



# HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

<b>Mayor</b>	*Cllr D Round
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Cllr P Blades
<b>Councillors</b>	Abeyesundara, *Arrick, Barton, Blades,*Bradley,*Dear, *Edwards, Hall, *Hewett, *King, *Odell *Peel, *Piper, *Rodgers, Carter

\* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O’Sullivan and minuted by Jo Cork.

Before the meeting prayers were said by Reverend Richard Bodle

A minute silence was held for Cllr Michael Dover

## **80/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED:** The following apologies are accepted by Council: Cllr Abeyesundara (Holiday), Cllr Barton (Holiday), Cllr Blades (Holiday), Cllr Carter (Holiday). Cllr Hall (Work Commitment).

## **81/18 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Relevant minute number shown in brackets.

### **Non - Pecuniary Interests:**

Cllrs Piper, Edwards, Bradley, Round, King, Hewitt, Arrick, Odell – Item 13/16

Cllr Odell – Item 13/1, 13/8

Cllr Round – Item 13/1, 13/8

### **Pecuniary Interest:**

None

## **82/18 DISPENSATIONS**

The Town Clerk reported that she had previously granted a dispensation to all Councillors in respect of budget making since all those paying Council Tax in Haslemere would have a pecuniary interest.

## **83/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and any recommendations be adopted. The minutes were signed as a true record.

## **84/18 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

None

## **85/18 REPRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL BODIES**

None.

### **86/18 MAYOR'S UPDATE**

The Mayor and Mayoress recently attended a ceremony where a local family were presented an Elizabeth Cross Medal in recognition of the death of Douglas Laventure whilst on active service in Cyprus in 1955. This was a particularly moving ceremony and the Mayor was honoured to have attended.

The Mayor is holding a charity dinner on the 17<sup>th</sup> November at the Georgian Hotel and hopes that Councillors will attend, details will be sent out in due course.

A reminder to all that the Remembrance Sunday parade is on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, all Councillors to attend if possible.

### **87/18 CLERKS UPDATE**

The Town Clerk recently attended a meeting at WBC regarding the Economic Strategy and amongst other things the following points should be noted:

- Vacancy rates in Weyhill remain lower than the national average
- Possibility of a BID project within Haslemere

We have had positive feedback on the installation of both the table tennis tables and the new goalposts on Lion Green.

The Walking Festival, organised by Visit Haslemere on behalf of the Town Council is over 75% sold out with 159 walks being booked. This is an excellent effort by Visit Haslemere.

### **88/18 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:** That the scheduled of payments as detailed in the cashbook printouts for months 4 & 5 and any variances in the Council's accounts are approved.

**RESOLVED:** That Council notes the Clerk's report at Appendix 2a and approves the recommendations therein.

### **89/18 EXTERNAL AUDIT 2018-2018**

**RESOLVED:** Council notes sections 1-3 of the Annual Return (attached) and agrees no further action to be taken in relation to 2017-2018 accounts.

### **INTERNAL AUDIT**

**RESOLVED:** That Mulberry & Co. are retained as the Council's internal auditor for 2018-2019 on the terms set out in the attached letter of engagement.

Cllr Piper would like to thank the Town Clerk and Town Hall officer for their continued excellent work in respect of the Council's finances. This was seconded by Cllr King.

### **90/18 BUDGET WORKING PARTY**

A Budget working party consisting of Cllrs Round, Barton, Piper, Dear, Odell, King, Hewett, Edwards and Town Clerk is formed to put together the draft budget for consideration at November council and sign off at January council.

### **91/18 BUDGET ITEMS FOR INCLUSION 2018-2019**

Cllr Odell left the meeting

A discussion took place as to which items should be considered for inclusion in the budget and the following items were removed:

- PCSO – not necessary
- Work at St Albans Church – to be added directly to grounds maintenance line

- Haslemere Hall & Museum Support Grant – should they need additional financial support they should apply for a grant via a Grant Application
- Town Hall Climate Control – Amenities Committee to supply a fully costed proposal for November Council
- Pocket Park Revamp – lot of work and not easy to plan at this time
- Fairground Car park Fees – possibly could be found if required from community fund / Vision reserve.

Grovers Garden – it was agreed that this project was to remain in the budget but the Deputy Clerk should write to WBC tree officer to get his opinion on what needs to be done and see if WBC would contribute to the cost.

Cllr Arrick joined the meeting (7.20pm)

Cllr Odell re-joined the meeting

### **92/18 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- Planning & Highways Committee 19<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Amenities Committee 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018
- Grants Committee 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of those meetings and any recommendations therein, not already made under delegated authority be adopted.

### **93/18 WORKING PARTY UPDATES**

Public Toilets – WBC have now signed the lease for the toilets with Haslemere Public Services Ltd. The Working Party has met several times and some work is to be carried out within this year’s budget, with a proposal going to Budget WP for work for next year.

Car Parking Proposals – The document at Appendix 17 regarding Haslemere Car parking Charges was reviewed and it was agreed that the document should be submitted to WBC for consideration.

The Edge All Weather Pitches – Cllr Piper commented that the cost of and all weather pitch is approx. £0.25 Million which Council could not fund. It is hoped that Council would support an application for an all-weather pitch. Cllr King noted that all users of the facilities should be consulted.

Fairground Car Park – A response has now been received from WBC to the objections to de-registration of the land. Following discussion of this document; Cllr Edwards proposed that Council remove their objection to de-registering the land, this was seconded by Cllr Dear. Cllr Odell noted that the Chamber of Commerce, Haslemere Vision and The Haslemere Society had all objected to the de-registration of the land and Haslemere Town Council had also voted not to support the de-registration at this time. Cllr King stated that the recommendation on the Agenda was a perfectly adequate response.

The Town Clerk advised that the recommendation on the Agenda should be voted on first before the proposal from Cllr Edwards. She also stated that she believed Cllr Edwards’ proposal contravened the standing order 82 preventing Council reversing a decision within 6 months without a special resolution.

**RESOLVED:** that the recommendation remains that the statement from WBC is noted and Haslemere Town Council has nothing new to add regarding the application

Cllr Edwards stated that he withdrew his proposal.

**94/18 HASLEMERE (WITH HINDHEAD) AN IDYLIC COUNTRY TOWN**

The application for £280 towards typesetting a book by former Mayor Fay Foster was discussed. It was agreed that the Council could not fund this as it did not meet the grant criteria and was not a proper use of public money. Cllr King commented that he supports the cause will contribute £50 to the project as will Cllr Round and hoped other Councillors would also contribute.

**95/18 REPORTS FROM REPS ON EXTERNAL BODIES**

None

**96/18 WW1 POPPY WREATH PROJECT**

The Wreaths are now being delivered to properties within the area, the response from the householders has been very positive. Cllr Odell will be reminding the Cllrs to deliver the wreaths in their wards.

A vote of thanks went to Cllr Odell for heading up this project

Meeting finished 8.30pm

Signed.....  
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....