



BLACKWATER AND HAWLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council Monday 8th July 2024 immediately following The Planning & Payments Committee Meeting Council Chamber, Memorial Hall, Hawley Green GU17 9BW

Present – Councillors:

Bob Harward
Terry Hunt
Daisy Khepar
Dave Lister
Trish Monks (Chair)
Alex Worrall

In attendance:

Jo Shaw, Town Clerk, Adrian Collett (Hampshire CC), Cllr Andy Brown (Hart DC) and one candidate for the Councillor vacancy.

C5470 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sara Usher.

C5471 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

C5472 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

There were no questions from Councillors.

C5473 DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES

There were no items for discussion.

C5474 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on 17th June 2024, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

b) Matters Arising

C5460 Town Plan – Councillors requested that be added as an Agenda item for the next meeting.

C5461 Community Governance Review - Councillors requested that be added as an Agenda item for the next meeting.

C5475 REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Blackwater Town Centre Flowers – the Chair pointed out the continued improvement to the Blackwater railing tubs and cubes.

C5476 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE AND OTHER BODIES

There were no reports from representatives on outside and other bodies.

C5477 DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS

Hart District Council – Cllr Andy Brownm Hart DC bought Councillors attention to the Hart sustainability and climate change programme. Cllr Dave Lister volunteered to investigate further.

Hampshire County Council - Cllr Adrian Collett, Hampshire CC highlighted the following:

Parish & Town Council Investment Fund – this has been re-opened for a short period of time.

A30 Blackwater Bridge – the weeds have now been cut back

Vicarage Road Resurfacing – due to be completed in two parts, 1st August from the junction with Fernhill Road to Hawley Road, 12th August carriageway repairs (patching) to the remainder of the road.

Hawley Road Vegetation – will be completed during the school holidays and will necessitate road closure.

School Governors – required for both Hawley Primary School and Potley Primary School

Park Hill Road – the water leak appears to have stopped but will be monitored

Buses in Fleet – the campaign had reached 84% of responses and will continue until August.

Kingsway Flooding – Thames Water reported that non-return valves will be fitted to the pipes under the railway line which will prevent water from the Blackwater River returning to Kingsway.

C5478 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS, COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Councillors received the following minutes:

- The Minutes of the Planning & Payments Committee Meeting held on 17th June 2024 were received.

C5479 FINANCE

1. Detailed Income and Expenditure Reports 30/06/2024

Councillors noted the contents of I&E report for period ended 30th June 2024.

2. Bank Reconciliation 30/06/2024

Councillors noted the contents of Rialtas bank reconciliation report and the Chair signed Bank statements for period ended 30th June 2024

C5480 CASUAL VACANCY – TOWN COUNCILLOR

Councillors received presentations from the applicants for the casual town councillor vacancy and

RESOLVED to proceed with co-option.

Councillors voted on the candidates and following a tied vote, the Chair's right to exercise a casting vote was implemented.

RESOLVED that Hobib Ali was successfully co-opted as a Councillor on the town council and agreed to be bound by the Town Councils Code of Practice.

The Town Clerk received a signed declaration of Acceptance of Office from Cllr Hobib Ali.

A member of the public left the meeting

Signed Chair

C5481 HAWLEY MEADOW SANG ANNUAL REPORT

Councillors noted the contents of the Hawley Meadow SANG work report for 2023-24.

C5482 INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Estates Report June 2024

Councillors noted the contents of the Town Clerk's verbal Estates Report.

2. Buzz Article July 2024

Councillors noted the contents of the Buzz Article July 2024.

Cllrs Adrian Collett, HDC and Andy Brown HDC left the meeting

C5483 OTHER BUSINESS – NOT FOR DECISION

Tesco, London Road – Cllr Alex Worrall highlighted the poor state of the flower bed outside Tesco and offered to speak to them with a view to possible improvements.

C5484 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC & PRESS

RESOLVED that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was advised that the public and press were temporarily excluded and asked to withdraw for remaining items on the Agenda.

C5485 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

C5486 MATTERS ARISING

C5487 BLACKWATER CENTRE

C5488 OTHER CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - NOT FOR DECISION

The meeting ended at 9.48pm

Signed Chair