

Haslemere Town Council

Meeting of Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 18th March 2010

Town Mayor: * Melanie Odell
Deputy Mayor: Bill Douglas
Councillors * present

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| * Mrs P Blades | Mr P Isherwood |
| Mrs M Borwick | * Mrs C King |
| * Mr M Dover | * Mr W King |
| * Mr J Edwards | * Mr R Knowles |
| * Mrs F Foster | * Mrs C Lancaster |
| * Mr M Foster | * Mr J Mackie |
| * Mrs B Hewett | * Mr S Mulliner |
| * Mr B Howard | Mrs J Stevens |

Prior to the meeting prayers were led by Reverend Danny Wignall St Stephen's Church Shottermill.

Surrey County Councillor S Renshaw presented his report. Local issues relating to winter salt stocks, repairs to road surfaces, Government removing salt stocks for other areas and need to improve communications were mentioned.

The SCC policy in relation to their Localism agenda was raised. It was explained that Localism was aimed at taking decisions at the lowest tier of Local Government and the associated budgets need to be transferred along with the functions. He explained that the Localism objective could fracture at local level as the staff may not be sufficiently qualified and equipped to accept the responsibility. Acceptance of Localism may also attract a better quality Councillor at local level. He offered SCC training to Towns and Parishes.

In addition reference was made to the agenda item titled Management Plan 2009 / 10. He pointed out that Shottermill shelter was on SCC land and that promoting the image of the Town Mayor locally was misguided and should be directed at the Council / Councillors as a unit.

HTC Councillors Dover and Mackie responded by stating that support for the Town Mayor was an issue for the Town Council and not SCC. The Town Mayor is the public face of the Council and the image / profile is projected through that office. In addition the SCC view as to the quality of Town and Parish Councils was unfortunate.

18/10 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Stevens, Howard, Borwick, Douglas, Isherwood and SCC Cllr Harmer.

19/10 **QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions.

20/10 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

The following declarations of personal or prejudicial interests were received in relation to any items included on the agenda.

Town Mayor Haslemere Museum and Food Festival.
Cllr Edwards Shottermill School representative
Cllr Mulliner WBC representative Haslemere Museum
Cllr C King WBC representative Haslemere Hall

21/10 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th January 2010 and Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on the 28th January 2010 be agreed and signed.

22/10 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

23/10 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR**

The following communications from the Town Mayor were received.

a. Don Luck had communicated news that Haslemere now has a branch for the British Heart Foundation.

b. African nations' representatives are visiting the sports venues within the area with a view to the 2012 Olympics.

c. Haslemere's Christmas present. Idea was presented whereby the Town Hall is wrapped at Christmas time as a large present. Councillors expressed views that the enthusiasm and enterprise of the artist should be encouraged in sensitively decorating the Town Hall. Councillors

RESOLVED that this is accepted provided that the decoration is white and that a grant of up to £1,000 be awarded on a matched funding basis towards the costs.

24/10 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

RESOLVED that the a schedule of accounts paid since the last meeting are approved.

The variances within the management accounts giving detailed income and expenditure by budget heading are noted.

25/10 **STAFF SUB COMMITTEE**

The SCAPTC Structural Review management report attached to the report was referred to. Councillors expressed a view that this report was a worthwhile exercise.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the above meeting held on the 15th February 2010 are agreed.

26/10 **GRANTS PANEL**

The minutes of the above meeting held on the 4th March 2010 were considered.

(a) **RESOLVED** that the grant application for Shottermill Junior School be refused

(b) **RESOLVED** that the grant application for Sickle Mill Allotments Association be approved for **£750**.

(c) **RESOLVED** that the grant application for Haslemere Educational Museum be approved for **£900** on a matched funding basis of 50% of the costs involved.

(d) **RESOLVED** that the grant application for St Stephen's Church organ be approved for **£500**.

(e) **RESOLVED** that the grant application for Haslemere Hall be approved for **£2,000**.

(f) **RESOLVED** that the grant application for Transition Town Haslemere be approved for **£200** and this is for basic equipment, green fair and monthly educational talks and not for conference expenses.

(g) **RESOLVED** that the surplus unspent budget for 2009/10 of **£1,530** be transferred to the small grants budget for 2010/11.

27/10 **COUNCILLOR ABSENCE**

The Local Government Act 1972 section 85 permits Council to approve the absence of Councillors Douglas and Stevens, who have been in ill-health over recent months.

RESOLVED that the absence of Councillors Douglas and Stevens be approved.

28/10 **LION GREEN**

Request for a Mini festival with classic cars, cycling event and stalls is planned by Hamish Donaldson on the Sunday the 30th May 2010. This is for use of the green between 11.30am and 4pm.

