



## HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024.  
The meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2HG.

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

\* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan and minuted by Jo Cork. There were 3 members of the public in attendance. In the absence of Cllr Leach and Arrick, Cllr Waters was elected to chair the meeting.

### **57/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED:** Apologies are accepted from Cllrs Arrick, Matthes, Aslam, Carroll (Away) Cllrs Banfield, Leach (Unwell).

Cllr Leach attended via zoom.

### **58/24 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None.

### **59/24 REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

None.

### **60/24 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES**

None.

### **61/24 MAYOR'S UPDATE**

The Mayor apologised for not being at the meeting in person, his first few months as Mayor have been a real experience. Highlights include:

- Beacon Hill Beer Festival
- D-Day Event – A really great event very well attended, conversations have now begun regarding the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day in May 2025.

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July the Euro 24 football final is taking place, we have been asked by the community if we can provide live screening of this event on Lion Green. We have investigated this, and Jelly Tree events can provide a screen at a cost of £1500. Haslemere Events will contribute £500 towards this therefore we are asking Council for approval to spend the £1000 for this community event.

Cllr Keen is not against this proposal but questions who will be responsible for it. The Town Clerk stated that the staging/screen is run by a professional team and confirmed that we have all the relevant insurances in place.

**RESOLVED** Council approved the cost of £1000 towards the cost of the screen for the live screening of the football final on Lion Green on the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**62/24 CLERKS UPDATE**

In addition to the submitted clerk's update, the Clerk would like to inform Council of a Heli Hike that the Town Hall staff are doing on behalf of The Mayors Charity, KSS Air Ambulance  
<https://aakss.org.uk/get-involved/heli-hike-sussex/>

**63/24 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 are approved and any recommendations therein be adopted.

**64/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:**

That the schedule of payments as detailed in the Cashbook printouts for months 2 & 3 and any variances in the Council's accounts and any reported overspends and virements are approved.

The schedule of payments made under delegated authority is noted.

**65/24 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Committees with delegated decision making:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the following meetings are noted:

- Planning and Highways 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 13th Jun 2024
- Staffing 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Councillors noted the recommendations in the staffing minutes regarding the creation of a combines CIL and Amenities committee.

**RESOLVED:**

- I. The minutes of the meetings, where committees hold delegated decision making powers, are noted.
- II. The recommendation from Staffing committee regarding amendments to the council's current committee structure are adopted.

**Committees with no or limited delegated decision making:**

Please read all the minutes before approving them, they may contain recommendations that you are agreeing to by approving the minutes:

- Amenities 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Infrastructure and CIL 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Cllr Robini declared a non-pecuniary interest regarding the £100k CIL grant to the Link project as he was involved as a Surrey County Councillor in the projects previous funding from 'Your Fund Surrey'.

The Council were all in agreement that this project would be a valuable asset to the community and local organisations.

Cllr Weldon requested that if the grant exceeds the project costs then the surplus should come back to us.

**RESOLVED:**

Council approves the granting of £100k Neighbourhood CIL funds to the Link Community Hub project.

- CBEC 11th June 2024
- Finance and Governance 9th July 2024

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meetings where committees do not hold delegating decision making powers and any recommendations therein be adopted.

**66/24 BUDGET WORKING PARTY FOR 2025-26 BUDGET**

**RESOLVED:** As per the budget setting process a working party is convened, comprising of the Town Mayor, Town Clerk, Chairs of F&G and Amenities & CIL plus Cllrs Davidson and Nicholson.

**67/24 FAIRGROUND CAR PARK DEVELOPMENT – HASLEMERE YOUTH & COMMUNITY FACILITY**

Councillors are aware of discussions regarding a new youth / community facility that Waverley Borough Council are planning to build to replace the building currently leased to the Youth Hub. HTC has been invited to consider having input to the design and running of the new development.

**RESOLVED:** Discussion on this topic forms the basis of the Update and Participate session being held 5th August 2024 and, at that session, councillors to agree the membership of a small working party to bring a recommendation back to September full council.

**68/24 TOWN MEADOW DRAINAGE**

3 quotes have been obtained to make improvements to the drainage system as agreed at Full Council in September 2023.

**RESOLVED** JTS Engineers be instructed to undertake the drainage system work at Town Meadow, at a cost of £22,835 to be paid from budgeted Neighbourhood CIL funds.

**69/24 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY UPDATE**

Council to note the update at Appendix 12 to the agenda.

**70/24 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllr Keen commented that Haslewey are seeing an uptake in meals in the café due to the recruitment of a new chef.

Meeting finished at 19:35

Signed.....  
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....