



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on
Thursday 29th September 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. The press were also in attendance

68/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: Councillors Arrick (prior engagement), Hewett (family commitment), Dear (work) and Dullaway (holiday) have given their apologies and those apologies are accepted. Councillor Barton will be arriving late.

69/22 METHOD OF TRANSPORT TO MEETING

Changes to usual method - Cllr Ellis and Matthes Car. Cllr Lloyd Electric car

70/22 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Robini declared an interest regarding agenda item 13.ii – A Place to Be Youth Club Revenue Grants 2023-24.

Cllr Keen declared an ORI as trustee of a ‘A Place to Be Youth Club’ she will leave the room during discussions.

Cllr Matthes declared an interest in agenda item 12.i, friend works at Haslemere Community Station.

Cllr Matthes declared an DPI in agenda item 5, Bio-diversity project as her husband is a paid consultant for the project, she will leave the room during discussions.

71/22 REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None given.

Cllr Matthes left the room.

Cllr Barton joined the meeting at 7:15pm

72/22 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES

Haslemere Bio-Diversity Project – Dr Philippa Guest made a presentation to the Council (see Appendix 2) and has asked for a Council representative to join the Haslemere Biodiversity project, initially as an observer to report back to the council. Cllr Ellis volunteered for this role, Cllr Barton seconded this.

RESOLVED: Cllr Ellis is the council representative for Haslemere Bio-Diversity Project.

Cllr Matthes rejoined the meeting

REVENUE GRANT – HOPPA (Bought forward from agenda item 13i)

HOPPA – Richard Davies gave an overview of the HOPPA Service, they are looking to grow the operation and in light of increasing costs are looking to increase the annual level of funding. They are requesting £7,500 from Haslemere Town Council.

Cllr Keen proposed the increased revenue grant to HOPPA of £7,500,

RESOLVED: HOPPA awarded a revenue grant of £7,500 for the financial year 2023-24.

73/22 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held 21ST July 2022 are approved with a small amendment being made to item 63/22 ‘Cllr Whitby stated that we are seeking to install CCTV at Hindhead to aid the Police as this location is the main get- away route for criminals.’

74/22 MAYORS UPDATE

The Mayor gave a brief overview of her recent engagements, these include:

Inspector Donaldson Day

Home Green House - Celebrating 40 years

Godalming Ukraine day

Haslemere Beer festival – 14th event

Beacon Hill fete

Art Society

Quilters Exhibition at Methodist Church

Her Majesty’s death and the various services she attended

The Mayor also requested volunteers for Wreath laying at the local Remembrance Sunday events, these are confirmed as:

Cllr Nicholson – St Stephen’s Church

Cllr Cole – All Saints Church, Grayswood

Cllr Waters – St Albans Church, Hindhead

75/22 CLERKS UPDATE

The previously circulated update from the Town Clerk was noted.

76/22 CONCLUSION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT 2022

RESOLVED: The Council notes section 1-3 of the Annual Return and agrees no further action to be taken in relation to the 2021-2022 audit of accounts.

77/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: The schedule of payments as detailed in the Cashbook printouts for months 4 and 5 and any variances in the Council’s accounts, including reported overspends and variances in the Council’s accounts are approved.

78/22 2023-24 BUDGET WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED: That a Budget working party consisting of Cllrs Dullaway, Round, Matthes, Waters, Nicholson; Chaired by Cllr Dullaway, and the Town Clerk is to be formed to put together the draft budget for consideration at November council and sign off at January council.

79/22 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN BUDGET 2023-24

- I. Town Meadow Play Equipment

At the Amenities meeting in August the committee agreed to propose an increase to the play provision in Town Meadow, the proposal is for 3 or 4 items – one toddler, one inclusive (DDA), one junior and possibly a zip wire.

A discussion took place in how this would look with Cllrs Lloyd and Barton suggesting that the play equipment be of a natural looking material.

The Town Clerk also confirmed that the drainage issue at Town Meadow is being looked at.

It is proposed that funding for this project is put into 2023/2024 budget with detail of exact items and locations within the meadow to be agreed.

RESOLVED: That the sum of £50,000 is put into the draft budget, any required balance to come from play equipment reserves and CIL money.

II. Haslemere Community Station

Cllr Robini confirmed that Haslemere Community Station are looking for funding to provide staff and are asking the Council for £3k towards this cost.

A discussion took place regarding this and it was agreed that further information is required along with a full set of accounts prior to a decision being made.

The Town Clerk to request accounts from HCS and postpone agenda item to November's meeting. Also to invite Ken Griffiths to November's meeting to present.

Cllr Keen left the meeting

80/22 REVENUE GRANTS

A Place To be Youth Club is requesting funding for £6,000 to assist with the ongoing costs of the club, the funding is essential to allow the continuation of the Youth Club.

It was agreed by all that this is a vital service for the youth of Haslemere and due to the lack funding from WBS/SCC Cllr Lloyd proposed that we award a grant of £10k. Cllr Barton seconded this proposal.

RESOLVED

That the sum of £10,000 is put into the draft budget for the A Place to be Youth Club for the financial year 2023-24.

Cllr Keen rejoined the meeting

81/22 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 18th August

Committees with no delegated decision making

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

- Amenities 11th August

The Amenities Committee has approved the following recommendations in relation to the Grounds Maintenance tenders :

- Commercial Grounds Care is awarded the contract for LG1.
- Continental Landscapes is awarded the contract for GMG2.
- Commercial Grounds Care is awarded the contract for GMG3.

The Amenities Committee has approved the following recommendations in relation to the cleaning tenders for the public toilets and Town Hall

- CleanKing is awarded contracts for Haslemere Public Toilets
- Excalibur is awarded the contract for Haslemere Town Hall

82/22 LION GREEN FOOTBALL SURFACE

At the Full Council meeting on 21st July, Council resolved to repair the damage to the football pitch at Lion Green with a synthetic surface. The Clerk was asked to re-quote for the work and Council approved the use of ConiPave in principle.

During the process of getting the repair re-quoted it was discovered that the ConiPave solution cannot be implemented in green, only black, meaning that a large tarmac type area would be visible in the middle of Lion Green. Clearly this would not be acceptable. The price for the ConiPave solution was also quoted in excess of £27k.

On speaking to the supplier it would appear that an artificial grass solution, properly designed for sports use and in green where it would blend into the surroundings is actually the most appropriate solution. The cost for this is £26,177, less than the alternative.

Repair of the surface will be funded from money already held by HTC from Waverley.

There was some discussion over the sustainability of the artificial grass, and a sample was shown to the Council which showed the backing wasn't rubber backed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk is instructed to make arrangements for the repair of Lion Green in artificial grass as per the VitaPlay quote for £26,177.

83/22 LION GREEN HIP HOP

The Council would like to pass on their thanks to the Deputy for securing a discount for the replacement HIP HOP at Lion Green.

RESOLVED: The HIP HOP is replaced by Proludic at a discounted price of £957 plus delivery

Meeting finished at 08:15

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....