

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 13th October 2015 7pm in Community Centre

Present: Cllr.Gilbert in the chair, Cllrs. Winser, Laycock, Laing-Trengove, Stevens, Tyson, Trenaman, Alford, Gladstone (7.20pm) Dist.Cllr.Kimber, D.Lord, Locality Officer WDBC, the Clerk, 1 member of the public

Apologies: None

Presentation by D.Lord, Locality officer WDBC

161. Main points to arise as follows:-

- a) printed copy of presentation handed out to Councillors
- b) the locality working concept was an improved method following on from "the connect service"
- c) various questions asked
- d) She would stay for the entire meeting as various other issues would emerge throughout the agenda

The Chairman thanked the officer for an interesting presentation

Minutes of Meeting

162. The minutes of the meeting held 8th September 2015, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Tyson seconded Cllr.Gilbert. All agreed.

Matters arising from Minutes

163. War Horse signs (min.127 refers) Cllr.Gilbert reported that a site had been agreed upon for the Hatherleigh sign (being on the far side of the Square) Mr.Bater yet to confirm the site for the Iddesleigh sign. In the interim Cllr.Gilbert would obtain two further quotes for installation.

164. Millennium Sq.plaque (min.128 refers) quote still awaited

165. S.W.Highways/weed spraying (min.129 refers) still no reply receive from SW Highways despite further letter being sent on 15th Sept. Resolved that Clerk contact Mr.S.Dawe from DCC Highways. Cllr.Alford reported seeing weed spraying being carried out at Moor View.

166. Sportsfield Longham Bridge (min.131 refers) Dist.Cllr.Kimber to check if the bush had been planted.

167. Passaford Bridge (min.132 refers) Cllr.Trenaman reported that all big bales had been removed from field

168. Cycle racks (min.134 refers) Dist.Cllr.Kimber reported that Co-op were happy for the Town Council to install the racks outside the shop (on the wide piece of pavement) with the town council paying installation costs, but they would be responsible for the maintenance thereafter. Following site visit by councillors it was resolved that this was the best location for the racks. Resolved that Clerk contact Mr.G. Cornish and ask that 20 cycle racks be delivered to Cllr.Trenaman.

169. Madewell sign (min.135 refers) Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported that Mr.Pitman had made a frame for the sign and was arranging installation

170. New graveyard work (min.136 refers) grass seeding and weed killing had been carried out.

171. Island Park zip wire (min.139 refers) following discussion on repairs to this equipment it was resolved that repairs and installation of new parts at a cost of £1,040 should be carried out by Playline. Cllr.Tyson to organise and obtain details of parts and workmanship warranties.

172. Bank signatories (min.145e refers) some councillors still to complete necessary paperwork

173. Traffic/parking survey (min.146 refers) Cllr.Gilbert confirmed that the Parish Pump had printed 1,000 copies and delivered 900. Unfortunately no return address had been included on the survey form. Completed forms should be returned to the papershop or Community Centre. Various e.mails/letters had been received and all would be considered when responses were analysed. Reminder to be placed in Parish Pump that all completed surveys should be returned by 31st October.

174. Belvedere (min.148 refers) Cllr.Gilbert reported Mr.Balsdon would grant the council a 15 year lease @ £200 per annum but added that nothing had been received in lieu of rent since his father's death. Resolved that Cllr.Gilbert report further back to Mr.Balsdon as follows:-

- £150.00 one off payment to be made in respect of missing years
- Confirmation that he would fence off the Belvedere at his own expense, which Council would then maintain
- Ask what value is placed on the folly for insurance purposes

175. Cycle Time Trials (min.149 refer) Dist.Cllr.Kimber reported that Old Schools had been booked, and the Church may be interested in providing refreshments

176. Litter/dog bins (min.150b refers) Locality Office would look into the emptying schedule for all the bins in Hatherleigh

177. Cricket Club roadside benches (min.151 refers) Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported that the Rotary Club had renovated both benches. Unfortunately with regard to one bench no mud/debris had been removed down to base level so painting incomplete - this needs to be rectified. Rotary Club had asked if they could put plaques on each bench "renovated by Rotary Club". Resolved that Council agree to this after the work to the second bench had been completed.

178. WDBC plans workshop presentations - Clerk had forwarded to all councillors copies of the presentations

Planning Matters

179. Applications to consider: None
180. Applications granted: None
181. Refusals advised: None

182. Any other planning matters:-

- a) Mr.I.Balsdon had lodged an appeal with regard to agricultural dwelling at Reed Farm
- b) Prior notification of cou. agric.building to dwelling - Clerk had responded to WDBC that all parish/town councils should be continued to be notified, and receive the paperwork, in respect of this type of application.
- c) Tally Ho! - Council had been asked by the owners of the Tally Ho! for a letter of support to accompany their planning application to remove/vary certain conditions on the planning permission for the operation of the brewery. Clerk had spoken to planning officer at WDBC who confirmed that with this sort of application the Town Council would be notified, and receive paperwork as a statutory consultee. Resolved that Council would make comments as and when the planning application is received.

