



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Haslemere Town Council Meeting held at 9.30am on Friday 21st August 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 Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan.

66/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: Apologies are accepted from Cllrs Aslam, Austin, Banfield, Bayliss, Bridge, Carroll, Leach, Matthes and Miller who all had previous engagements.

Cllr Weatherburn did not attend and did not send apologies.

67/26 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None disclosed.

68/26 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for item 4 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act in that it involves discussion around sensitive employment issues.

69/26 RECRUITMENT OF TOWN CLERK AND INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

The Chair of Staffing and Town Clerk updated council on the recruitment process. The panel was pleased to have had a strong field to select from but one candidate emerged as the best fit for Haslemere Town Council.

RESOLVED:

- I. That Sarah Nash is appointed Town Clerk to Haslemere Town Council starting 18th November 2026 on the terms set out in the confidential report previously circulated to council
- II. That Deputy Town clerk, Pippa Sherriff, is appointed Interim Town Clerk from 7th September 2026 until the new Clerk's employment starts on the terms set out in the confidential report previously circulated to council.

- III. That the Interim Town Clerk and chair of Staffing are delegated to temporarily increase the hours for the Civic and Events officer and Office Manager, on an ad hoc basis, for the period between the current Clerk leaving and the new Clerk starting. To be paid from the Staffing EMR and then general reserves.

Meeting finished at 10:00

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of Meeting