

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12TH MARCH 2013 7PM COMMUNITY
CENTRE
final

Present: Cllr.Gilbert in the chair, Cllrs.Winser, Bush, Trenaman, Stevens, Tyson, Bater.

Dist.Cllr.Hall, the Clerk and four members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs.Jones and Alford, and PCSO

The minutes of the meeting held 12th February 2013, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record with the following amendments:

a) Min.354 “expires”. b) Min.359 “pavement top of Market St. c) Min.361 “street light no.PL3. d) Min.364 “Cllr.Bush attended”. Proposed Cllr.Bush seconded Cllr.Bater. All agreed.

PUBLIC SESSION

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

374. Moor Monument (min.333 refers) Cllr.Bater to confirm exact wording required. Clerk would then obtain quote from Mr.A.Gist on both granite and slate.

375. Bus shelter barrier (min.334 refers) to be discussed at next meeting

376. Snow warden (min.338 refers) Cllr.Tyson had nothing further to report – this was an ongoing exercise.

377. Committee room cupboard (min.340 refers) resolved that Cllr.Bush obtain prices should Cllr.Alford’s cupboard not materialise.

378. Co-op store skip (min.343 refers) Cllr.Bater reported that the store manager was unhappy about the letter received. Resolved that the rubbish situation be monitored.

379. New noticeboard (min.358 refers) no planning permission was required for replacement noticeboard so long as it is not over 4metres in height. Resolved that “window noticeboard” be purchased. Cllr.Bater to organise.

380. Bridge Street pavement (min.362refers) remedial work not carried out, Clerk to report again.

381. Fly tipping Oakfield Rd/Sheepwash Rd (min.372 refers) Cllr.Winser to check if rubbish removed and report to Clerk.

HATHERLEIGH FIRE STATION

382. Discussion took place following the presentation made in the public session by Fire Station representatives concerning the changes being made by Devon Fire Authority. Main one to affect Hatherleigh being that the co-responders would be reduced to one person. Resolved that letter of support to continue with existing 2 man crew to be retained in Hatherleigh be sent to the Fire Authority

PLAN IT

383. Cllr.Bush reported that the adopted version of the Plan It document was with WDBC and it was going before their Community Services Committee on 30th April for approval. Thereafter it can be used as a material consideration for planning applications in Hatherleigh

392. Hatherleigh Car park – Clerk had forwarded latest financial details received from WDBC. Resolved this be an agenda item next meeting.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

393. Cllr.Hall reported as follows:-

- a) voiced her concern over the information relayed in the public session re Hatherleigh Fire Station. She would speak to Cllr.J.McInnes.
- b) reported an accident at the bus stop at Moor View when somebody slipped on ice as a result of water run off from a driveway. DCC Highways were looking into the matter
- c) Car park charges in West Devon – these remained unchanged for 2013. Will be reviewed again in 2014.
- d) Parish Council workshop arranged for 2nd April 10am – 2pm at Tavistock. Councillors asked if she could arrange a night time meeting at a more suitable location

ISLAND PARK/SKATEBOARD PROJECT

394. Cllrs.Gilbert and Trenaman reported that one of the new picnic tables had already been damaged. This had been resolved by fixing extra brackets. It was resolved:

- a) Cllr.Gilbert e.mail pictures to the Clerk of the damage so that the supplier could be contacted to ascertain if this could be a design fault
- b) The second table would be installed

395. Play equipment inspections - Clerk reported that Zurich had confirmed that training was not a requirement - such inspections should be carried out by a responsible adult once a week.

396. Cllrs. reported that the area of Island Park was looking tidy. Resolved that Cllr.Bush ask Mr.M.Cole to cut the extra area as outlined.

397. Skateboard project – Cllr.Tyson reported as follows:-

- a) applications for grants had been made to WDBC, SW Water, and Balsdon Trust.
- b) fund raising events were organised and advertised.
- c) school and guides had offered their support
- d) Facebook page had been set up
- e) Four companies had been engaged and quotes were expected end of April and these would be presented to the Council at a date thereafter

398. Cllr.Trenaman reported as follows:-

- a) he was happy with the statement in the Parish Pump
- b) with regard to the financial shortfall he felt this was approx. £5,000
- c) suggested that a demonstration by local youngsters on what can be done in a skateboard park be put on for councillors
- d) the trees taken down would be replaced once the area has been landscaped – number to be confirmed

399. Cllr.Gilbert supported the principle of the new skateboard park, but was not happy with the statement “a few thousand pounds shortfall”. He had further concerns about the quote received in as much as the figures were made to suit, not what is required. Future quotes must be in fully detail.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

400. Cllrs.Trenaman/Tyson – Sportsfield AGM. Only committee members present. More members required. No major changes.

CORRESPONDENCE

401. Cllr.Bush reported a request received via the website, from Mr.D.Greenhill that the Moor Management committee publish their accounts. Request handed on.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

402. Cllr.Tyson – attended Localism event and highlighted the “community right to bid” element of the Act.

403. Cllr.Bush reported that the thefts from motor vehicles in the town were being investigated by CID and they had a positive line of enquiry.

404. Date of next meeting Tuesday 9th April 2013 7pm

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

Signed.....chairman.....
.....dated

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Representatives from Hatherleigh Fire Station highlighted 11 sweeping changes that Fire Authority were implementing. Main one to affect Hatherleigh concerned the co-responders being reduced to one man from two. Asked for letter of support be sent to the Authority

2. Messrs.Barratt & Farris spoke on planning app no. 00195/2013 land adj.Leigh House, Higher Street.