



LGR Working Party (LGRWP)
Meeting 10am 13th August 2025

Cllrs Arrick, *Bridge, Carroll, *Carter, *Keen, Leach, *Matthes, *Miller, *Waters

*Present

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

Note of meeting

Cllr Carter welcomed those present and reported that now outline costs for any asset transfers have been received, it is probable that council will not be able to take on everything it had identified in its initial 'wish list'. On that basis he, Cllr Keen and the Clerk had done an initial review and prioritised the asset transfers on the basis of community value, vulnerability to loss or neglect etc.

Cllr Carter explained that, although the War Memorial Recreation Ground had been on the Council's list for some time, it was at low risk of loss to the community due to its war memorial and Fields in Trust status and would potentially be costly to acquire due to the complexities added with leaseholders and more than one land registry title.

The working party considered the land transfers being proposed and the following points were made:

Residents need to be able to understand why the council is spending money on these asset transfers, bearing in mind the potential cost.

We need to be mindful that although the new Unitary authority may well want to divest itself of some local assets after it comes into being in 2027, they equally may not want to engage with the council so we need to secure key assets for our residents now.

The war memorial recreation ground is a key asset for the town and is due to be considered for transfer by the Waverley Executive in October, along with the BH recreation ground and High St public toilets. These transfers should go ahead as agreed by full council.

The costs quoted by Waverley, especially for external valuations, seem very high. The Clerk to approach them and ask them to reconsider.

The George Denyer pavilion is not on the priority list but it is recognised that the building is of potential use to community groups such as Love Haslemere Hate Waste.

In terms of open / common land more work needs to be done. It may well be that the council doesn't have to take on the freeholds, Cllr Bridge thought there might be a mechanism whereby we can secure stewardship without having the obligations of ownership.

Haslemere Biodiversity Group could add value by assessing the pieces of land for their environmental value to the town.

A site visit needs to be made to these open spaces identified, this may best be done on a weekend when most people will be available.

The Clerk is meeting with the council's groundscare contractors next week to get some idea of costs for ongoing maintenance for the sites identified.

It was RECOMMENDED that:

The Clerk will pay the initial Waverley fees for the transfers of the three sites which have so far been applied for – Haslemere War Memorial recreation ground, Beacon Hill recreation ground and High St public toilets.

In the Winter newsletter, which goes to all residents, there will be a report on LGR proposed asset transfers and residents will be given the opportunity to make comments back on the proposals.

The Clerk and Cllr Bridge will come up with a route for the site visit to take place on a Saturday late September / early October. All councillors and Haslemere Biodiversity Group will be invited to attend.

HTC will support any move by LHHW or Haslemere Community Land Trust to take over the George Denyer pavilion.

APPENDIX 1 - Potential asset transfers were prioritised as follows:

| PRIORITY TO SECURE FOR COMMUNITY | | |
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| Haslemere War Memorial Recreation Ground | Old Haslemere Rd | Land with Building |
| Beacon Hill Recreation Ground | Beacon Hill Road | Land only |
| High Street public toilets | High St car park | Land with Building |
| Car Park, Public, Beacon Hill | Hill Road | Land only |
| Athletics Track, Woolmer Hill Recreation Ground | Woolmer Hill Road | Land only |
| Artificial Pitch, Woolmer Hill Recreation Ground | Woolmer Hill Road | Land only |
| Recreation Ground, Woolmer Hill | Woolmer Hill Road | Land only |
| Pavilion, Woolmer Hill Recreation Ground | Woolmer Hill Road | Land with Building |
| High Lane Community Centre | High Lane | Land with Building |
| Recreation Ground, High Lane | High Lane | Land only |
| Locality Office, Lion Lane | Lion Green | Land with Building |
| NICE TO HAVE / WAIT FOR 2027 | | |
| George Denyer Pavillion | George Denyer Close | Land with Building |
| LOWER PRIORITY / COSTLY TO RUN OR MANAGE | | |
| Common Land, Grayswood Common | Haslemere | Land only |
| Common Land, Clammer Hill | Haslemere | Land only |
| Common Land, Grayswood Church | Haslemere | Land only |
| Common Land, Manorial Waste, Holdfast Lane | Haslemere | Land only |
| Open Space, Sunbrow | Haslemere | Land only |
| Woodland, Sunbrow | Haslemere | Land only |
| Open Space, Parsons Green | Haslemere | Land only |
| Open Space, Fieldway | Haslemere | Land only |
| Open Space, George Denyer Close | Haslemere | Land only |
| Open Space, Shepherds Hill | Haslemere | Land only |
| Open Space, St Bartholomews Green, Church Lane | Haslemere | Land only |
| Common Land, Shepherds Hill Common | Haslemere | Land only |
| Open Space, Sturt Road | Haslemere | Land only |
| Common Land, Haste Hill | Haslemere | Land only |
| Common Land, St George's Wood | Haslemere | Land only |

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| Common Land, Weydown Common | Haslemere | Land only |
| Woodland, Tilford Road, Hindhead | Haslemere | Land only |
| Common Land, Churt Road | Haslemere | Land only |
| Open Space, Lower Hanger | Haslemere | Land only |
| Open Space, Rackfield | Haslemere | Land only |
| Open Space, Tyndalls Estate | Hindhead | Land only |
| Cricket Square and Practice Area, Grayswood Green | Grayswood Road | Land only |
| Play Area, Sickle Road | Sickle Road | Land only |
| Open Space & Play Area, Eight Acres | Tilford Road | Land only |
| Weaving House, West Street | West Street | Land only |
| Tilford road playground | Tilford Road | Land only |
| HIGHLY UNLIKELY TO BE TRANSFERRED | | |
| Car Park, Public, Part, High Street | High Street | Land only |
| Car Park, Public, Main, High Street | High Street | Land only |
| Car Park, Public, Chestnut Close | Chestnut Avenue | Land only |
| Car Park, Weydown Road | Weydown Road | Land only |
| Car Park, Grayswood Village Hall, Grayswood Road | Grayswood Road | Land only |
| Car Park, Tanners Lane | Tanners Lane | Land only |