



BLACKWATER AND HAWLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council Monday 21st October 2024 immediately following The Planning & Payments Committee Meeting Council Chamber, Memorial Hall, Hawley Green GU17 9BW

Present – Councillors:

Hobib Ali
Terry Hunt (Chair)
Daisy Khepar
Dave Lister
Trish Monks
Sara Usher (from 8.07pm)
Alex Worrall

In attendance:

Jo Shaw - Town Clerk, Cllr Andy Brown – Hart DC, Cllr Adrian Collett – Hampshire CC (from 8.41pm)

C5509 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

C5510 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

C5511 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Alex Worrall – informed Councillors that the Blackwater Station waiting area in the Hart DC operated car park had been replaced with paid parking bays.

C5512 DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES

There were no items for discussion.

C5513 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on 16th September 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 16th September 2024.

C5514 REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

The Chair had no items to report.

C5515 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE AND OTHER BODIES

Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr Terry Hunt provided highlights from the meeting on 17th September 2024:

- New runway lighting installed
- Reduced number of flights owing to poor weather
- Reduced number of complaints
- Common land deregulation – site visit from inspector due

- Blackbushe Air Day and Twilight Runway Challenge proved popular

C5516 DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS

Cllr Andy Brown, Hart DC

Hart DC Grants available – Armed Forces Community Support Fund (funding for organisations providing support to the Armed Forces community), Climate Change Community Grants (helping community groups reach the Hart DC goal of being carbon neutral by 2040), CountrysideGrants Scheme (countryside projects that run and develop projects aligning with Hart DC corporate priorities).

UKSPF (UK Shared Prosperity Fund) – Hart DC Overview & Scrutiny Committee had received an update on progress of projects to date including a presentation from Fleet Phoenix which provided services to young people including outreach summer projects which could possibly be provided to other parishes.

Cllr Sara Usher joined the meeting

Hawley Park Farm Development – Hart DC would be adopting the area earlier than anticipated despite outstanding snagging issues.

Helios Park – Cllrs are dealing with a number of issues on the linked areas, road adoption, bins and waste collection.

Cllr Adrian Collett, Hampshire CC (*items inserted here following Cllr Collett's arrival at 8.41pm*)

Helios Park – Cllr Collett reiterated the issues highlighted by Cllr Brown, HDC together with the Hurst Avenue junction which is dangerous

A30 Traffic Lights – the Rosemary Lane/Green Lane convergence continues to cause issues however HCC Highways believe the cause to be driver behaviour and layout alterations have been discounted. An alternative phasing of lights will be considered when traffic lights are upgraded in the future and a request for a 'merge in turn' sign is being considered.

Parking Enforcement – Hampshire Highways Enforcement staff have been asked to monitor parking at Blackwater town centre in front of the shops (particularly the disabled bay) as the two hour limit is being abused, and to monitor the double yellow lines in Ryecroft Gardens.

A30 weight limit - lorries continue to use Hawley Road between Fernhill Road and A30 despite the weight limit and additional signs are being considered.

HCC Future Services Provision – see link below for the outcomes of the consultation:

[Cabinet decides on County Council services for the future | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)

C5517 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS, COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Councillors received the following minutes:

- Planning & Payments Committee Meeting held on 16th September 2024
- Planning & Payments Committee Meeting held on 7th October 2024

C5518 FINANCE

1. Detailed Income and Expenditure Reports 30/09/2024

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

2. Bank Reconciliation 30/09/2024

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

Signed Chair

5. Projects 2025/26

Councillors considered projects required for 2025/26 and suggested the following:

- Electrical socket on Memorial Hall stage for lighting rig
- Cemetery perimeter hedging

RESOLVED to add the item to the next agenda for further consideration.

C5519 TOWN PLAN

Cllr Adrian Collett HCC joined the meeting

RESOLVED

1. Suggestions for items to be included into a draft Town Plan be emailed to Cllr Alex Worrall
2. The item be added to the next agenda for further discussion and where the formation of a Working Party be considered

C5510 UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS ON TOWN COUNCIL LAND

Councillors noted the contents of the Hart DC Briefing Note containing guidance on the options available to town and parish councils when dealing with unauthorised encampments on council land.

C5511 HAWLEY CEMETERY

1. Councillors considered the options/actions for replacement of the perimeter hedging at Hawley Cemetery and

RESOLVED

1. That further advice be obtained on the future planting
 2. That there be community involvement in the planting process
 3. That native hedgerow be used around the perimeter
2. The Councillors discussed the issue of the unauthorised memorial which had appeared in the cemetery and

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to the owners of the grave highlighting the issues and requesting removal within a specified time period.

C5512 A30 TESCO FLOWER BED

Cllr Alex Worrall reported that following discussion with the Manager, whilst Tesco were reluctant to pay for work to the flower bed, Cllr Worrall will contact the Manager again in Spring 2025.

C5513 MEETING DATES

Councillors considered the draft meeting dates for 2025 and

RESOLVED to add the item to the next agenda for further consideration.

Cllr Adrian Collett left the meeting

C5514 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1.1 Councillors noted the contents of the Estates Report dated October 2024 provided by the Town Clerk.
- 1.2 Councillors noted Buzz Articles for October and November 2024
- 1.3 Councillors noted that Hawley Remembrance Service would be held at Hawley War Memorial on Sunday 10th November at 10.15am. Cllr Daisy Khepar would represent the Council.

Signed Chair

C5515 OTHER BUSINESS – NOT FOR DECISION

There was no further business for discussion.

C5516 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.

C5517 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

C5518 MATTERS ARISING

C5519 BLACKWATER CENTRE

C5520 OTHER CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - NOT FOR DECISION

The meeting ended at 9.54pm

Signed Chair