



## **BLACKWATER AND HAWLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 immediately following the Planning & Payments Committee Meeting Council Chamber, Memorial Hall, Hawley Green GU17 9BW**

#### **Present – Councillors:**

Hobib Ali  
Terry Hunt (Chair)  
Daisy Khepar  
Trish Monks  
Alex Worrall  
Sara Usher

#### **In attendance:**

Jo Shaw - Town Clerk

#### **C5887 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bob Harward and Dave Lister.

#### **C5888 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **C5889 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from Councillors.

#### **C5890 DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES**

There were no residents who wished to speak.

#### **C5891 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.

**C5873 MEMORIAL HALL MODERNISATION** – Cllr Terry Hunt reported that following discussion, slight changes to the layout had been requested from the architect.

**C5874 MONKEY WOODS** – Cllr Alex Worrall reported that following discussion with Stuart Croft (BVCP), ditch clearance should take place over the summer, however, some ditches had been infilled and require clearance.

Signed Chair .....



## **C5892 REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

The Chair of the Council had no items to report.

## **C5893 DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS**

Cllr Andy Brown provided a written report providing information on the announcement of the LGR (Local Government Reorganisation) which would establish North Hampshire Council consisting of 85 Councillors with elections in May 2027. The new council will run as a shadow council for the first year.

## **C5894 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE AND OTHER BODIES**

**Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee** – Cllr Terry Hunt gave a brief report on his attendance outlining the completion of Phase 1 works to the site, renewal of the lights, a new electric aircraft and hangers with charging capability. The issue of road safety on the A30 entrance was discussed and Hampshire CC highways had been contacted.

## **C5895 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

## **C5896 FINANCE 2025/26**

### **1. Draft Income and Expenditure Reports 31/03/2026**

Councillors noted the contents of the draft I&E report for period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

### **2. Lloyds Bank**

#### **i) Bank Mandate**

Councillors discussed bank signatories and the level of authority for Councillors and staff and

#### **RESOLVED**

- a) Chair and Vice Chair to be 'Full Signatories' with 'Full Online User Access'
- b) Chair and Vice Chair of Finance Committee to be 'Limited Access Signatories' with 'View Only Online Access'
- c) Remaining four Councillors to be 'Limited Access Signatories with 'No Access' online
- d) Town Clerk and Finance Officer to be 'Full Signatories' with 'Full Online User Access'
- e) Community Liaison Officer to be 'Non Signatory' with 'View Only Online Access'

#### **ii) Lloyds Bank Charge Card**

Councillors discussed and considered the benefits to the Council of setting up a Lloyds Bank Charge Card to be paid by Direct Debit at the end of each month and

#### **RESOLVED**

- a) That the Council set up a Lloyds Bank Charge Card
- b) That cards for the Town Clerk and Facilities Officer be requested
- c) That the Town Clerk card have a credit limit of £10,000.00
- d) That the Facilities Officer have a credit limit of £1,000.00
- e) That the Coffee Shop Manager have a credit limit of £1,000

Signed Chair .....



## **C5897 INSURANCE**

### **1. Commercial Combined Insurance Renewal**

Councillors considered the renewal quote for the Council's Commercial Combined insurance policy for the period 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2027 at a cost of £10,340.98 (including IPT and fees) and

#### **RESOLVED**

To accept the Aviva quote for Commercial Combined Insurance in the amount of £10,340.98 for the period 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 until 13<sup>th</sup> April 2027. This is the second year of a 3-year rate stability agreement with a 5% rate escalator including terrorism cover.

### **2. Group Personal Accident Insurance**

Councillors considered the renewal quote for the group personal accident renewal covering the period 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2027 at a cost of £493.71 (including IPT and fees) and

#### **RESOLVED**

To accept the Aviva quote for Group Personal Accident Insurance in the amount of £493.71 for the period 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2027 at a cost of £493.71 as part of the 3-year rate stability agreement.

## **C5898 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN HAMPSHIRE**

Councillors noted that the Government has announced the decision on Local Government Reorganisation across Hampshire and Isle of Wight and that the new unitary councils would be:

- **North Hampshire Council** (current local government areas of Basingstoke and Deane, Hart and Rushmoor)
- **Mid Hampshire Council** (current local government areas of East Hampshire, New Forest, Test Valley and Winchester, less 11 parishes from all 4 areas)
- **South East Hampshire Council** (current local government areas from East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth, 3 parishes from East Hampshire and 1 parish from Winchester)
- **South West Hampshire Council** (current local government areas of Eastleigh, 4 parishes from New Forest, Southampton and 3 parishes from Test Valley)
- **Isle of Wight Council** will remain as a separate unitary authority.

Elections for the new councils are expected to take place in May 2027, with the new authorities formally taking over on 1 April 2028.

## **C5899 HART DC - PLAYING PITCH & OUTDOOR SPORTS STRATEGY, BUILT FACILITIES STRATEGY AND OPEN SPACE STUDY**

Councillors noted that Hart DC had commissioned a Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Strategy, a Built Facilities Strategy and an Open Space Study to assess current levels of provision in the district and to consider future needs. Consultants would contact the council in due course.

## **C5900 TOWN PLAN**

**RESOLVED** to postpone this agenda item until the next meeting.

Signed Chair .....



**C5901 ROAD SAFETY**

1. Councillors noted that a Community Speedwatch Information evening would be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 6.30pm at Monteagle Hall, Tresham Crescent, Yateley.
2. Councillors noted correspondence in connection with safe crossing point across Hawley Road to the Hawley Farm open space. Councillors agreed with the proposal for a crossing which they considered should have been included in the original Hawley Park development plans. Councillors highlighted that responsibility for highways lay with Hampshire County Council and that the local HCC councillor had responded fully to the correspondence and that discussion would take place at a future meeting to be arranged.

**C5902 INFORMATION ITEMS**

Councillors noted the following:

1. Town Clerk's verbal Estates Report April 2026
2. Blackwater Buzz May 2026 – suggestions were provided for inclusion

**C5903 OTHER BUSINESS – NOT FOR DECISION**

There was no other business for discussion.

**C5904 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.

**C5905 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

The confidential minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

**C5906 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.

**C5907 OTHER CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - NOT FOR DECISION**

There was no further confidential business for discussion.

The meeting ended at 09.40pm

Signed Chair .....