Financial Matters

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

a) Mrs.Leahy toilets/bus shelter 9th Sept- 13th October £256.50
(min.wage increase 1st Oct. to £6.70 per hour)

b) Mrs.R.Lock	wages	£154.60
c) Mrs.R.Lock	expenses	£ 50.40
d) HM Rev & Customs	clerks tax	£ 38.80
e) Hatherleigh Comm.Centre	hire	£ 16.40
f) L & M Cole Landscapes	grounds maintenance £1244.57	
	new graveyard work £ 354.00	1598.57
g) Mrs.C.Barkwell	rent due 99 year lease allotments	£ 98.01
h) Mrs.Laing-Trengove	reimbursement for Madewell sign	£ 46.63
i) Mr.A.Gilbert	reimbursement costs for mosaic	£ 77.27

Proposed Cllr.Tyson seconded Cllr.Alford that the above accounts be paid. Cllrs.Trenaman and Winsor signed the cheques.

184. Moneys received:-

a) WDBC	1st payment of precept	£11,826.00
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185. Any other financial matters:-

a) SSE had sent yet another batch of invoices for payment. Cllr.Gilbert confirmed that he has at long last confirmed with SSE that invoices relate to "festive lights" which are only at Xmas. Therefore all current invoices would be cancelled, with another one not due until December.

Tarka Trail

186. Mr.Cornish, project manager of Tarka Trail for DCC confirmed as follows:-

- a) new red route length of 2.1kms
- b) old railway route 3.7kms.

Following discussion it was resolved that Hatherleigh Tow Council were in favour of the red route, with the proviso that the village of Meeth is well sign posted. Clerk to inform Mr.Cornish and ask that 20 cycle racks are delivered to Cllr.Trenaman at Hurl Bridge.

New Graveyard - new burial charges

187. Cllr.Laing-Trengove produced the scale of new charges drawn up by the sub committee. Council resolved to adopt these new charges and copies to be sent to Rev.Ruth Hansford and Mr.C.Lock.

Skatepark

188. Cllr.Gilbert reported yet further vandalism and destruction of one of the new picnic tables/benches. He had sent pictures to the PCSO. Cllr.Trenaman to remove damaged property To prevent further vandalism Council thought it imperative that the new concrete benches are put in situ as soon as possible.

Maintenance issues

189. Dist.Cllr.Kimber - overgrown hedge to sportsfield has been reported three times.

190. Cllr.Laycock - no work has yet been carried out on the trees bottom of South Street (the Tree Officer of WDBC having visited the site and said she would send us forms) Locality Officer will contact the Tree Officer

191. Cllr.Gilbert - extra bollard by Co-op pavement not installed by DCC Highways despite being agreed with them. Locality Officer will investigate the problem.

192. Cllr.Alford - Hatherleigh toilets - despite numerous requests made to WDBC no new soap dispenser or sanitary bin in ladies toilet had been replaced. Locality Officer to investigate.

193. Cllr.Tyson:- Mr.L.Diepenbroek was willing to go on a maintenance management course to enable him to inspect/repair equipment at Island Park. Resolved that he be asked to source such a course (RoSPA do not run one) and the cost, and Clerk to confirm with Zurich that after training he would be covered by the Council's public liability insurance.

194. Cllr.Trenaman:-

a) Mr.Brock had reported concerns over the removal of trees from the north side of the Industrial Estate. Council would need to see the actual conditions attached to the relevant planning permission

b) A resident of Moor View has requested that a litter bin be erected near the new bench. Cllr.Trenman to advise her to contact the Management Committee for that particular area.

District Councillor's report

195. Cllr.Kimber reported ongoing work with regard to finance and devolution at WDBC

Meetings attended by Councillors

196. Cllr.Trenaman Sportsfield Committee - confirmation had been received from the Charity Commission that the Town Council could take over the running/maintenance of the sportsfield. Council would await further details.

197. Cllr.Gladstone and Laycock - Festival Committee - they were looking for a new secretary and treasurer. Next years festival would not be so big. They would attend the AGM

198. Cllr.Gilbert - Walrus Dip - no decision on which charities to support this year had been made.

Correspondence

199. Cllr.Gilbert - email received from Butterflies Mental Health (no letter received by the Clerk) concerning their work and project. Resolved that in the new year we would ask for a presentation from them.

200. Barnstaple Town Council mayors charity dinner 6th Nov. Cllr.Gilbert to respond direct

201. Local Gvt. Boundary Commission - further consultation undertaken for North Devon. Information in reading file.

202 DALC annual report in reading file.

Items for information only/future agenda items

203. Cllr.Laing-Trengove - Mr.G.Tucker had handed over to Madewell left over funds from the Community Orchard project - Madewell would now plant a new orchard.

204. Cllr.Laing-Trengove - asked why the grass area at Fishleigh Cross/Tockley turning is still being cut even after the bench had been stolen.

205. Cllr.Tyson - the recent "hose pull" by the Fire Station had raised nearly enough funds to purchase 2 defibrillators for Hatherleigh - free training for use to be organised for residents

206. Remembrance Day parade - councillors to assemble at Claremont at 10.15am.

207. Cllr.Gilbert - Community Awards evening agenda item next meeting.

208. Date of next meeting November 10th

there being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

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