

Haslemere Town Council

Meeting of Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8th July 2010

Town Mayor: * Melanie Odell
Deputy Mayor: * Mr M Dover

Councillors * present

* Mrs P Blades	* Mr P Isherwood
Mrs M Borwick	* Mrs C King
Mr W Douglas	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

Town Mayor was presented with a photographic record of her service during 2009 -10.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by the led by Jonathan Carter Three Counties Church.

65/10 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Borwick, Douglas, Edwards, Howard, W King, Mulliner and Stevens.

66/10 **QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions asked.

67/10 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Members declarations of personal and prejudicial interests were as follows.

Councillors Dover, Odell, Lancaster, M Foster, F Foster and Mackie declared that they were Haslemere Society members and therefore could not participate in the associated grant application.

Councillor Odell declared an interest in the Heritage Open Day.

68/10 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2010 are approved and signed.

69/10 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20th May 2010.

70/10 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR**

The following communications from the Town Mayor were received.

Letter received from Haslemere Museum and Haslemere Hall circulated to all Councillors thanking the Council for their grant.

The Town Mayor reported that a communication was sent to SCC cabinet members concerning the threat of closure to the Saturday household collection amenity at St Christopher's Green Car Park. Subsequently, SCC has conditionally decided to cease funding.

It was explained that the green waste collection service operated by WBC was currently not part of this cut. The amenities SCC domestic waste disposal vehicle was the service that has been identified for cuts.

Councillors expressed views that it was a disgrace that the service should be removed particularly as other urban settlements in Waverley had their own civic amenities disposal sites. Haslemere had surrendered their civic amenities site some 25 years ago with the Saturday morning car park collection service accepted as an alternative.

The volumes of waste collected on a Saturday are estimated at 20 tonnes this volume was significant with hundreds of people visiting the site. The cost of transporting this volume to Witley by hundreds of single domestic vehicles would do nothing for the local green footprint. The incidence of fly tipping will increase and these costs needed to be included. To cite the use of this facility by commercial businesses and people outside the area as a further excuse for closure is a distraction since it can only be a very small percentage of the total. There was little evidence of residents from across the County boundary using the service but this is not a crime as those just over the border are part of the Haslemere Community who shop and spend leisure time in our area.

Fears were expressed for the SCC Localism Agenda as there had been scant local consultation with Haslemere Town Council. It had been 25 years since the boundaries were last reviewed and the view that Haslemere would be better served by West Sussex or Hampshire County Councils was expressed.

RESOLVED that Councillors Odell and Knowles supported by a rota of other Town Councillors arrange a petition expressing opposition to the SCC proposals to close the St Christopher's car park Saturday morning household waste collection service.

71/10 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

RESOLVED that the schedule of accounts paid since the last meeting be agreed along with the variances within the management accounts giving detailed income and expenditure by budget heading.

72/10 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on the 8th April 2010, 13th May 2010 and 3rd June 2010 are approved.

Councillor M Foster reported on the design statement giving costs that other Councils had incurred. Prices ranged from £1,500 to £5,000. Haslemere scheme is to be funded with 50% from Haslemere Initiative where it was identified as a local action point.

An exhibition is planned in the Georgian Hotel on the 6th October. This is to be followed by similar events elsewhere in the District.

73/10 **GRANTS PANEL**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Grants Panel held on the 10th June 2010 are approved and adopted.

RESOLVED that the amended policy for awarding grants be agreed.

RESOLVED that a grant of **£500** is approved for the Haslemere and Midhurst NCT.

RESOLVED that the grant application from the Haslemere Society be determined by a special Council meeting since there was not a quorum at Council due to the numbers of Councillors declaring of interests in the Society.

74/10 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Council reviewed Committee Membership.
It was noted that Council may amend / vary standing orders.

RESOLVED that the following be agreed.

Councillor	Planning	Staff	Grants	Amenities WG
Blades				y
Borwick	y		y	
Douglas	y			
Dover	As D Mayor	As D Mayor	As D Mayor	As D Mayor
Edwards			y	y
Foster F	y		y	
Foster M	Y c			
Howard		Y c		
Hewett	y		y	y
Isherwood	y		y	
King W	y			Y
King C		y	y	
Knowles				y
Lancaster	y		y	
Mackie	y	y	Y c	
Mulliner		y	y	
Odell	y	As mayor	As mayor	y
Stevens	y		y	

75/10 **MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010 -11**

Council considered the plan. Councillor Dover thought that further consideration should be given to the wording and agreed to redraft in conjunction with the Town Clerk for the next Council meeting.

76/10 **STAFF SUB COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd June 2010 be agreed.

RESOLVED that the Council agree to the Child Care Voucher Scheme.

RESOLVED that early appraisals are undertaken for new staff.

77/10 **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

The following reports from representatives were given.

Hindhead Together a report from the Town Mayor Melanie Odell was received.

Haslemere and District Volunteer Centre a report from Councillor Lancaster was received and is contained in the minute book.

Haslemere Hall a report was received from Councillor Mackie and is contained in the minute book.

Haslemere Museum a report was received from Councillor Mackie and is contained in the minute book.

Beacon Hill Heavy Brigade report from Councillor Isherwood on Mansell £500 grant.

Haslemere Police Station / local report from John Harvey was presented by the Town Mayor Melanie Odell. Councillor W King to note the potential loss of the Dunsfold Police helicopter.

St Christopher's Car Park Councillor C King explained the work in this area was connected to the culvert improvements.

Volunteer Awards Scheme report by Town Mayor Melanie Odell and Councillor F Foster.

Chairman

Closed 8.15pm