

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 8th Sept.2015 7pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllr.Gilbert in the chair, Cllrs. Winser, Laing-Trengove, Tyson, Dist.Cllr.Kimber the Clerk, four members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs.Trenaman, Laycock, Alford and Calkin. C.Cllr.McInnes

Public session no contributions

CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

124. Claire Gladstone signed for declaration of acceptance of office, witnessed by the Clerk and was handed her register of interests to complete and a copy of the Councils Code of Conduct. Cllr.Gilbert welcome Cllr.Gladstone to the Council.

TARKA TRAIL - MR.GRAHAM CORNISH

125. Mr.Cornish, the Project Manager for the Tarka Trail gave a presentation and report on the latest updates in respect of the Tarka Trail. Main bullet points to arise as follows:

- lack of consultation regarding the Made Well section, was because of the tight time scale to secure funds
- Horse crossing - route is open to horses but it cannot be promoted because it failed the safety audit. The policy on horse crossing was challenged by one member of the public.
- Runnon Moor Lane/Ruby Walk 26 - this suggested route was a good idea, but difficult to negotiate with landowners.
- Underpass - this had been considered
- Update on Meeth Quarry section - revised route as shown on the maps. Cannot give time scale for any works - hopefully 3-5 years during which time acquisition of land, planning permission and funding had to be put in place.
- Tarka Trail can provide cycle racks for the town

It was resolved that the Tarka Trail would be an agenda item next meeting when the new proposed Meeth Quarry link could be examined in detail. Cllr.Gilbert thanked Mr.Cornish for his attendance and presentation.

MINUTES OF MEETING

126. The minutes of the meetings held 14th July and 18th August 2015, having been duly circulated, were signed by the chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Wiinser seconded Cllr.Laing-Trengove. 4 in favour. 1 abstention.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 14TH JULY 2015

127. War Horse sign (min.81 refers) James Kendrew had now completed signs and Clerk had pictures of them to show. With regard to installation he advised he was prepared to carry out this work at a cost of £844 to include public liability. Following a discussion to was resolved:

- Cllr.Gilbert to contact Mr.D.Bater to arrange a site visit to establish the best place to erect the signs (the Square was now generally thought to be not suitable)
- 2 further quotes to be obtained for the installation.

128. Millennium Square plaque (min.82 refers) no further damaged had been reported. Quote still awaited from Mr.D.Bater. Cllr.Gilbert to chase up

129. Town weed spraying (min.84 refers) Clerk to contact South West Highways again as no

response received from email dated 15th July. Councillors reported that following an article in the Parish Pump some householders had cleaned up in the vicinity of their property. This was to be applauded.

130. Cracked pavement outside Co-op (min.88 refers) this had been repaired.

131. Sportsfield Longham Bridge (min.89 refers) Dist.Cllr.Kimber reported that following a site visit with South West Highways, a sapling/bush would be planted within the next few weeks

132. Passaford Bridge (min.107 refers) Clerk to contact the EA again on the matter as no response received

133. Community Awards evening (min.101 refers) Cllr.Gilbert had booked the Community Centre for Saturday 30th January.

134. Cycle racks (min.109 refers) The Co-op were happy to have these located outside the shop by the noticeboard. Response from WDBC regarding installation in the Square was that the Conservation Officer would have to authorise installation, and the Estate Office would have to issue a licence on WDBC owned land. Resolved that Councillors have a site visit to determine the best location for the cycle racks.

135. Made Well sign (min.111a refers) Cllr.Laing-Trengove showed councillors the new sign which included the Made Well logo. Cllr.Gilbert would install the sign.

136. New graveyard (min.111b refers) The Church had confirmed they were happy with the proposed works drawn up by the Council. Cllr.Laing-Trengove to contact L & M Landscapes to start the work.

137. Future carnival routes (min.13 refers) Clerk had forwarded to all members the proposed new routes put forward by the Carnival Committee

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HED 18TH AUGUST 2015

138. Zip wire (min.123 refers) Cllr.Tyson had obtained costs from manufactures for new springs, replacement seat and installation costs in sum of £1,105.00. Following discussion it was proposed:-

- any repairs should be carried out professionally for insurance purposes
- Cllr.Tyson to obtain breakdown of costs
- In the interim the other seat would be removed so the equipment could not be used at all
- Clerk to check that Cllr.Stevens had informed the member of the public who brought the matter to our attention about our actions

PLANNING MATTERS

139. Applications to consider - none

140. Permissions granted:-

- Gill/Bowman barn Fishleigh Castle cou from agric.building to C3 dwelling

141. Refusals advised: none

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142. Any other planning matters:-

a) Mr.G.Barrett Leigh House - withdrawal of planning app no 00399/2015 . Requested that min.no. 56a be amended to give the full description of the application ie "erection of 3 bedroom detached dwelling with internal garage, attached motorhome garage and pool building - land adjacent to

Leigh House Higher St.Hatherleigh” This would disassociate the owners of Leigh House from the planning application.

