



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 7pm on Thursday 24th September 2026.

The meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2HG.

Mayor	*Cllr Keen
Deputy Mayor	Cllr Nicholson
Councillors	Arrick, Aslam, Austin, Banfield, *Bayliss, *Bridge, Carroll, *Carter, *Davidson, *Leach, Matthes, *Miller, *Morrison, *Waters, Weatherburn, *Weldon

* present

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Keen and clerked by the Interim Town Clerk, Pippa Sherriff.

79/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: Apologies are accepted from Cllrs Arrick, Nicholson & Weatherburn (holiday), Banfield, Carroll & Matthes (work), Austin (ill).

No apologies were received from Cllr Aslam.

80/26 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None disclosed.

81/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held 23rd July 2026 and ECM held 21st August 2026 are adopted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

82/26 REPRESENTATION BY THE PUBLIC

David Reavley – Rotary Club (ex-town councillor, former deputy mayor and finance committee chair) addressed the council

- The Rotary Club has been active for 90 years; raised over £100,000 for Royal Guildford Hospital among many causes
 - Other beneficiaries: Hunter Centre, RNLI, Educational Museum, Wintershaw School, Cut Out Cancer, Shelterbox, King's World Trust
- The Rotary is on a recruitment drive and David invited councillors to join;
- It meets every Wednesday at various local venues
- Noted that mayor's chosen charities could benefit if councillors join

7.02pm Cllr Waters arrived during this presentation.

83/26 UPDATES FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Weldon (Surrey): advised that there is still some community funding available although he does have applications he has not yet considered.

There is ongoing frustration over roadworks appearing in town with little or no communication from SCC.

Cllr Leach (Waverley): advised Waverley Borough Council is in discussion with the Chamber of Commerce to offer funding for free car parking to draw custom into town. The Chamber of Commerce are looking to direct this to January and February, rather than Christmas, when the shops are traditionally quiet.

7.09pm Cllr Bridge arrived during these updates.

84/26 MAYOR'S UPDATE

- The Mayor gave an overview of the engagements she had attended since the last meeting, to include:
- Donaldson Day, Loseley House (Lord Lieutenant retirement), Farnham Lane blue plaque for Michael Bond (Paddington author)
- Haslemere Museum 100th anniversary celebration
- Beacon Hill Fete: well-attended despite last year's flood cancellation;
- Civic service: town band and organist Clive performed;
- Food Festival: successful, all-volunteer effort

85/26 CLERKS REPORT

The report, previously circulated, was noted.

86/26 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments as detailed in the Cashbook printouts for months 4 and 5 and any variances in the Council's accounts and any reported overspends and virements are approved.

87/26 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: that decisions made under delegated authority are noted and any additional recommendations to council are approved.

88/26 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY UPDATE

Council noted the update.

89/26 CONCLUSION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT 2025-2026

The Council's accounts have been scrutinised by the nominated External Auditor who found one matter requiring attention.

RESOLVED: Council notes section 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (appendix 8) and agrees that it will consider the independence and competence of its internal auditor on an annual basis.

90/26 INDEPENDENCE AND COMPETENCE OF INTERNAL AUDITOR 2026/27

RESOLVED: Council has considered and approved the independence and competence of its Internal Auditor for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

91/26 REVENUE GRANTS UPDATE FOR COUNCIL

Council noted that all Revenue grants for 2026-27 have been paid as suitable reports have been received regarding what the funding will be used for.

Council noted that revenue Grant applications have been received from the additional following organisations for 2027/2028 and will be added to the draft budget for the working party to consider:

- CYC:D - £12,500
- Haslewey Community Centre - £20,000

92/26 AGREE WHICH COUNCILLORS ARE LAYING WREATHS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

RESOLVED: That the following Councillors will be laying wreaths on Remembrance Sunday.

St Stephen's Church – Cllr Nicholson

All Saints Church, Grayswood – Cllr Miller

St Albans Church, Hindhead – Cllr Carter

93/26 TOWN MEADOW BANDSTAND

The Council acknowledged that given the level of revenue grants that have been applied for, it was appropriate to defer this project for the duration of this Council's term.

RESOLVED: The Council defers this project for the new Council to consider.

94/26 BEACON HILL RECREATION GROUND PLAYGROUND

RESOLVED: That Full Council:

1. approves the repair works to the Spika, Galaxy Multiplay, Supernova and pedestrian gate at Beacon Hill Recreation Ground as set out in the quotation from Kompan;
2. authorises the Town Clerk/RFO to place the order and arrange payment of £4,313 plus VAT to be paid from the LGR running costs budget.

ACTION: Clerk to add Beacon Hill playground to the agenda for January Full Council for approval to commit Neighbourhood CIL funding to upgrade it.

95/26 CHAMBER REDESIGN

RESOLVED: That Council defers this project for the new Council to consider.

96/26 FAIRGROUND CAR PARK

Council noted Cllr Weldon's statement regarding the Fairground Car park.

There was lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of Waverley Borough Council's proposed actions. Whilst there was no formal vote, it agreed it did not want to meet at an extra ordinary meeting to vote on any alternative view.

97/26 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

None received.

Meeting finished at 20:30

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....