

## HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

## St Christopher's Green

## **Background:**

We have received an email from a local resident about the state of St Christopher's Green (as set out below):

"This space which I believe is under your care is looking in need of a tidy up. The grass needs cutting and the black benches are most definitely in need of a coat of paint as the previous colour red is showing through. This area was always kept to the highest standard when Simon Dear was Mayor but is starting to look most unkempt. Perhaps it would also be possibly to put a few flowers in the stone trough to halfway match the splendour of the High Street.! Yours in anticipation. Thanking you so much."

- 1) The grass has been cut since the email was received.
- 2) We have undertaken a site visit, and the benches and bins do need repainting. They are the same style as the metal ones behind the Town Hall, which were all painted at the same time around four years ago. There are nine in total and we are obtaining quotes for the repainting. At the time of writing, we have two quotes between £1,200 and £2,000 and will continue to seek a further quote.
- 3) Our grounds contractor has confirmed that they will plant up the stone trough free of charge. Members are asked to keep an eye out in case it needs watering.

**<u>RECOMMENDED</u>**: That the Clerk and Chair be authorised to instruct a contractor to carry out the repainting of the benches and bins up to an amount of £2,000. To be paid for out of funds held in the Amenities committee EMR (£1,525) and the balance from the Amenities committee fund.