



## **BLACKWATER AND HAWLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 at 7.15pm Council Chamber, Memorial Hall, Hawley Green GU17 9BW**

#### **Present – Councillors:**

Hobib Ali  
Terry Hunt  
Dave Lister  
Trish Monks (Chair)  
Alex Worrall  
Sara Usher (from 8.10pm)

#### **In attendance:**

Jo Shaw - Town Clerk, two residents

#### **C5926 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for a late arrival were received from Cllr Sara Usher.

#### **C5927 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **C5928 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from Councillors.

#### **C5929 DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES**

**26/00913/CA** G1. - Fir/Leylandii – Fell

Two residents spoke to object to this application in view of current conditions attached to the planning application and that the area is within a conservation area.

#### **C5930 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

##### **a) To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026, were confirmed as a true record and were then duly signed.

##### **b) Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

#### **C5931 REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

**Blackwater Centre Flowers** – The Chair noted that the hanging baskets, railing tubs and cubes were now full of flowers and looked lovely.

#### **C5932 DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS**

Cllr Pam Hardy, Hart District Council reported the following:

**Grants** – Council were advised that details of grants that the Town Council may be interested in applying for would be available in July following the Oversight & Scrutiny Committee meeting.

### **C5933 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE AND OTHER BODIES**

**Police Liaison Meeting** – Cllr Alex Worrall reported that he attended the meeting and received an update on local issues including the use of catapults. The Community Speedwatch for the Yateley area was now operational and the group for Blackwater were in discussions regarding grants and plans. Crime in general was reported as being low in the area.

**Transport Forum** – Cllr Alex Worrall attended the on-line meeting where bus services were discussed together with electric vehicles.

### **C5934 ANNUAL TOWN PLAN**

Councillors discussed the current plan and considered additional projects for inclusion in the updated 2026 Town Plan. A revised document would be presented at the next meeting of the council.

### **C5935 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 18<sup>th</sup> May
- The Minutes of the Planning & Payments Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June

### **C5936 FINANCE 2026/27**

#### **1. Draft Income and Expenditure Reports 31/05/2026**

Councillors noted the contents of the draft I&E report for period ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026. **Appendix B, Appendix C**

#### **2. Bank Reconciliation 31/05/2026**

Councillors noted the contents of Rialtas bank reconciliation report and the Chair approved Bank Statements at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026. **Appendix D**

#### **3. Earmarked Reserve (EMR)**

**RESOLVED** that an EMR for Hawley Fayre of £720.00 (being the sum of the money raised last financial year) be set up for reinvesting in the community event.

#### **4. Tree Survey Quote Comparison**

Councillors considered the tree survey quotes obtained following the recent tree safety survey and

**RESOLVED** that Company A be appointed to carry out the work to Hawley Green and Cemetery, and also to carry out the work around the Leisure Centre site and sports field.

### **C5937 INFORMATION ITEMS**

Councillors noted the following:

1. Town Clerk's Estates Report June 2026
2. Buzz Article June 2026

*Cllr Pam Hardy, Hart District Council left the meeting.*

### **C5938 OTHER BUSINESS – NOT FOR DECISION**

There was no further business for discussion.

### **C5939 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 the remaining items on the Agenda.

Signed Chair .....

**C5940 COTTAGE LEASE**

The Town Clerk reported that following a change in law for those with an assured tenancy, the Cottage tenant had been issued with the appropriate Renters Rights Act Information Sheet 2026 in time for the 31<sup>st</sup> May deadline.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk chase a completed 'Work to Date' questionnaire so that Councillors can review work completed to date.

**C5941 BLACKWATER CENTRE**

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk present a formal feasibility study at a future meeting discussion options around the Blackwater Centre.

**C5942 STAFFING UPDATES**

The Town Clerk reported that recent minor staffing issues had been resolved in accordance with Council's policies.

**C5943 OTHER CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - NOT FOR DECISION**

**Parcel Lockers** – Councillors agreed to add this as a future agenda item.

**Community Speedwatch** – following discussion Councillors agreed to add this as a future agenda item.

**Geocaching** – The Town Clerk reported that, as part of a guide badge, a request had been made to place a geocache on Council property and Councillors agreed with the proviso that information on location was received.

**Post Office** – following the news that the Post Office in Blackwater was to close, Councillors agreed to add this as a future agenda item.

The meeting ended at 09.35 pm

Signed Chair .....