



Clerk's Report to Full Council January 2024

Christmas carols – Well done to Jo Cork for making the 2023 Christmas Carols in the town center such a huge success. Hundreds of local residents braved the cold to join in the event which was hosted by the town crier. The Town Band provided the music and Harmonix choir led the singing. Santa (aka Martin) also made an appearance. Those attending enjoyed the mulled wine and mince pies provided for the Mayor's charities and over £700 was raised for the Mayor's charities.



Replacement bins - Last week the town hall was, at the suggestion of Cllr Leach, visited at by the Pupil Parliament from St Barts school. They handed in a letter, having identified some issues with local litter bins and litter in general. WBC environmental enforcement have been informed and are keen to make the changes (bins with separate waste and recycling / lids to prevent litter blowing around) the children have suggested.

The bench at the junction of Grayswood Rd / Beech Rd which was destroyed by a vehicle last year has been replaced by Martin. A number of local residents who used the bench whilst waiting for the bus has requested this.



Banking hub – Post Office – as you are aware, the Clerk has written to Cash Access UK and the Post Office to ask that Post Office counter services are provided at the Banking Hub. This is being reviewed in due course but in the meantime footfall and number of transactions are key to it being considered. Please spread the word. Additionally, I will be circulating the email address to which residents can log their request for Post Office services, hopefully Haslemere can get behind this. The more people who email the better!

SANG – a few final works are being done to finalise the SANG ready for handover, this will be complete by the end of March.

20mph speed limit in town – the council has been contacted by Waverley Borough Council's Sustainable Transport Executive Working Group which is surveying parishes and towns across Waverley to find out whether we they want to introduce 20mph zones in their parishes. It is possible that Waverley will approach Surrey collectively on behalf of the towns and parishes. The Clerk will be responding with details of the motions council has passed, they are not looking for any detailed proposals at this time. Surrey County Council's response to the Council's request for 20mph limits was provided in the previous Clerk's report, nothing has been received since.

New handrail installed – we recently received a request from a member of the public to install a handrail on a set of steps leading from Lower St to Sandrock. Whilst HTC was preparing to find funding, WBC (the landowner) stepped in (!) and did the work which has been well received by the public.



Damage to War Memorial -you may have spotted the damage to the war memorial caused when a motorist drove into it. The matter is with our insurers and we are in the process of getting quotes to have it repaired.

Vandalized Clement Corner Sign – before Christmas some very determined people decided to remove the sign from Clement Corner and dump it in Weydown Rd Carpark. Martin has reinstalled it in the correct position!

