

Minutes of Hatherleigh Town Council meeting 14th February 2012

7.00pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllr.Alford in the chair, Cllrs. Bush, Abell, Jones, Winser, Stevens, Calkin, Bater. The Clerk. Cllrs.J.McInnes, Mrs.C.Hall. 1 member of the public

Apologies: Cllrs.Trenaman and Gilbert

The minutes of the meeting held 10th January 2012, having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Bush seconded Cllr.Calkin.
All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

345. Cllr.Bush – with regard to notes on the public session:-

a) he confirmed that Mr.Price’s correspondence had been forwarded to WDBC for comment and answers.

b) School parking issues – the zig zag lines outside the school had been repainted.

c) Speeding traffic – no reports that any speed watch checks had been carried out. Cllr.McInnes confirmed that the cost of purchasing a flashing speed sign was £3,500.00.

346. Moor View bus stop (min.308 refers) white lining still not carried out.

347. Ruby Country (min.311 refers) Mr.Mark Betson would attend our March meeting.

348. Bus shelter (min.324b refers) Cllr.Alford still to obtain quote from Mr.Fishleigh.

349. Car parking charges (min.333 refers) nothing heard from WDBC following our questions and queries.

350. Car park light (min.336 refers) Cllr.Bater confirmed that this was now working.

CAR PARKING ISSUES CLLR.J.MCINNES

351. Cllr.McInnes reported as follows:-

a) he apologised for the manner in which the matter of the letter to residents of Bridge St. & High Street was handled by DCC Highways. He had no prior knowledge to the letter that was sent to residents.

b)Following a meeting with Mr.S.Phillips from Highways it was confirmed that there was no intention of imposing a traffic order. However residents must take responsibility for parking carefully and considerately to avoid difficulties with gritting lorries, fire engines, ambulances etc. Police may issue tickets. The matter should be resolved by engineering and not enforcement.

c) Suggestion by Highways that “white lines” be painted indicating unsuitable parking places. A meeting would be arranged with himself, Police and Highways to take the matter forward.

352. Following a discussion by Councillors it was agreed that:-

a) feed back on parking problems to be gathered at the Plan It open day

b) suggestion of 30mins parking bays outside Petes Bakery was put forward

c) it was important that we have what the community want, not what is imposed or enforced.

353.Cllr.McInnes reported that he had give £5,000 towards the refurbishment of Old Schools and he would be happy to look at specific projects relating to the Community Centre and Allotments.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

354. Cllr.Hall reported as follows:-

- a) she had not been able to attend the planning seminar at the Eden Project
- b) Sec.106 moneys from SWW figure of £300,000 given to her
- c) the bus shelter by the Co-op needed attention

PLANNING MATTERS

355.Applications to consider:-

a) Mr.Gillies 7 High St.Hatherleigh erection of 5 bedroom house & garage
Clerk reported this was a resubmission of app. No 01889 which was refused) Council did not support the application and made the following comments:-

- *The massing and design of the building is overbearing, being much larger than other buildings in the conservation area*
- *Parking – more spaces are needed. This area already has congested parking problems.The Town Council have serious concerns over the parking issues within the town and are working hard to try and resolve them*

b) Mrs.Plaskett 11 South Street lbc. Replacement windows and sill
The Council supported the application

356. Permissions granted:-

a) Mr.Mrs.Gunn 7 Park Road rear single storey extension

357. Refusals advised:-

a) Mr.Crockett 23 Market Street Oil tank/pipe work in garden

358. Any other planning matters:-

- a) 23 Market St. – if tank is not removed, WDBC will issue an enforcement notice for its removal. Question raised by owner of the property if the street light and flood light on the side of his property had planning permission? WDBC reported no. However Hatherleigh Town Council can confirm that both the street light and flood light were installed over 30 years ago. Clerk to report.
- b) DCC – as from 1st April all consultation on plans will be done electronically
- c) Public comments on planning applications – Chair should remind members of the public that the Council can only itself make comments, not make decisions. Members of the public should make their comments direct to the Planning Authority, with copies to the Town Council.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

359. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

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| a) Mrs.Leahy | toilets/bus shelter | £243.20 |
| b) Mrs. R.Lock | wages | £154.60 |
| c) Mrs.R.Lock | expenses | £ 18.80 |
| d) DALC | training course fees | £ 60.00 |
| e) Hatherleigh Comm.Centre Hire | | £ 17.50 |
| f) Allotment Assoc. | membership | £ 66.00 |
| g) Hatherleigh Comm.Centre Hire for Plan It | | £ 73.50 |

h) WDBC printing for Plan it £418.32
Proposed Cllr.Abell seconded Cllr.Calkin that the above accounts be paid and Cllrs.Bush and Jones signed the cheques.

