



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on
Thursday 17th November 2022. The meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street,
Haslemere, GU27 2HG

Mayor	*Cllr J Keen
Deputy Mayor	*Cllr J Davidson
Councillors	*Arrick, *Barton, *Cole, *Dear, *Dullaway, *Ellis, Hewett, *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 also in attendance. WBC Julian Spence was also in attendance.

84/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: Councillors, Hewett (family commitment) and Councillor Odell (family commitment) have given their apologies and those apologies are accepted.

85/22 METHOD OF TRANSPORT TO MEETING

No changes to usual method.

86/22 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Robini declared a non-pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 10 - A Place to Be Youth Club Revenue Grants Applications.

Cllr Keen declared a non-pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 10 - A Place to Be Youth Club Revenue Grants Applications, she is a trustee of a A Place to Be Youth Club.

Cllr Matthes declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 - Friend works at Haslemere Community Station.

87/22 REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

88/22 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES

Alistair Bayliss – Active Travel Group attended the meeting. He spoke about the increase in traffic on our roads, people fear cycling and even walking on our roads for safety reasons and supports a 20 MPH limit on certain roads within Haslemere, the benefits of this reduced speed limit are:

- Encourages Active Travel, gives residents the opportunity to cycle and walk more
- Safety for vulnerable residents and children
- Reduces road traffic accidents
- Reduces carbon emissions

Item 11 on the agenda was brought forward.

89/22 20MPH HIGH STREET / LOWER STREET / WEYHILL

Cllrs discussed the proposal put forward on the Agenda by councillors Robini and Weldon. Cllr Weldon stated that this proposal has many advantages not only safety but by reducing carbon emissions in line with the Council’s climate agenda.

Cllr Dear commented that it's actually quite difficult to drive at over 20mph on short journeys through Haslemere and questioned the costs involved.

Cllr Dullaway did not think that the Council should be asked to vote on the proposal without supporting documentation, cost implication and a map highlighting the exact areas and costs involved. He proposed that these papers be submitted prior to January's Council meeting for discussion then.

Cllrs Weldon and Lloyd stated that the evidence that lower speeds reduce accidents, can all be found on the internet. The 20 is plenty scheme has been taken up by many Councils nationally and internationally.

RESOLVED: That the Council asks Surrey CC to reduce the speed limit on the High St, Lower St and Wey Hill to 20 miles per hour.

90/22 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Full Council meeting 29th September

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 29th September 2022 are approved as a true record.

Extraordinary Council Meeting 26th September

Cllr Barton and Lloyd raised some issues with the accuracy of the minutes of this meeting. The Clerk explained that the minutes were not intended to be a verbatim transcript, just enough information to give someone who was not at the meeting a flavour of the debate. The Clerk suggested that if the councillors wanted to send their comments to her she would append them to the minutes of the meeting.

Cllr Lloyd also raised the issue of the order of voting on proposals at the meeting, which the Clerk clarified.

Cllr Barton also stated that comments made by Cllr Matthes should have been included in the minutes. Cllr Matthes confirmed that she would like her comments to be added as she thought that what she has said has been important and required noting. The Clerk will add them to the minutes.

The Mayor asked that, out of courtesy to the Clerk, issues such as these should be raised with her before the meeting when the Agenda is sent out.

Councillors voted on the minutes as circulated with the Agenda. As there was an equal number of votes for and against the Mayor used her second casting vote.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 26th September 2022 are approved as a true record.

91/22 MAYORS UPDATE

The previously circulated update from the Mayor was noted.

92/22 CLERKS UPDATE

The previously circulated update from the Town Clerk was noted.

93/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: The schedule of payments as detailed in the Cashbook printouts for months 6 and 7 and any variances in the Council's accounts, including reported overspends and variances in the Council's accounts are approved.

94/22 2023-24 BUDGET SETTING AND REVENUE GRANT APPLICATIONS`

Cllr Dullaway asked the Council for some direction regarding budget setting; the Budget Working Party is due to present a proposed budget at January's Full Council meeting. As things stand with the number of revenue grants and other items Council will require an increase in the precept of around 33%.

Cllr Dullaway would like guidance on the following points:

1. Does the Council want to continue with the level of non-core expenditure currently shown or would they like to reduce this?
2. Is the Council happy that the unallocated CIL funds be used to fund the Town meadow play equipment?
3. Should the BWP suggest a revised set of non-core spending to meet the Council's target increases to be debated in January? If so any specific line items?

Councillors were all in agreement that the precept should not be raised beyond the rate of inflation, and that we should use CIL money where we can.

Cllr Barton asked on what criteria decisions would be made for organisations requesting revenue grants. Cllr Dullaway will include criteria with documents at January's meeting.

Revenue grants were not discussed by Council.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Dullaway and the Budget Working Party to reformulate the budget keeping precept in line with inflation at 11% and to use CIL funding where possible. The budget to be presented at January's meeting.

95/22 HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk is authorised to administer the Household Support Fund up to £15k awarded from Waverley Borough Council.

Cllr Barton asked the Town Clerk how the funds are distributed, the Town clerk to circulate to Council Management information from previous tranche as well as the guidelines agreed with other stakeholders.

96/22 CCTV HINDHEAD

In September 2022 Council considered a recommendation for the installation of CCTV in Hindhead. The Clerk was instructed to enter into agreement with Citytalk however they are no longer able to fulfil the contract.

Three further quotes were presented to Council.

RESOLVED: That the quote from CHROMA Vision for £4,997.65 plus, £450 per annum support, is accepted and the Town Clerk authorised to instruct the work to go ahead.

97/22 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- Planning 13th October. 10th November
- Grants – No meeting was held but £500 was awarded to Dynamo Haslemere Walkers FC under delegated powers.
- Staffing 4th November

Committees with no delegated decision making

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the following meetings and any recommendations therein be adopted.

- Amenities 13th October

All of the minutes were agreed with the exception of 42/22.

Cllr Nicholson spoke about the situation with the Circus and gave some background to the closure of the circus on the weekend following the death of the Monarch. He reminded Council that many events both locally and nationally had been cancelled as a mark of respect. The Amenities committee felt the offer made to the circus of £900 was fair and had voted not to increase this sum or offer free use of Lion Green next year.

RESOLVED: The following amendment be made to the proposal 'Without any admission of contractual liability, and in final settlement of all claims, Haslemere Town Council asked me to repeat the offer of a payment of £900. Council do not agree to your request for free use of Lion Green next year'

- Finance and Governance 24th October

98/22 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Council noted the report from the Haslemere and District Twinning Association.

Meeting finished 8:45pm

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....