to the event with special thanks going to Knight Frank Estate Agents who sponsored the welcome drinks.

The Mayor and Mayoress attended the Haslewey Christmas Lunch, which they very much enjoyed.

The Haslemere Christmas Carols were held at the Haslemere Museum and, in spite of a bad weather, the event raised some £200 for the Mayors Charities.

There are a further 3 events happening this coming year:

22 nd February	Charity Quiz Night - Haslewey
4 th April	Mayors Charity Golf Day – Hindhead Golf Club
26 th April	Mayors Civic Service – Venue TBC

The Mayor recently attended a meeting with the Planning Inspector regarding the Fairground Car Park. The Inspector's report is expected to be completed within 4-6 weeks and will be circulated to Council.

The Mayor with sadness, reported the death of Albert Hankers who was well known in the town for many years, in particular as a former President of the Chamber of Trade and more recently The Royal Society of St George. His funeral will be held on the 24th January in Poole, Dorset. Contact the Haslemere Herald with any tributes you may wish to offer.

8/19 CLERKS UPDATE

The Clerk thanked Councillors for their comments on the Surrey County Council consultations in relation to CRCs, Library and Sure Start children's centres which have been fed back to SCC. Regarding the future of the Sure Start Centre and the Library we will await SCC proposals prior to formalising our next steps.

The Clerk reported that Aine Hall had requested that Cllr. Edwards did a presentation at this meeting on the subject of 'Place Shaping'. This was declined as not felt appropriate for Full Council, however Cllr Edwards is happy to do a presentation for Council if there is interest. Please let him know.

9/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: That the scheduled of payments as detailed in the cashbook printouts for months 8 & 9 and any variances in the Council's accounts are approved.

10/19 INTERNAL AUDITOR'S INTERIM REPORT

The Clerk confirmed that our two bank accounts are held with two separate banks; Unity Trust Bank and Unity Bank and not one, as the Auditors report suggests.

The Auditor has provided a template to be used when reporting reserves. This will be used for future budgeting.

RESOLVED: That the Internal Auditors report is noted and recommendations therein are adopted by the Clerk as soon as possible.

11/19 HASLEMERE HOUNDS

The Council has been asked to be the 'Lead Civic Sponsor' for The 2019 Haslemere Hounds project headed up by Brian Howard (HTC were previously sponsors in financial years 2016-17 and 2018-19). Some discussion took place on whether the charity would

detract sponsors from other local small charities, it was also noted that much of last year's funds were distributed to larger nationwide charities. Over the past 2 years the sum of £80,000 has been raised via the project and has bought in both visitors and commerce to the Town.

It was suggested that charity money raised from the Hounds project could be distributed more locally.

RESOLVED: that the Council invests £2000 from the Community Fund into the Haslemere Hounds project as per the report circulated at Appendix 4 to the Agenda.

Cllrs Hall and Edwards left the meeting

12/19 WBC GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

1. A discussion took place regarding the ongoing maintenance of Grovers Gardens and Woodcock Green (Marchants Hill was removed from the document as HTC do not maintain). WBC have offered a 125 year lease with a mutual 5 year break clause.

The Clerk has spoken with other local councils who have received the same offer and the Councils were in agreement that the lease should remain the same but break clause re-negotiated to protect the Councils.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk arranges a meeting with the other councils to agree on how to progress with this negotiation. Cllrs Dear and Odell to attend. Clerk, Cllrs Odell and Dear have delegated authority to agree the lease.

2. Town Meadow, St Christopher's Green and Clements Corner – WBC have offered a 125 year lease with a tapering funding agreement (100% funding 2019/202, reducing to 75%, 50%, 25%, 0%).

It was noted that Town Meadow includes a playground which will require maintenance.

Cllr Odell stated that the above offer was rejected by Amenities but after some discussion Council agreed that they would like to accept the tapering funding offer so long as the issues over the lease, as with the previously discussed pieces of land, were agreed.

RESOLVED: As per above, Clerk is instructed to agree to the tapering funding agreement so long as a satisfactory lease can be agreed. Clerk, Cllrs Odell and Dear have delegated authority to agree the lease.

In respect of WBC grounds maintenance in 2019-20 which had previously been removed from the budget, the Town Clerk will add this back into the Budget (although since both income and expenditure are included there will be no net change to the figures).

Cllr Hall and Edwards re-joined the meeting.



13/19 BUDGET 2019-2020

The Mayor congratulated Cllr Piper on her work to bring a balanced budget to Council.

Cllr Piper confirmed that no funds are included within the budget for the Sure Start Centre as its future is unclear. Cllr. Piper confirmed that Council reserves may be used for funding at a later date.

Cllr Hall commented that the Hoppa Service is currently under review at SCC, the service has become a victim of new legislations which means that it cannot operate at full capacity. Cllr Piper suggested that there is a possibility of using Council reserves help Hoppa further, it was agreed that Hoppa is a vital service for the Town.

RESOLVED: That the budget for 2019-20 (amended as per minute 12/19) and showing a precept of £311,123 is agreed and that the Town Clerk is authorised to instruct Waverley Borough Council to raise this amount via the precept.

The Clerk to issue Press Release to the Haslemere Herald in the absence of the Press

14/19 MEETINGS CALENDER 2019-2020

RESOLVED: That the meetings calendar is agreed

15/19 RISK ASSESMENT

RESOLVED: The Annual Risk Assessment (Appendix 9) is approved

16/19 ASSET REGISTER

RESOLVED: The Asset Register (Appendix 10) is approved

17/19 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee on 6TH December 2018 and 3rd January 2019 and Grants Committee on 10th January 2019 any recommendations therein, not already made under delegated authority be adopted.

The minutes of the Amenities Committee held 13th December 2019 and recommendations therein are adopted, with the exception of the recommendations at 65/18 – Waverley Borough Council Maintenance Contract.

18/19 REPORTS FROM TWIN HATTED MEMBERS

None

19/19 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Neighbourhood Plan


Cllr Odell reported that she and Cllr Piper are close to finalising the Neighbourhood Plan, in discussion with the Vision. The NP needs to be finalised prior to next Full Council due to the forthcoming elections and Stewart Brown's retirement from Haslemere Vision

Cllr Hall commented that LPP2 had been delayed until June, Cllr Odell confirmed that the delay would not hamper the Neighbourhood Plan.

The plan will be brought to next Council for review. All Councillors will be provided with a printed version in advance of the meeting and will be expected to have read it before it is discussed.

Meeting finished 8.20pm



Signed..........
Chairman of ~~Meeting~~

Date.....2/3/19.....



