



# HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

## Chair and clerk's report

### **Painting the Lion Green toilet block**

The committee resolved to review this suggestion at the meeting in February or May 2026 once its own plans for the toilet had been completed. The trees have now been planted and have taken well.

Investigation is required as to whether the surface of the external walls will take paint, if doing so will invalidate any warranty or guarantee given by Healthmatic or affect the Council's insurance cover.

There is no money in the budget to do this professionally and there is concern that there may either need to be ongoing maintenance and upkeep to keep it from looking weathered. This was the case with the Rock Snake that was installed during 2020. It may also attract graffiti and more complaints from residents. To this end, it is proposed to not take this forward.

### **Bin contract with Biffa**

To update that following Biffa picking up the bin contract in November last year, we have not received any negative feedback, and the Council is paying £30 per month less.

### **Grovers Garden update**

Once again, keen volunteers turned out at Grover Gardens to help with the clear-up of the greenspace bequeathed to the Council. The aim of the morning's work was to light a fire and burn the accumulated branches and leaves around the site.

The now-regular attendees were once again joined by the Mayor, Cllr Jean Arrick and welcomed Cllr Alistair Bayliss, and Waverley Borough Councillor Phoebe Sullivan. After two hours of solid community effort and clear progress on site, it was suggested that the group meet again in March. However, the workforce was eager to return sooner, and a further session will therefore be arranged for the latter part of February. There is still plenty more to do.



### **Allotments**

All invoices for 2026 have been sent and paid, bar three where vacant plots are in the process of being offered to the waiting list. A great result.

By the time of the meeting, work to increase the size of the Clammer Hill allotment should have finished. At the last meeting, the committee approved the annexing of a part of the grazing field to use for more plots

**Lion Green playground – Hip Hop replacement – Rodeoboard**

The rodeoboard is on order and we are hoping it will be installed by March.

**Town Hall ground floor redecoration and bathroom upgrade**

The redecoration has been done, and we are waiting on a date for the bathroom upgrade.