b) Mr.R.Jones - planning app no 00773/2015 non material amendment to app no 00765/2014 solar farm Hills Moortown Holsworthy Rd. Clerk had ascertained from the planning officer that there is no statutory consultation on this type of application but she would contact Mr.Jones on his concerns over a new access road in along Hannaborough Lane.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

a) Mrs.Leahy	toilets/bus shelter two months	£416.00
b) Mrs.R.Lock	wages two months	£309.20
c) Mrs.R.Lock	expenses two months	£ 89.20
d) Grant Thornton	audit fee	£240.00
e) HM Rev & Customs	clerks tax	£ 40.23
f) Royal British Legion	remembrance wreath	£ 17.00
g) Devon Bark	bark for Island Park	£220.00
h) BuildASign	replacement allotment sign	£ 46.63
i) Hatherleigh Comm.Cent.	hire	£ 32.80
j) Mr.N.Moorcroft	Island park caretaker (25 weeks)	£487.50
k) James Kendrew	War Horse signs	1987.00
l) Hatherleigh Festival	toilet cleaning fee	£ 50.00

Proposed Cllr.Tyson seconded Cllr.Laing-Trengove that the above accounts be paid. Cllrs. Winser and Gilbert signed the cheques.

144. Moneys received;-

a) HM Rev. & Customs	vat repayment	£1676.21
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145. Any other financial matters:

- Grant Thornton had completed the audit with no matters brought to the attention of the council. Notice of Conclusion of Audit to be displayed on noticeboard.
- Public Works Board Loan repayment (£1250 + int £61.88) 1st September £1311.88
- Hatherleigh Festival - letter of thanks received for donation
- SSE Southern Electric - numerous small invoices received. Cllr.Gilbert to sort out the problem.
- Bank signatories - Cllr.Laing-Trengove

had completed her form.

TRAFFIC/PARKING SURVEY

146. Cllr.Gilbert reported that The Parish Pump would print 1,000 copies of the survey @ 6p a copy and distribute with the Pump. Councillors would only then have to deliver to the outlying addresses. It was noted that all businesses should be included in the distribution. Resolved that Cllr.Gilbert order 1,000 copies

SKATEPARK

147. Cllr.Tyson reported that the Moor Management Committee had given a grant of £2,500 for concrete benches, litter bins and fencing.

BELVEDERE

148. Cllr.Gilbert reported on a conversation with Mr. Ian Balsdon main bullet points as follows:-

- he was willing to grant a lease of 15years with a rent of £200 per year
- Council would have to maintain the Belvedere and pay insurance

Following a discussion it was resolved that Cllr.Gilbert to have further conversation with Mr. Balsdon regarding repair work and fencing and ascertain what his current insurance costs were. Clerk to ascertain what the Council's additional insurance premium would be.

CYCLE TIME TRIALS 2016

149. Clerk had forwarded to all councillors details of the meeting attended by Cllrs.Gilbert and Trenaman with Mr.Robertson, from the Mid Devon Cycling Club concerning the national team trial championships to be held Sunday 5th June 2016. Following a discussion it was resolved that the Council get involved with the event as it would promote the town of Hatherleigh. Dist.Cllr.Kimber to enquire about hiring Old Schools on the day for the serving of refreshments.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

150. Dist.Cllr.Kimber:-

- a) white line outside Chapel - he would chase up on behalf of the Council
- b) Various litter/dog poo bins were not being emptied on a regular basis. Clerk to ascertain from WDBC the emptying schedule for Hatherleigh
- c) Street lights along road to cricket field had been reported
- d) Pot holes by sheep statue reported
- e) Area around the bus shelter breaking up. Cllr.Gilbert would inspect area again and reiterated that the quote of £285 for agreed work was still to be carried out by Mr.Rose.
- f) He would arrange for the Locality Officer to attend the next council meeting

151. Cllr.Gilbert reported that the Cricket Club did not wish to replace the hedge along the new fencing at the cricket field - this would have to be a planning application. However the old victorian benches were on fully display and badly needed attention. Resolved that we ask the Rotary Club to carry out the necessary renovation and painting work to these benches.

SUPERLINKS MEETING WITH TONY HOGG

152. This was to be held on Thursday 24th September 7.30pm at Meldon Village Hall. Cllr.Gilbert would submit a question on behalf of Hatherleigh Town Council

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

153. Dist.Cllr.Kimber's work had been covered elsewhere in these minutes. Cllr.Gilbert thanked Cllr.Kimber for all his hard work and interest in the town undertaken since his election in May.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

154. Cllrs.Winser, Laing-Trengove, Tyson and Laycock had attended the WDBC plans workshop All had found it interesting. Copies of the presentations would be forwarded to the Clerk in due course

155. Cllr.Tyson:-

- a) Sportsfield Committee - courts had now been resprayed. New committee members were still being sought
- b) Festival Committee - very successful 2015 festival, showing slight profit which had been

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donated to the Skatepark. Finances in place for 2016 festival and fund raising events being organised

CORRESPONDENCE

156. DCC Highways road closure for carnival received

157. WDBC - complaints procedure for councillors in reading file

ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

158. Sat. 19th September Tamar Valley Choir concert in Hatherleigh Church. Cllr.Gilbert could not attend. Cllr.Tyson would represent the council at this event.

159. Cllr.Laing-Trengove - agenda item for new schedule of burial charges.

160. Date of next meeting Tuesday 13th October 2015

there being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

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