



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 22nd August 2019
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Chairman	Cllr Peter Nicholson*
Vice Chairman	Cllr Simon Dear*
Councillors	Cole*, Davidson*, Dullaway, Hewett, Keen, Matthes*, Odell*, Robini and Round*

* Present

Meeting clerked by: Lisa O'Sullivan, Town Clerk.

Members of the public: None

34/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The committee accepted the absences of Cllr Dullaway (Holiday), Cllrs Keen and Robini (Mayoral engagement).

No apologies were received from Cllr Hewett.

35/19 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Matthes declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 11 as her husband has a council allotment.

36/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 13th June 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

37/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE STATED IN THE AGENDA

Cllr Dear noted that the tree work on Lion Green had been completed to a good standard however there is one big limb overhanging the road on the side outside M&S. He had spoken to the contractor on the day and they had agreed to remove it but this had not been done. Deputy Clerk to address with the contractor.

38/19 REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

39/19 AMENITIES COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Recommended: that the Deputy Clerk and Town Clerk make the amendments necessary to ensure that the Amenities Terms of Reference are correct and do not conflict with Financial Regulations. The amended document to go to September Council.

40/19 PUBLIC TOILETS SUB-COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Recommended: The Terms of Reference be updated to require a committee membership of five in order to help with quoracy, remove individual Cllrs names, amend the wording from "working party" to "sub-committee" and be sent to September Council for formal approval.

41/19 LION GREEN

a) Cllr Nicholson gave some background to this motion, citing the double decker bus which had got stuck on the Green at one recent carol service. The Clerk noted that the bus wouldn't have got stuck had it entered the green where it was supposed to. Cllrs Dear and Odell voiced concerns that the proposed motion was too restrictive and left no room for manoeuvre for Council.

Recommended: That only vehicles which can be driven by holders of a standard driving licence may access Lion Green during the non-grass growing season, 1 November to 15 March, except in exceptional circumstances with the agreement of the Town Clerk and Chair of Amenities. Lion Green Agreement, website and internal information policy be updated to reflect this.

b) **Recommended:** that the quote from JE Homewood be accepted. Deputy Clerk to apply to WBC to fund the purchase through s106 funding. Any costs not covered by WTC to be paid from Amenities budget.

c) The dates for forthcoming events were noted. Cllr Odell made a plea for volunteers for the Food Festival on 21 September.

42/19 BIN ON WEYHILL

Cllr Nicholson stated that although litter had been an issue in the past, it appeared to him at present that this was no longer the case. Even on a Sunday morning when one would expect litter from the previous evening. The cost of installation of a bin on Weyhill was seen as prohibitive by the Committee. Cllr Matthes noted that a lot of station users come off trains and dump recyclable waste into normal bins. There was discussion around the siting of a new recycling bin.

Recommended: That the Council does not pursue the idea of installing a bin in Weyhill at this time. That the Community Rail Partnership are asked to consider the provision of a recycling bin at Haslemere Railway station.

43/19 ALLOTMENTS

The Deputy Clerk was commended for such a good, clear report, the contents of which were noted.

44/19 AMENDMENT TO ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES AND CONTRACT

The committee considered the proposed amendments to the allotment management procedures with respect to reducing the time given to existing plot holders to exchange their plot for a newly vacant one on the same site.

Recommended: the notice period remains at 2 weeks but ploholders are emailed instead of a notice being placed at the allotment site. Ploholders for whom the council does not have an email address to be written to. The allotment garden contract to be amended to include a provision that plot holders are advised to indemnify themselves and the Council against any possible claims.

The question of an allotment site at Hindhead was raised. Cllr Odell noted that despite best efforts in the past it had not been possible to find suitable land. The committee requested that a 'call for land' be put on social media.

45/19 QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

The committee were grateful to the resident for raising a question of installing a children's splash pad onto Lion Green however the cost, given the Council's overall budget, does not justify the expense, given the relatively short time in the year when it could be used.

46/19 NEXT MEETING

17th October 2019

Meeting closed at 7.43pm

Signed: P. S. Nichol Date: 13/2/2020
Chairman of Amenities