



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Chair & Clerk's report

AMENITIES

4/25 Car boot sale

A date was fixed for 18 May but subsequently cancelled.

5/25 Pump track

The clerk contacted the members of the public who were advocating for the pump track and have not heard anything further from them.

8/25 Emergency plan

All actions arising were dealt with, with the exception of Cllr Davidson collating a list of additional responders. Post meeting, he recognised that volunteers may not be in a position to assist particularly if they are impacted by the emergency personally.

9/25 Memorial bench

Cllrs Keen & Matthes attended the SANG and agreed that an additional bench could be positioned at the bottom of the meadow below the original bench.

12/25 Soft landscaping at the Lion Green toilets

The drainage works have been successfully completed.

Weyhill in Bloom have cut in and planted the two flower beds in readiness for VE Day.

The working party is meeting again on 14 May to finalise their plans.

CIL

14/25 CIL Strategy document and project list

Document updated as per actions.

Cllr Bayliss to provide an update on obtaining quotes for the feasibility study for the proposed footbridge over the railway.

Allotments

Inspections have taken place. It is clear there is still a minority who do the bare minimum and only jump into action when nudged. The Council has 97 plots and 95 people on the waiting list.

The new project and amenity officer is going to review our process and bring a recommendation to the next meeting in August.

Tree inspections

The trees on Council land are inspected on a rolling two-year basis. This year it included the allotments at Clammer Hill and Collards Lane, St Christopher's Green and Pocket Park. The survey contains two recommendations – one to monitor (Pocket Park) and the other to prune away from overhead cables (St Christopher's Green). The Clerk will be arranging for the pruning of the mature oak on St Christopher's Green.

Insurance claims

1. Vandalism at Lion Green toilets. The insurance company has now paid out on the Council's claim and the Clerk will shortly be instructing Healthmatic to begin the remedial work.
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2. A claim has been brought against the Council by a claimant who claims to have tripped on an object protruding from the ground at Lion Green. The item has since been removed, and the claim is with the Council's insurers.

Liability issue, Lion Green stream:

In 2024 the Clerk was contacted by a local resident who had concerns about a water leak in the road at Wey Springs. Subsequent discussions (with the involvement of the Amenities Chair and Mayor) lead to HTC appointing an independent civil engineer to investigate and report on this issue. The civil engineer was confident that the issue is likely to be caused by root ingress into a drainage pipe on the East side of the stream which, in their estimation, hadn't been maintained for some time. This is not the responsibility of Haslemere Town Council and is not on our land.

They also said that it is probable that the pipe's position has moved over time and that there is no evidence that any work the town council had done on the west side of the stream has caused the stream bed to rise or contributed to the issues further back in Wey Springs.

The original complainant does not agree with the report's findings. They have been invited by the Clerk to commission their own independent report and have been advised that if it differs from the one the council's expert produced, the issue will be referred to the Amenities committee for further consideration.