



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 6:45pm on 5th October 2023
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Chairman	Cllr Nicholson*
Vice Chairman	Cllr Keen
Councillors	Arrick*, Banfield*, Bridge, Carroll, Davidson*, Matthes & Robini

*Present

Meeting clerked by: Pippa Auger, Deputy Town Clerk.
Also present: Lisa O'Sullivan, Town Clerk

32/23 Apologies for absence

The committee accepted the absences of Cllrs Keen (ill), Bridge & Carroll (work).

33/23 Declaration of Interests

(Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registrable and Non-Registerable)

None.

34/23 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 8th June 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

35/23 Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise stated in the agenda

ACTION: Clerk to arrange for the flagpole to be looked at as it had been noted the flag had dropped after the Full Council meeting.

36/23 Representations by the public

None

37/23 Lion Green – additional ground maintenance work

Recommendation: Lion Green is Verti drained in October 2023 and paid for out of the Amenities Committee budget for this year.

Councillors noted that Lion Green was patchy in places and asked if an over-seed could be considered in Spring 2024.

38/23 Lion Green – zip wire surface

Cllr Robini suggested the work sat comfortably within the remit of CIL and the committee should avoid spending the precept when other sources of funding was available. An amendment to the recommendation was made and voted on

RECOMMENDATION: the committee approved the surfacing of the zip wire runway with bonded rubber mulch and recommended the CIL committee approve the funding of the project.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain three quotes in time for the next meeting.

39/23 Emergency Plan

The plan was noted and approved with a couple of defibrillator locations to be added.

Cllr Davidson commented it was very Haslemere centric and had a couple of suggestions which he will forward to the clerk

ACTION: the Clerk to add the defibrillator locations (Tesco and RBL Beacon Hill Road)

ACTION: Cllr Davidson to contact the clerk with his suggestions.

40/23 Trees & hedgerow management policy

Tree and hedgerow maintenance policy detailed in Appendix 6 was considered and the following was noted.

- The first paragraph on page 1 and last paragraph on page 2 were aspirational statements which did not add any practical value in the day to day management of trees and hedgelines.
- Pocket Park was mentioned twice
- Woodcock Memorial Green was not mentioned at all

RECOMMENDATION: the policy is approved subject to the necessary amendments.

ACTION: The clerk to make the necessary amendments.

41/23 Bench at Grayswood Road junction by Beech Road

Cllr Robini suggested the work sat comfortably within the remit of CIL and the committee should avoid spending the precept when other sources of funding was available. An amendment to the recommendation was made and voted on

RECOMMENDATION: the committee approved the purchase of a bench and fitting kit and recommended the CIL committee approve the funding of the project.

42/23 Broken fences at Lion Green and Town Meadow

The committee were unable to reach a decision based on the information in front of them.

RECOMMENDATION: the Clerk, Chair and Cllr Austen do a site visit and bring a recommendation back to the next meeting on 30 November 2023.

43/23 Haslemere Biodiversity Group

The report from HBG was noted. The Clerk addressed the committee to advise that there are several HBG projects in front of a number of Council committees. It would be beneficial to both parties if there was a coherent approach. As one of the items in the Council's Strategy 2023-2027 is to enter into a memorandum of understanding with HBG, it was agreed that a small working group be formed with a view to initially drafting the MoU to take to Full Council and agreeing the way forward.

Cllr Matthes stated her preference to be on the working group and it was suggested in his absence that Cllr Waters has previously expressed a preference as well.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange the meeting.

44/23 Next meeting

30th November 2023

Meeting closed at 7.34pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Amenities