



HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Notes from last meeting
Nov 8th 2016
Next meeting Dec 13th

For more information see our website
<http://www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/>

Your 8 Councillors are
Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Ian Trenaman, Andy Gilbert, Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Roger Lapthorn. **Two Vacancies.**

THERE ARE TWO VACANCIES AVAILABLE; POSITIONS CAN NOW BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION. APPLY TO THE CLERK BY DECEMBER 14th.

Ros Chard Hatherleigh Town Crier came to speak in the public session to give an update on her role and the places she visits. She asked the Council to continue contributing to her expenses. It was agreed we give a donation this year and will review annually.

NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE: This has been undergoing a full overhaul and modernisation, and will also become mobile device compatible. If you have any comments or suggestions for further improvements please let us know.

The phone box at Moor View has been under review by BT for possible removal. In the last 12 months it was used for 79 calls. We have therefore replied to BT listing a variety of reasons that it should be kept.

A number of footpaths including Jubilee footpath are in need of some maintenance work and are being taken care of. Some potholes and an overgrown hedge will also be reported.

CAR PARK: Following our letter to WDBC concerning the need for a long-term rather than a short-term lease. We were notified that WDBC are undergoing an Asset Review and can't give any decision about the car park until this has been done. They have said this should be completed by end of December.

The installation of 12 cycle racks is a step forward as following a further quote we have agreed to apply to Devon County Councillors James McInnes Locality Grant to help with costs.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

December 5th is late night shopping and at 7.15pm the Christmas lights and tree will be switched on by the Carnival Queen! The Silver Band will be playing and rumour is that Santa will make an appearance in Old Schools!

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.

Following on from the report about bed closures at Okehampton Hospital we have received details of the NHS and Clinical Commissioning Group consultation. Further information via public meetings and the media highlight the disastrous effect these closures could have in our area. For further details on how to submit your comments to this consultation please visit the Town Council website. The Community Centre also have a paper copy of this to view.

Also to report is another consultation being carried out by *OkeRail* (the group set up to campaign for the return of a regular passenger service between Okehampton and Exeter). Again see the Town Council website if you would like to contribute to this consultation or would like further details.

And after recent discussions about adverts/ posters on the bridge, the Town Council understand that providing these are temporary and they appear 2 weeks before an event and are removed 2 days after, then this is acceptable.

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

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