



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Clerk's report

33/26 SANG Grassland management

At the Amenities meeting in May, the committee resolved to amend the grass cutting regime at the SANG at an increased cost per year of £1,356; from £10,356 to £11,712.

After advising the contractor to proceed, it was realised the cost will decrease. The current maintenance cost was based on two cuts per year, but the new regime requires only one cut per year. The net effect is an overall cost **reduction** of £2,099 per year.

Waverley Borough Council – strategic CIL bidding window open from 3 August to 30 October 2026

Allotment inspections this quarter

Most plots meet the 75% cultivation rule, and all Sturt Road plots are at an acceptable standard.

Non-compliance updates:

- Collards Lane: 2 plots have notices to quit by the first week of August (advertised for swaps). CL29 will be given up due to commitments (clearance date TBC). 2 plots are well below the 75% requirement and will be re-inspected in early September with the Mayor.
- Clammer Hill: 2 plots have received warnings and will be re-inspected in early September with the Mayor.

Waiting lists: 18 people for Collards Lane, 35 for Sturt Road, 0 for Clammer Hill, and 3 for 'Any Site'.

Haslemere Playground working party update

It was agreed that procurement should be run as three separate but linked tenders, with contractors invited to bid for one, two or all three sites and to provide both combined and individual site prices. The working party has visited all three sites. A consultation with user groups has started (29 July to 26 August), with a review meeting on 3 September. Consultation will cover equipment preferences by age group, possible outdoor gym equipment, retention of existing items, and views on each site. The intended timetable is to finalise the specification after consultation, publish the opportunity on Government Contract Finder, receive tenders, hear final contractor presentations at Amenities in early November, and take a recommendation to Full Council on 19 November.

Tesco bridge working party update

The group agreed that stakeholder consultation and cost-benefit analysis are the immediate priorities. Consultation should be professionally run, rather than relying only on social media and the Council website, and a transport consultancy should be appointed to support this work. Network Rail engagement has already begun and is progressing well.

On funding, the group noted that Active Travel England's budget has increased, but applications must be made by Waverley or a future unitary authority rather than the Town Council. Neighbourhood CIL remains the likely source for the consultation stage.

The Amenities Committee is to note that the working party is seeking quotes from transport consultants for stakeholder consultation and cost-benefit analysis.

Little Library – Clement Corner

We received a proposal asking the Council to support the installation of a Community Little Library in the green area of Weydown Road car park, offering a free "take a book, leave a book" resource for residents. It is presented as a local contribution to the National Year of Reading 2026 and is intended to be low-cost, self-sustaining, and open to all ages.

On reviewing the proposed siting of the library, it was found to be on Waverley Borough Council land. We have directed the resident to the relevant officer at WBC and asked them to keep in touch with us about the project.

Bench at Clement Corner

WBC has received the following report of a dangerous structure relating to a timber bench at Clement Corner – this is for information purposes only.

Please describe the nature of the danger:

So on the corner near me there's a bench at Clement Corner that I think may need repainting, because it becomes scorching hot even on the wooden parts. The benches on St Christopher's Green seem to have been repainted recently, and the one I used at the back of the green doesn't have the same problem, even though both areas face south and get plenty of sun.

It's not a huge issue for me personally, but it could be uncomfortable for elderly people who need to stop and sit down during hot weather. Many thanks.

St Alban's War Memorial clean (repair still to take place)

Before & after

