

Haslemere Town Council

Meeting of Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 7th January 2010

Town Mayor: * Melanie Odell

Deputy Mayor: Bill Douglas

Councillors * present

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 Father Stephen Hardaker Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Haslemere.

1/10 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were given for Councillors Douglas, Blades, Borwick, Dover, Foster F & M, Isherwood, Knowles and Stevens. Absences due to heavy snow fall.

2/10 **QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present.

3/10 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None disclosed.

4/10 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2009 be approved and implemented.

5/10 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 12th November 2009.

6/10 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR**

The following communications from the Town Mayor were received.

Haslemere Music Society letter of thanks to the Council for their £500 grant.

VITALISE letter of thanks to the Council for their £124 grant.

Leader of SCC was contacted by the Mayor regarding snow and ice clearance. To date a list of salt bins that had been filled have been received from SCC.

A communication from Mrs Styles thanking the Town for the help received from Haslemere residents when their vehicle was stranded in the snow was read to Council.

Letter from John Harvey concerning Haslemere Police Station and reports of closure was read to Council.

RESOLVED that Haslemere Town Council would actively seek to retain the existing local facilities (in the form of our Police station) until an alternative viable facility for an accessible Police office presence within the community becomes available.

Festive Decorations our contractors for Christmas lighting had been unable due to bad weather, to take down the lights. They will also consider the motif on the Town Hall which is obsolete and colour of lights to the Town Hall bell tower.

7/10 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

RESOLVED that the accounts are approved and the management accounts are noted.

8/10 **WEY HILL TOILET BLOCK**

Councillors expressed a view that the work to the building could be significant and that it was unsuitable as a store due to damp. WBC and Town Councillors explained that it was no longer a viable as a public toilet due to the disrepair and its location away from the shops. The prospect of it remaining as a closed dilapidated facility is of concern and as such it should be demolished.

RESOLVED that HTC will not proceed with the acquisition.

9/10 **BUDGET 2010/11**

RESOLVED that the budget paper is approved and a precept of £206,206 is levied.

10/10 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that minutes of the committees held on the following dates 19-11-09 and 17-12-09 are approved and implemented.

To consider any recommendations contained therein.

11/10 **SURREY RURAL STRATEGY REVIEW**

Chairman and Vice Chairman of planning were absent due to adverse weather conditions and will update Council under matters arising at the next meeting. ECO Town Bordon should also be added to the agenda of the next Planning Committee as this will impact on the railway services in Haslemere.

12/10 **SPECIAL STAFF SUB COMMITTEE**

The meeting planned on the 21st December 2009 was cancelled due to illness and weather.

Councillor Howard reported that there was a need to progress appointment to replace the Assistant Town Clerk who leaves in May 2010. The initial timetable is to complete the management review end of January, advertise in February, interview in March and recruit in May.

RESOLVED that Staff sub Committee is given full delegated powers to:-

Implement the SCAPTC management review and consider the results of the Councillor survey.

Prepare job descriptions and personnel brief.

Conduct the advertising, interviews and recruitment processes in the appointment of an Assistant Town Clerk.

To recruit an Assistant Town Clerk to replace Kathy Moore.

13/10 **WBC LAND / GROUNDS MAINTENANCE MEETING and HTC Involvement**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2009 were noted.

14/10 **LION GREEN**

RESOLVED that the Three Counties Church request the use the green from 24th July to 31st July 2010 be granted subject to evidence of their insurance and that any damage is repaired.

15/10 **CHARTER FAIR**

The Town Mayor reported that there was a prospect that this would not take place. The Town Mayor will now lead as Chairman for the Charter Fair Committee and arrange for volunteers.

RESOLVED that Haslemere Town Council will accept ownership and management of the Charter Fair in 2010.

16/10 **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

Reports from members were received these are contained in the minute book.