

Hatherleigh Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 10th February 2015 7pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllr.Gilbert in the chair, Cllrs.Winser, Bush, Jones, Calkin, Tyson, Stevens, Trenaman, Alford, Bater. The Clerk. Two members of the public
Apologies: Dist.Cllr.Hall

- Public Session -

Mrs.S.Ingram - Heane Farm wind turbine appeal

The minutes of the meeting held 20th January 2014 having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Bush seconded Cllr.Trenaman. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

325. Bus shelter barrier (Min.288 refer) Advice from DALC - councillor can claim expenses but cannot be paid for work carried out. Concern over how the work affected highway issues - would we be covered by our insurance. Further concerns were reported by Cllr.Bater over service connections under the tarmac. It was therefore resolved that the work would wait until Mr.G.Rose could do the work.

326. Belvedere (min.289 refer) Cllr.Trenaman to supply correct telephone number for Mr.Balsdon to Cllr.Gilbert.

327. War Horse footpath sign (min.290 refers) Cllr.Bater confirmed he had submitted the TAP fund form to WDBC.

328. Mosaic location (min.291 refers) Cllr.Gilbert had met with the Tree Officer of WDBC. She had agreed that we could take out the smaller of the two trees, but must replace. The bigger of the 2 trees could have minor pruning. The relevant forms needed to be submitted to WDBC for approval (which she would submit to the council)

329. Trees Millennium Square (min.292 refer) she agreed that these trees could be pruned by 1.00/1.5 mt. again appropriate forms needed to be submitted.

330 Festival/toilets (min.294 refers) Mr.Leahy did not wish to clean the toilets over the festival weekend but would leave the keys and cleaning equipment in the Post Office. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed:-

- a) clerk to enquire about cost of hiring 2 porto toilets
- b) the Council would pay the Festival Committee £50 to finance the cleaning of the toilets, with the proviso that they are cleaned to a good standard - not like last festival.

331. Parking restriction meeting (min.295 refers) No DCC Highways representative had attended this meeting - the clerk had therefore e.mailed to both Steve Dawe and Simon Phillips the notes relating to the problem areas highlighted during the walkabout town with the Police. Agenda item next meeting.

332. Community Capacity Building project (min.299 refers) following the earlier presentation by various agencies/partnerships on the subject - resolved this be an agenda item next meeting.

333. Precept forms (min.308b refers) the original submitted form to WDBC had been lost in the post, Clerk having received no notification of receipt. A further form has now been submitted electronically and acknowledgement of receipt obtained.

334. Hatherleigh sign (min.311 refers) Cllrs.Winser and Tyson to clean 11th Feb.

PLANNING MATTERS

335. Applications to consider:-

- a) Miss E.Elstob 12 Bridge St. cou. to residential dwelling
Council did not support this application and submitted the following comment "it is in conflict with the Hatherleigh Community Plan - keeping the main business area of the town as a business area. The Council have concerns of a domino effect if this proposal is accepted". The council are against cou. from retail to residential.

336. Permissions granted None

337. Refusals advised None

338. Any other planning matters:-

- a) App no 0018/2015 Bumblebee Barn conversion of agric.workshop to domestic kitchen. Cllr.Tyson had concerns that on the application the property is listed as Bumblebee Barn but paperwork relates to Badger Barn. In newspaper advert it is advertised as "affecting a public right of way". On the actual application no mention is made of a public right way. Resolved that Clerk ascertain correct position from WDBC.
- b) App no 00067/2015 barn at Lower Upcott Farm Hatherleigh. Correspondence received from Mr.B.May concerning the location address on the application form. Resolved that Clerk ascertain from WDBC that the red line denoting the curtilage of the property is correct.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

339. The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Mrs.Leahy	toilets/bus shelter	£156.00
b) Mrs.R.Lock	wages	£154.60
c) Mrs.R.Lock	expenses	£ 44.96
d) Mrs.R.Lock	reimb.Bideford mayors event	£ 60.00
e) Mrs.M.E.Jones	Ancestry.co.uk membership	£107.50
f) Laing-Taylor Ltd.	Xmas eve event	£ 32.78
g) Cllr.A.Gilbert	reimb.mayors event	£ 93.40
h) Mr.N.Moorcroft	caretaker Island Park	£482.94
i) Hatherleigh Comm.Centre	hire	£ 16.40
j) L & Cole Landscapes	P3 footpaths work	£540.00

Proposed Cllr.Calkin seconded Cllr.Bater that the above accounts be paid. Cllrs.Trenaman and Jones signed the cheques.

340 Moneys received: None

341. Any other financial matters:-

- a) Mayors allowance (Cllr.Gilbert left the room for the duration of the discussion) it was proposed Cllr.Bater seconded Cllr.Alford that the annual sum of £400 be allocated for the mayor's allowance, to include a mileage allowance of 40p per mile - with a proviso that the mayor should prioritise the "free events" which most mayors attend and network - whereas the mayors civic dinners and balls are for their respective chosen charities. All agreed. Cllr,Gilbert returned to the room and thanked the council.

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

342. Cllr.Bush reported that Hatherleigh Churches were telling the Easter story using different locations throughout the town and asked permission to erect a wooden cross in The Square. Resolved to agree to this request.

343. Cllr.Trenaman - DCC Highways had still not repainted the white lie outside the Chapel. Following advice from Cllr.Gilbert, Cllr.Trenaman would check to see if there was a white mark on the pavement which would denote the work. He would report back to the Clerk.

344. Cllr.Tyson:-

- a) was disappointed with the work carried out on the trees on the verge by the cricket field by DCC Highways.
- b) Litter bins at Island Park - she had spoken to the litter men who confirmed that they only emptied one bin. Resolved that Clerk contact WDBC to check this policy with them.
- c) Island Park play area - Cllr.Tyson had reported that some welding was needed on the city rocker play equipment, and she was arranging for this to be done.

345. Cllr.Gilbert reminded all councillors to submit two questions each which they would like to have included in the proposed survey to be issued to all households concerning traffic/parking problems.

WEST DEVON MAYORAL AWARDS

346. It was resolved that we would submit the names of those who won awards at Hatherleigh:-

- a) Under 18s Hannah Woodham - Cllr.Jones to supply information to the Clerk
- b) Over 18s Jim Reynolds - Cllr.Bater to supply information to the Clerk

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

347. There was no report available.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

348. Cllr.Tyson - Festival Committee - all arrangements were progressing well, with a Chilli Festival being held on 23rd May.

CORRESPONDENCE

349. Okehampton town council civic dinner 6th March - invitation handed to Cllr.Gilbert.

350. British Weight and Measures - confirmed that it is not illegal to use rods and poles and other non metric measurements to describe gardening allotments.

351. WDBC - election matters - a newsletter would sent to all clerks which would then be distributed to candidates.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

352. Cllr.Bush - PCSO Deacock had moved to Exeter. No replacement as yet confirmed.

353. Cllr.Tyson - enquired about the whereabouts of "the bio diversity audit" paperwork.

354. Cllr.Bater - Tamar Valley choir were giving a concert in Hatherleigh on 19th September.

355. Date of next meeting Tuesday 10th March 2015 7pm.

There being no further business, the chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

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