



BLACKWATER AND HAWLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council Monday 17th June 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 and Cllr Andy Brown (Hart DC) and a representative of Yateley Neighbourhood Watch.

C5449 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sara Usher.

C5450 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

C5451 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

There were no questions from Councillors.

C5452 DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES

There were no items for discussion.

C5453 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on 20th May and 3rd June 2024, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meetings held on 20th May and 3rd June 2024.

C5454 REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Blackwater Town Centre Flowers – the Chair noted that Blackwater hanging baskets, railing tubs and cubes had arrived for the summer and were looking lovely.

80th Anniversary of D Day Beacon Lighting – the Chair expressed thanks to the Borders Cadet Corps for lighting the beacons and to all those who attended.

Hawley FC Football Tournament – the Chair congratulated the football club on their well organised tournament especially with the amount of people on site.

Sports Pitches – the Chair noted that the sports pitches were looking well kept despite heavy use by the tournament and thanked staff involved in their upkeep.

C5455 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE AND OTHER BODIES

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

C5456 DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS

There were no district or county reports owing to the pre-election period.

C5457 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 20th May 2024 were received.
- The Minutes of the Planning & Payments Committee Meeting held on 3rd June 2024 were received.

C5458 FINANCE

1. Detailed Income and Expenditure Reports 31/05/2024

Councillors noted the contents of I&E report for period ended 31st May 2024.

2. Bank Reconciliation 31/05/2024

Councillors noted the contents of Rialtas bank reconciliation report and the Chair signed Bank statements for period ended 31st May 2024

C5459 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.

C5460 BLACKWATER & HAWLEY TOWN PLAN

Councillors discussed the merits of developing a Town Plan outlining the Council's strategic vision and objectives and

RESOLVED to investigate the benefits of developing a Town Plan.

C5461 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Councillors discussed the merits of a Community Governance Review to increase the number of Councillors on the Town Council.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk contact Hart Electoral Services for further information.

C5462 BLACKWATER & HAWLEY FOOTPATH 505

Councillors noted that the Countryside Service had approved a further extension of the temporary closure to Blackwater and Hawley Footpath 505 to allow for works in connection with bridge repair/replacement works.

C5463 INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Estates Report June 2024

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

2. Buzz Article July 2024

The Buzz article for July 2024 had not been finalised and will be circulated on a future agenda.

Signed Chair

C5464 OTHER BUSINESS – NOT FOR DECISION

There was no further business for discussion.

Cllr Andy Brown, Hart DC left the meeting

C5465 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.

C5466 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

C5467 MATTERS ARISING

C5468 BLACKWATER CENTRE

C5469 OTHER CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - NOT FOR DECISION

The meeting ended at 9.22pm

Signed Chair