



## **BLACKWATER AND HAWLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> August from the junction with Fernhill Road to Hawley Road, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

#### **C5480 BLACKWATER & HAWLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

A representative from Yateley Neighbourhood Watch explained to the Council that the Blackwater & Hawley branch following the departure of the current Chair and Vice Chair and consequently the branch would be absorbed into the Yateley branch with the support of local neighbourhood police. Councillors offered their support for this move and agreed to promote the organisation where possible. The group will complete an application for a grant via the Town Council's Grant Awarding Policy.

#### **C5481 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.

Signed Chair .....

**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*

**C5482 HAWLEY MEADOW SANG ANNUAL REPORT**

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

**C5483 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*

**C5484 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.

**C5485 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.

**C5486 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

**C5487 MATTERS ARISING**

**C5488 BLACKWATER CENTRE**

**C5489 OTHER CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - NOT FOR DECISION**

The meeting ended at 9.48pm

Signed Chair .....