



# HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street,  
Haslemere, GU27 2HG

<b>Mayor</b>	*Cllr Davidson
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	*Cllr Matthes
<b>Councillors</b>	*Arrick, Aslam, *Banfield, Bayliss, Bridge, *Carroll, Carter, Keen, *Leach, *Miller, *Nicholson, *Robini, *Waters, Weatherburn, *Weldon

\* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan.

## **53/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Aslam, Bayliss and Bridge had work commitments.

Cllrs Carter and Weatherburn were on holiday.

Cllr Keen was required to attend a meeting at WBC.

## **54/23 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Robini stated that although he knew Serena Austin and had signed her nomination papers, they were not socially active and he would vote for the person best suited for the role depending on what he heard on during the meeting.

## **55/23 CO-OPTION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR (NUTCOMBE WARD)**

Both candidates were welcomed by the Mayor and were invited to speak for up to five minutes to give their reasons for standing and details of any relevant experience.

Serena Austin gave an overview of her community work and voiced an interest in working with young people. Graham Betts also explained the work that he did for the community and explained how he would bring experience from a finance background to the Council. Both candidates were asked to confirm that they had time to devote to working for the community and both were also asked how they would represent the ward of Nutcombe, given that neither of them lives there. It was noted that Mr Betts had come 6<sup>th</sup> in the recent council election for the Haslemere North ward, whilst Mrs Austin hadn't actually stood in the election.

It was a number of members stated that both candidates would make excellent councillors and that it was a shame that only one could be elected.

**RESOLVED:** That Mrs Serena Austin is co-opted to Haslemere Town Council as the member for the Nutcombe Ward.

Signed.....  
Chairman of Meeting

Date..... 20/7/23.....