



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Amenities, Infrastructure & CIL Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 5 February 2026
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

Chair	Cllr Leach*
Vice Chair	Cllr Waters
Members	Arrick*, Aslam*, Banfield, Bridge*, Carroll, Carter*, Davidson*, Keen, Matthes, Nicholson*, Robini & Weldon*

*Present

Meeting clerked by: Pippa Sherriff, Deputy Town Clerk.

4/26 Apologies for absence

The committee accepted the absences of Cllrs Waters & Robini (health grounds), Carroll & Keen (family commitment), Matthes (holiday).

No apologies were received from Cllr Banfield.

5/26 Declaration of Interests

(Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registrable and Non-Registrable)

None.

6/26 Minutes of the last meetings

The minutes of the meeting held 6 November 2025 and 22 January 2026 were agreed and signed as a true records.

7/26 Matters arising from those minutes not otherwise stated in the agenda

The Chair and clerk's report was noted.

The committee agreed to not pursue the resident's request to paint a mural on the toilet block at Lion Green. The whole area is looking better now the planting is in place, and any such painting will require ongoing maintenance and costs.

8/26 Representations by the public

None.

9/26 Amenities spending under Chair and Clerk's deleted authority

Noted.

Item	Spend	Budget total for the year £2,500
Balance painting benches*	£12.00	-£2,488
Paint for benches*	£142.95	-£2,245.05

Allotment dog signage*	£142.50	-£2,202.55
Total amenities budget left		£2,202.55

10/26 Amenities & CIL Terms of Reference

RECOMMENDED: The Amenities & CIL Terms of Reference are updated to give the Chair of the committee and the clerk delegated authority to consider individual requests to move allotment plots on a case-by-case basis if the situation is not covered by the procedure document and is likely to be a one-off.

RECOMMENDED: The Clerk has delegated authority to add any additional open spaces to the list without bringing it to the committee for approval, given the community asset transfers that are currently being processed.

ACTION: Clement Corner appears twice in the open spaces list, Clerk to remove.

11/26 Allotment procedures waiting list

RESOLVED: Any applicant who fails to respond to, or refuses, a second offer is removed from the waiting list. There is an option to reapply after 6 months.

12/26 Grover’s Garden

RESOLVED: To allocate up to £2,200 for a further hard cut-back of laurel. To be paid from the biodiversity audit budget (£1,800) and the balance from the Amenities budget.

ACTION: The committee would like to extend it’s thanks to Christian Ashdown for overseeing the work on his weekends.

13/26 CIL Finances

Noted.

14/26 CIL Strategy Document and project list

Noted.

15/26 Hedgehog Lane to Grasslands Close lighting on PROW

The committee noted the proposal put forward in appendix 9 and agreed to add it to the committee’s strategy document for further investigation and costing.

16/26 Neighbourhood CIL Projects – Tesco bridge feasibility study

The committee held a brief discussion regarding the scope and content of the feasibility study. The clerk confirmed that efforts are ongoing to establish contact with the Tesco estates team.

Key concerns identified during the public consultation at the end of 2025 were noted, including:

- Overlooking of adjoining properties
- Potential for antisocial behaviour
- Future maintenance and repair responsibilities

It was acknowledged that the proposed site is close to the existing footbridge at Kings Road. However, this footbridge does not currently provide wheeled accessibility. As part of the feasibility study, the option of upgrading the footbridge to make it accessible for wheeled users will be re-examined, if only to formally rule it out. There will be no further consultation until such time as the feasibility study has been completed and reviewed.

The committee scored the project as follows:

BENEFIT OF THE PROJECT – Moderate (6). The potential of the bridge being built would impact more than the immediate local community. It would also assist disadvantaged groups (wheelchair users, parents with pushchairs etc).

PUBLIC SUPPORT – Moderate (6). Of the people that took part in the consultation, the support was overwhelming and the project has support of a number of Town Councillors.

IDENTIFIED STRATEGIC NEED – High (6). It supports a number of identified priorities within the Council’s strategy document for this term (Local Business & Transport, and Climate & Biodiversity), the Neighbourhood Plan and WBC Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan).

PROJECT PLANNING & DELIVERABILITY – High (6). The proposed provider is ready to go ahead with the study, subject to instruction.

FUNDING – Moderate (4). Haslemere Town Council have secured funding of a third of the price of the study from Waverley Borough Council.

RESOLVED: To commit £9,000 Neighbourhood CIL towards proceeding with obtaining a feasibility study from One World Design.

17/26 Neighbourhood CIL Projects – Grayshott & Hindhead Institute & Village Hall

The committee discussed the project at some length but felt they were unable to proceed to scoring it at present, so deferred the decision until the next meeting on 21 May 2026. The key issues they wanted addressed before that meeting related to energy efficiency, where the organisations hiring the venue are based and confirmation of the outcome of all other funding requests.

18/26 Neighbourhood CIL application process

It was agreed that a small working group would be formed to review the Neighbourhood CIL application process and bring any recommendations back to the next meeting in May. The working group will consist of Cllrs Leach, Waters, Carroll with Cllr Davidson happy to substitute for Cllr Waters if he is unavailable.

19/26 Next meeting

21st May 2026

Meeting closed at 8.04pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chair of CIL & Amenities Committee