



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 8 June 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.

19/23 Election of Chairman

Cllr Robini nominated Cllr Nicholson, and Cllr Keen seconded the nomination.

No other nominations.

Resolved: Cllr Nicholson is elected as Chairman.

7.01pm Cllr Bridge arrives.

20/23 Election of vice Chairman

Cllr Davidson nominated Cllr Keen, and Cllr Robini seconded the nomination.

No other nominations.

Resolved: Cllr Keen is elected as Vice Chairman.

21/23 Apologies for absence

The committee accepted the absence of Cllr Nicholson.

22/23 Declaration of Interests

(Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registrable and Non-Registrable)

None.

23/23 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 13 April 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

7.03pm Cllr Carroll arrives.

24/23 Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise stated in the agenda

Youth shelter – Cllrs Banfield and Davidson are happy to be part of a working party to clean up and repaint the shelter. It was agreed that a notice would be put up in the shelter inviting users to get involved on a weekend at the end of July.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to put up notice in the shelter, email all Councillors and arrange the date

25/23 Representations by the public

None

26/23 Lion Green – damage deposits

After short discussion, the members voted to approve the recommendation.

Resolved: the damage deposit required from commercial organisations is increased to £1,500 and for non-commercial one day hirers it is increased to £250. This is to take place with immediate effect to ensure Council is always holding sufficient sums to pay for any damage

27/23 Lion Green – additional ground maintenance work

Cllr Carroll suggested that the cost of the additional ground maintenance work should be borne by the organisations hiring the green. However, it was felt overall that the maintenance was needed regardless of whether the Green was hired out, or not. In addition, Cllr Carroll felt that committing to the one-off work suggested to take place in October could wait until the August meeting as it was a significant sum to come out of the Amenities budget this early in the year.

Resolved: the decision to do the one-off Verti-drain in October 2023 is made at the August 2023 Amenities meeting.

Recommended: The grounds maintenance budget for 2024/2025 (and going forward) is increased by £800 for this work to be done annually.

28/23 Penfold's bench near Town Meadow

The committee felt it was appropriate the bench was added to the assets to be maintained by the Council. The seating has already been repaired and at very little cost the roof will be made good so there should be little ongoing cost.

Resolved: The shelter and bench be added to the Council's asset register so that it can assume responsibility for it.

Resolved: Repairs to the roof to be paid for out of the Amenities budget if any additional roofing material is required.

29/23 Haslemere Memorial Flagpole

Cllr Banfield had concerns around health and safety of people climbing the flagpole, but was assured that this has never happened before. Cllr Bridge wanted to know the technical specifications of the flagpole, which will be requested and forwarded to him. The committee agreed the recommendation set out.

Resolved: The Hampshire Flag Company is instructed to supply & deliver the flagpole, and Commercial Grounds Care install the base.

Action: Deputy Clerk to request a copy of the technical specifications of the flagpole.

30/23 Ward signs

There was discussion regarding the cluttering up of roadsides with additional signage, the idea of community and keeping spending to a minimum. As wards relate to electoral geography, and not community, it was felt the signs could be retained removing reference to wards where applicable.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk to prepare map detailing location of existing signs with photos and a costed proposal for uniform decals to bring to August meeting.

7.58pm Cllr Arrick arrives

31/23 Next meeting

10 August 2023

Meeting closed at 7.58pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Amenities