



HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Notes from last meeting

Dec 13th 2016

Next meeting Jan 17th

(note variation to usual date slot)

For more information see our website

<http://www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/>

Your 6 Councillors are

Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Ian Trenaman, Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back. **Four Vacancies.**

THERE ARE FOUR VACANCIES AVAILABLE; POSITIONS CAN BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION. APPLY TO THE CLERK.

Andy Gilbert and Roger Laphorn resigned their positions this month. The Council thanked Andy for his long service and role served as Mayor. **We would like to encourage anyone who has an interest in helping with the practical aspects of managing the town, or who sees opportunities to develop projects or ideas, or who simply wants to represent the views of their generation or interest group. The minimum time commitment is to attend a meeting once a month, of course there are other roles to get stuck into if your time allows. This is a voluntary role but it is very rewarding and interesting engaging with different aspects and people within the community of Hatherleigh. This engagement extends to other communities and different levels of councils. Please visit the website and read through past minutes and notes to gain more insight.**

The works to Jubilee footpath and overgrown hedges reported last month are now done. We are following up reports of empty salt bins.

We still await news on our application to Devon County Councillors James McInnes Local Grant to help with costs for installing cycle racks.

NOTICE BOARDS: After seeking prices for a new and larger notice board for the Co-op wall, a local volunteer has kindly offered to make one for cost price. The map on the bus shelter is also out of date and discussions are taking place with a local artist on the creation of a new image.

PARKING: We still await official news from West Devon Borough Council on its Asset Review and decision on the car park, though we reiterated to WDBC Cllr Kimber the need for a long-term lease. The Council feel very strongly that any short term trial will simply not work as it is difficult to change people's habits unless they are forced to do so. Creating the

provision of a free car park must go in hand with any parking restrictions.

The clerk having chased Devon County Council's promise of assigning us with a Highways Officer to investigate what type of restrictions are viable, has now been told we may not be assigned one until after April 2017!

Following our request to West Devon Borough Council to consider giving the public toilets a revamp we were informed that they are currently reviewing their toilet blocks to prioritise which need attention. Next month the Town Council will be reviewing its toilet cleaning contract and will be inviting tenders.

The trees that run alongside the main road next to the cricket field have been causing some concern over the impact to the street lights, road sign and that they are overdue a pruning. A letter was received from the Cricket Club over concerns of damage to the fence. We have reported the trees a number of times to Devon County Council, they are now awaiting an inspection.

The Cricket Club also reported the need for a better drainage system on the back lane to Littlewood Meadow, we have passed this to Devon County Council for attention.

Okehampton Bed Closures: A reminder that the NHS and Clinical Commissioning Group consultation is still ongoing and for further details on how to submit your comments to this consultation please visit the Town Council website. The Community Centre also has paper copies to view.

DON'T FORGET! On Christmas Eve, join us in the Square at 7pm as we host the Carol Service accompanied by the Silver Band. Followed by mince pies and mulled cider in Old Schools. Please look out for donation boxes to support the Christmas Lights Fund in shops in town.

A full account of the meetings are available in the minutes, these are available on the notice board at Millennium Square or on the Town Council website at <http://www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/>

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