RESOLVED that the request is granted subject to undertaking that any damage to the green will be remedied and that evidence of adequate insurance cover is provided by the applicant for the event.

Request for Delta Radio who wish to hold their 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' again this year, as part of the Haslemere Food Festival. The date: Sunday 12th September 2010, 12 noon - 3pm.

RESOLVED that the request is granted subject to undertaking that any damage to the green will be remedied and that evidence of adequate insurance cover is provided by the applicant for the event.

29/10 **DISPLAY BANNERS**

Amenities Working Group 22-10-07 and F & GP 25-10-07 considered this matter. **Resolved** no banners should be fixed to the Town Hall or erected on the War Memorial Green unless specifically authorised by HTC at a meeting of full Council. Councillor Howard requested that the above resolution to be reconsidered.

RESOLVED that if the Mayor considers that exceptional circumstances apply, that HTC permission may be given for the fixing of banners on the Town Hall and / or the War Memorial Green if :-

- (a) The Mayor considers exceptional circumstances apply and
- (b) At least 10 members support the granting of such permission and such support be communicated by email, in writing or by telephone to the Town Mayor and Town Clerk.

30/10 **ROADS AND HIGHWAYS**

Councillor Knowles requested that this item be added to the agenda. This followed complaints from the general public about damage to the grass on Lion Green in the area of the kebab van at the junction of Weyhill Lion Green.

RESOLVED that WBC licensing authority be requested to designate the roadway to the Apple Tree Public House a consent street for licensing purposes.

31/10 **AMENITIES WORKING GROUP**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March 2010 were considered along with the recommendations.

RESOLVED that the minutes be agreed and implemented.

32/10 **BOND OF FRIENDSHIP PRINCESS OF WALES REGIMENT**

Council considered adoption of the bond of friendship with the above regiment.

RESOLVED that the bond of friendship be agreed and signed.

33/10 **MANAGEMENT PLAN 2009 -10**

Councillors noted the update.

34/10 **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

The following reports from members were received and contained in the minute book.

Members Working Group Safer Neighbourhoods and Policing.
Haslemere and District Neighbourhood Watch.
Haslemere Museum
Haslemere Hall

Youth (Cllr C King reported on the resignation of the Youth Development Officer at the Wey Centre.)

Transition Towns (Town Mayor reported on the Transition Town Museum Green Fair and the Earth Hour on the 27th March)

35/10 **NEWSLETTER WORKING GROUP**

Report received that a meeting was held on the 10th March 2010, where it was recommended, that Royal Mail distribution should be sought for week beginning 9th August and 15th or 22nd November 2010.

RESOLVED that the above dates are booked and contracted with Royal Mail.

36/10 **TOWN CRIER**

Council noted that the Mayor had been advised by The Chamber of Commerce that they have been successful in finding a successor to Mr Terry Burns as Town Crier.

RESOLVED that a grant of £500 be made towards the cost of a new Town Criers uniform and this to be made from the small grants surplus for 2009/10.

RESOLVED that permission be granted to use the Council's coat of arms on the uniform.

37/10 **HOPPA GRANT**

Council approved a grant in November for £2,000. The grant application concerned the repair to a specific vehicle engine. The vehicle concerned was beyond repair and has since been scrapped. The Clerk has invoices for repairs / inspection conducted by HOPPA to similar vehicles of £1,889.54 and anticipates that further invoices that are being sent will show that the £2,000 was exceeded.

RESOLVED that the grant of £2,000 be paid for general repairs to HOPPA vehicles.

38/10 **EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED to approve the formation of a members' Committee consisting of Councillors W King (Chairman), Cllrs Mackie, Isherwood and Knowles.

39/10 **HINDHEAD TOGETHER**

Councillors reviewed and agreed membership.

RESOLVED that the following representatives attend the Hindhead Together Group:-
Landowners Group – Stephen Mulliner (Chairman)
Officers Working Group – Town Clerk
Tunnel Vision Group – Melanie Odell (Chairman)
London Road Planning – Michael Foster
Wider Concept – William King

40/10 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on the 14th January and 11th February 2010 be approved.

Haslemere Town Council design statement was previously identified as a Haslemere Initiative action point. Questions were raised as to how the production of such a document can be reasonably resourced and what it will input will be needed. The use and its compatibility with Waverley and County plans was also a consideration.

RESOLVED to contact Farnham Town Council in order to consider the implications and costs of producing its design statement.

41/10 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Exempt minutes legal implications with respect to land ownership.
Note Bryan Farley has responded see letter 22nd February 2010.

RESOLVED that the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 7th January be agreed and signed.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mulliner meet with Bryan Farley to progress the land registry for all of Lion Green in the name of Haslemere Town Council.

Chairman

Closed 9.15pm

