

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 8th March 2016

Ted Sweet and colleague from Iddesleigh Council and Dennis Bater came in to explain plans for the opening event of the War Horse Way. The story of 'War Horse' continues to encourage visitors to Hatherleigh and it was thought that establishing a recognised walk gives a focus to help this experience. It is hoped that this attraction will also promote increased business for Hatherleigh. The sign (paid using the DCC TAP Fund) marks the start for the walk to Iddesleigh. It is hoped that townspeople from either end will come out in great numbers to share a few hours and exchange greetings as they pass each other mid route. The opening Walk event will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 30th May with a synchronised start at 10.30 from each end which can include a visit to the War Horse Museum and lunch at the local pubs. Look out for posters nearer the time.

It was reported that the planned road works in High Street has left residents with no information on the extent of the works and options of where they might park their cars. Although the Council recognise these concerns please note it is not Hatherleigh Town Council's duty to address this issue. Any queries should be made to Devon County Council Highways Department.

A number of pot holes were reported which will be forwarded to Devon County Council. If anyone wants to directly report pot holes or similar highway matters Devon County Council has a report a problem website <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

A dog owner is letting their dog foul the footpaths and play areas in the area around Claremont and Bowmans Meadow. It is surprising people find it acceptable to do this and we would urge all dog owners to clear up after their dog or they face an £80 fixed penalty fine. Again Hatherleigh Council is limited in what it can do here and advise complaints be directed to West Devon Borough Council who have the resources to act. The link to report dog fouling is <http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/3585/Dog-Fouling>

The Sportsfield Committee have sought further advice on possible options for the future management of the area. They are now considering gifting the land to the Football Club and handing all monies to the Town Council to manage a fund to distribute for the benefit of capital community projects in the town. The Town Council agreed to the principle of this.

Reports from various meetings include that the Community Centre is doing well and busy with bookings. The Sunday Rover train service in Okehampton will operate again this year between May and September. And Hatherleigh Festival is having a smaller event this year focusing on Island Park which will run along similar lines as last year.

Two planning applications were considered this month, one being an extension of the abattoir. And notice was given that the Post Office will relocate to the Papershop. Council will write a letter of support for a blue badge space to be provided opposite the Paper Shop for drivers with disabilities.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th April at 7pm. Full minutes of the meetings are available on the notice board at Millennium Square or on the Town Council website. If you have any points that you would like to raise with the Town Council, please contact Rosemary Lock, the Town Clerk, either directly on 01805 804254 or grannylockrocks@gmail.com or contact us via the Town Council website www.hatherleightowncouncil.org

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