



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on
Thursday 21ST July 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, *Davidson, *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

53/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: Councillors Arrick (holiday) Ellis (work) Matthes (work) and Whitby (holiday) have given their apologies.

54/22 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None given.

55/22 REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None given.

56/22 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES

None given.

57/22 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held 19th May 2022 are approved.

58/22 MAYORS UPDATE

The attached update from the Mayor was noted. Cllr Round commented that the Walking Festival was successful albeit that 3 of the longer walks were cancelled due to the hot weather. These walks are due to be re-scheduled later in the year.

59/22 CLERKS UPDATE

The attached update from the Town Clerk was noted.

60/22 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 variances in the Council’s accounts are approved.

61/22 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- Amenities 9th June
- CIL committee 14th July
- CBEC – 7th June

Cllr Round commented on the lack of Green Grant Applications, Cllr Lloyd stated that this has been recognised and Green Grant Application helpers have been established which has been advertised on the website and social media.

In relation to the Climate and Biodiversity Committee recommendations **RESOLVED**:

- 1) HTC will lead by example to remove single-use plastics from our premises, encourage plastic-free initiatives and promote Haslemere's "Plastic Free Community" campaign and supporting events wherever possible.
- 2) That the Mayor, CBEC committee members and those councillors who wish to will participate in voluntary reporting of how they travel to meetings and events when acting as councillors.
- 3) That no councillor is nominated to be the Council representative on Haslemere Vision Biodiversity project until more information on what is proposed has been received. Concerns were raised about a third party attempting to make decisions on how Council land is managed, especially when a vast amount of that land is managed is covered by contracts or legal management plans (as is the case with the SANG). There was concern expressed about the involvement of Waverley Borough Council in the Town Council's green spaces management. It was stated that there is no 'one size fits all' for management across the Borough and that there is no rush for this work to be done. Council does not want a 'fait accompli' presented to it and wants to understand up front what exactly Haslemere Vision hopes to accomplish by the creation of this document.

62/22 LION GREEN FOOTBALL SURFACE

Cllr Lloyd raised some concerns over the proposed surface for Lion Green, mainly that the surface will affect the character of the green, he suggested movable goals would be a better option.

Cllr Round agreed with Cllr Lloyd the proposed pitch is costly and inappropriate.

Cllr Dear commented that the play area on Lion Green already has an artificial surface (under the zip wire) installed.

A vote was taken which Cllr Lloyd asked to be recorded

For: Cllrs Keen, Dear, Weldon, Nicholson, Robini, Weldon, Odell, Dullaway, Davidson, Waters

Against: Cllrs Lloyd, Round, Hewett

Abstain: Cllr Cole

RESOLVED: That the football pitch at Lion Green is repaired with a synthetic material. It is intended to use Coni Pave as per Option 2 on Appendix 13 however the Town Clerk is instructed to get an updated quote from VitaPlan. The repair is to be funded from the S.106 money being held by Waverley for use in Haslemere.

63/22 CCTV INSTALLATION – HINDHEAD

Cllr Nicholson 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. We are also looking at upgrading the existing CCTV at Lion Green to give better visibility on the screen at Town Hall.

RESOLVED: That the quote from Citytalk Security is accepted and the Town Clerk authorised to instruct the work to go ahead. The installation and first year's support maintenance to be paid from the CCTV earmarked reserve and ongoing maintenance budgeted for on an annual basis.

64/22 GRANT APPLICATION FROM HASLEMERE SWIMMING CLUB

The above application from the was received after the last Grants meeting, the Swimming Club is now only £300 short of their target which is the amount of funding they are requesting.

RESOLVED: That a small grant of £300 is awarded to Haslemere Swimming Club

65/22 HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

The Town Council has been allocated a further £15,000 to be used to support local residents in financial hardship.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk is authorised to administer the Household Support Fund up to the maximum amount of funding received from Waverley Borough Council.

66/22 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: The press was excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

67/22 LION GREEN TOILETS

Regarding the funding of the project, it was noted that the Council is going to be receiving and additional £60k in CIL funding in this financial year. Around £78k has already been set aside from CIL funding that has already been agreed and released Earmarked Reserves. If the £60k that is going to be received was also to be used to fund the project, it would just about cover the whole amount.

The Amenities committee has asked for a quality design from the preferred supplier Healthmatic, 2 designs were put forward (Appendix 16) and a vote was taken on the preferred design, it was unanimously agreed that the more modern design was preferable.

Cllr Lloyd hoped that the preferred design would incorporate green credentials. Cllr Dear confirmed that it would.

Cllr Odell commented that event organiser will be delighted with installation, the Town Clerk said larger events will still need to hire in their own toilets.

Cllr Lloyd asked if power could be installed on Lion Green to negate the need for generators? The Town Clerk will investigate further.

Cllr Nicholson would like to thank Cllr Dear for all his hard work and the Town Clerk for co-ordinating the project.

RESOLVED:

- I. That Healthmatic are awarded the contract for the Lion Green public toilets at a cost of £138,416. As previously agreed, Cllrs Dear, Nicholson and the Clerk are authorised to make small changes and incur additional costs, not to exceed £5k.
- II. Funding of the project will be from money already held in CIL, released from EMRs and the £60k due to be paid in CIL in this financial year. Any overspend to come from council reserves or, if required, added to next year's budget as agreed by Full Council. The Clerk is delegated to make other reasonable costs associated with the administration of the project, for instance Planning application costs.

III. That the more modern, cleaner looking design (2 above) is selected. It is felt that this design is far more appropriate in the context of the surrounding area and buildings.

Meeting finished at 20:00

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....