



BLACKWATER AND HAWLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council Monday 16th October 2023 immediately following the Planning & Payments Committee Meeting Council Chamber, Memorial Hall, Hawley Green GU17 9BW

Present – Councillors:

Brian Blewett
Terry Hunt
Dave Lister
Trish Monks (Chair)
Sara Usher

In attendance:

Jo Shaw and one resident

C5278 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bob Harward, Daisy Khepar and Alex Worrall.

C5279 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made for any item on the agenda.

C5280 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

There were no Councillors questions.

C5281 DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES

There were no items for discussion.

C5282 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2023, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2023.

C5283 REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

There was no report from the Chair.

C5284 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE AND OTHER BODIES

Blackbushe Consultative Committee –Cllr Terry Hunt attended the meeting at Yateley Police Station and reported a reduction in overall business and fuel sales. The open day was successful and >3,000 visitors attended. There were plans for a Viking aircraft regeneration following which the aircraft would be displayed.

C5285 DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS

There were no reports from District or County.

C5286 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS, COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

- The Minutes of the Planning & Payments Committee Meeting held on 2nd October 2023 were received.

C5287 FINANCE 2023/24

1. Detailed Income and Expenditure Reports 30/09/2023

Councillors noted the contents of the I&E Report for the period ended 30th September 2023.

2. Bank – Cash Investment Reconciliation as at 30/09/2023

Councillors noted the contents of the bank reconciliation report dated 30th September 2023.

3. Notice of Conclusion of Audit (AGAR 2022/23)

Councillors received the external auditor's certificate and opinion regarding the completion of the AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Councillors further noted that the relevant documents had been displayed on the Town Council website in accordance with legislation.

C5288 GRANT POLICY

Councillors considered the Draft Grant Funding Policy & Application and

RESOLVED to adopt the Grant Funding Policy & Application.

C5289 INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Estates Report

Councillors noted the contents of the Estates Report October 2023 circulated by the Town Clerk

2. Christmas Tree Recycling – Hawley Memorial Hall Car Park

Councillors noted that a request had been received from Basingstoke & Dean Borough Council to host Christmas Tree Recycling during January 2024. The waste would be collected at least once per week subject to monitoring and adjusting for volume.

RESOLVED that the Council host Christmas Tree Recycling for local residents.

C5290 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

RESOLVED

Councillors noted that Hart DC was undertaking a review of polling districts and polling places and they requested views from any interested parties, political groups and electors on any changes for consideration. Further information can be found at:

[Review of polling districts and places | Hart District Council](#)

C5291 OTHER BUSINESS – NOT FOR DECISION

There was no further business for discussion.

C5292 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.

Signed Chair

C5293 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

C5294 MATTERS ARISING

C5295 BLACKWATER CENTRE

C5296 HAWLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

C5297 STAFFING

C5298 OTHER CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - NOT FOR DECISION

The meeting ended at 9.50pm

Signed Chair