



# HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

## Clerk's report to Full Council July 2025

### **General Updates**

Cllr Banfield continues to be signed off from work and is unlikely to return to council business before August.

The Government will bring forward primary legislation in the 2025-26 session to amend the Local Government Act 1972 so that a member may attend *any* formal meeting remotely (including hybrid arrangements) and be counted present for quorum and voting purposes. Bill to be introduced "later this year"; and the Government aims for Royal Assent before the 2026 local elections, with secondary regulations and statutory guidance to follow.

The GovAssist and PlanAssist AI software is now in use by town hall officers, it is early days but we hope it will be really useful in cutting time down on some tasks.

If you haven't responded to Lisa's Rally poll regarding a conversation on Weydown Road car park please do so ASAP.

Scotland Park appeal – the Clerk has asked when the decision will be made, the Planning Inspectorate has confirmed there is presently no date.

The fundraising totals for Cllr Leach's mayoral year are as follows:

RBL: **£246.75**

KSS: **£5956.53**

Link project: **£2846.53**

### **Land and assets**

#### **Update on Lion Green public toilets & landscaping**

The solar panels on the roof of the toilet are now pitched at their optimum angle of 30 Deg.

Skimma Japonica that was planted in the tubs in the High St has now been repurposed and planted as a linear hedge at the rear of the toilet block.

An 8ft wooden bench has been ordered for the front of the toilet. Currently getting the carving of 'Haslemere Town Council' on the back rest. Once delivered the correct siting of the bench can be agreed on and a hardscape plinth for it can be created which will be soften by wooden edging. The bench will be anchored into the concrete plinth.

17 Betula Utilis 'Jacquemontii' (Himalayan Silver Birch) trees have been ordered from a local nursery at trade discount. They will be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> November when they will be planted around the toilet block in a naturalistic style.

Due to fire damage to the toilet cubicles the baby changer was replaced, and the damaged seating area was rectified. On advice from the subcontractor that Healthmatic use it would be wise to leave the burn in floor in cubicle No1 as a patch repair would stick out.

### **Ventilation at High Street public toilets**

The heating and ventilation system in the toilets has been fitted. We are looking to turn them on at the first week of November.

### **Solar panels on the town Hall**

After seeking professional advice, we have been advised that fitting panels to the town hall would not be cost effective due to the close proximity of the neighbouring buildings and the aspect of the roof.

### **Gate post repair Clammer Hill Allotments**

One of the gate posts had rotten and the allotment was unsecured. A new one has been fitted by local company who did it the same day as being notified that their quote had been accepted.

### **Metal Benches & Bins painted**

The benches and bins around St Christopher's Green and in front of Half Moon House have been repainted by a local company.