360. Moneys received:-

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| a) Rotary Club | xmas light fund | £ 43.81 |
| b) Xmas Eve/shop boxes | xmas light fund | £214.68 |

361. Any other financial matters:-

a) PWBL repayment 1st March £1,528.44 (capital of £1250 + interest £278.44)

PLAN IT

362. Cllr.Abell reported as follows:-

- a) Open Day Sat. 25th Feb. 10am – 3pm. Discussion sessions, displays in foyer. Aim to make it an interesting and informative day.
- b) 215 responses from surveys received (approx. 25%) Information not all collated as yet. Section concerning Town Council in reading file for information.

ISLAND PARK

363. Nothing to report

ALLOTMENTS

364. Cllr.Alford reported as follows:-

- a) 2 names on the waiting list
- b) Problems with drainage at one end of the field
- c) He had approached Cllr.McInnes regarding funding

NEW GRAVEYARD

365. Cllr.Bush reported as follows:-

- a) the new burial register book was available for councillors to see
- b) Sub committee were close to finalising regulations and charges

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

366. Pot holes in Higher Street had been repaired

367. Drains at Oslo, Claremont and left hand side of Moor View not cleared. Clerk to report

368. Sheep statue – a temporary repair had been carried out, at no cost, by Mr.R.Dean

369. WDBC public conveniences – e.mail circulated to all councillors regarding update on future of public toilets. Noted.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

370. Discussion took place as follows:-

- a) Community Centre was not available for 3 days over this weekend, hired out for wedding
- b) Moor Management had discussed possible celebrations on Moor with bonfire, pasties etc with the siting of the granite bell. Cllr.Alford to liase with Mr.Vergette concerning the bell.
- c) An anonymous benefactor was willing to pay for some permanent monument/work of art in the town. Cllr.Alford to investigate possibilities eg.new seating in The Square

- d) Cllr.Winser would enquire if the local pottery would be interested in producing approx. 250 mugs/plates.

WEST DEVON MAYORAL AWARDS

371. Council would put forward nominations for both junior and senior categories. Cllrs.Bush and Alford to supply relevant information.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

372. Cllrs.Bush & Alford – planning meeting – neither had learnt anything new.

373. Cllr.Calkin – Save the Market Town meeting – reported that this had been a sensible meeting

374. Cllr.Jones/Calkin – Moor Management – had agreed in principle for the granite bell to be sited on the moor and as it was the 60th anniversary of Moor Management they would be interested in putting on an event.

375. Cllr.Bush/Bater – Ruby Run – 10th anniversary this year. Reported that there would be toilets at the start, and part of the Tarka Trail may be used.

CORRESPONDENCE

376. WDBC future of Standards Board/Code of Conduct information in reading file

377. DCC Cllr.J.McInnes – “sharing problems with neighbouring problems” letter in reading file

378. Torrington Mayfair and Okehampton Civic Dinner invitations handed to Cllr.Alford

379. VisitDevon.co.uk – huge mistake on website in that when clicked on Hatherleigh, showed picture of Holsworthy with Holsworthy contact numbers. Cllr.Bush and Clerk had e.mailed the website.

380. Devon Heartlands Community Development Trust – information in reading file

381. Broadband connections – clerk had e.mailed all councillors with information. Cllr.Bush had put this on the website and in Parish Pump.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

382. Cllr.Winser had been asked if a disabled parking space could be available in the Square. Pointed out that there was already one space marked out

383. Date of next meeting Tuesday 13th March 2012 7pm.

There being no further business, the chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Signed.....Chairman.....dated

PART TWO FOR HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 14TH FEB.2012

The council discussed a number of items under Part 2