



HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Notes from last meeting
April 11th 2017

The next meeting will be the **Council AGM on Tuesday 9th May** at 7pm. This will be preceded by the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING which will start at 6.30pm**. The Parish meeting is separate from the Council meeting and is relatively informal. This is an opportunity to share your views to the Council on issues and ideas it can improve on.

Your 8 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Ian Trenaman, Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Keith Kingstone, Ben Bailey. Andrea Kimber has expressed an interest in joining us, more on this next month. **There remains one vacancy; apply to the clerk for if you are interested.**

It was agreed to support the Skatepark Group idea to purchase granite blocks to act as benches. Having considered quotes from various street furniture specialists the benches found on ebay will bring a considerable saving.

It's that time of year again to review the Town Council asset register. It has been noticed a few items are missing off the list. The Clerk supplied Councillors with a list of amendments to be discussed next month.

There have been three important meetings/events this month.

1. **Joint Local Plan consultation phase.** As reported last month it is proposed to add a new settlement boundary with a minimum of 50 more houses and employment space for an area beyond the nursing home. This could mean more housing development for Hatherleigh within a 15 year timespan on top of the 106 houses allocated for the market. The Council believe this is too much development within too short space of time. We also understand there will be over-capacity issues at the primary school. A formal response has been agreed for objecting to this and will be submitted to the Planning Inspector. **Full details of all this are on the Town Council website.**

2. **Market.** A meeting took place with a company interested in developing the market site. They were keen to hear our views on what the Town consider are key issues before they draw up any plans and begin discussions with WDBC. We stress this was only a preliminary meeting and does not guarantee anything.

3. **Car park.** West Devon Borough Council have finally approached us with an offer to lease the car park. Although this is a step forward we will have

to carefully consider the terms and conditions. A further meeting is to be arranged. To repeat our stance, 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.

On the subject of parking, Devon County Council have been in contact over their earlier position of assigning us with a Highways Officer. This may now NOT happen. We have instead been issued with a map on which to draw ourselves the 'wish list' of what the community wants to see. They will then review this and feedback what is or isn't feasible.

Toilets: Following our review of the cleaning arrangements and subsequent advertisement for the post, we are to see a change in cleaner. Mrs Rewse will take over next month. The Council have thanked Mr Leahy for his commitment over the years.

The toilets are currently having a revamp by WDBC, we apologise for any inconvenience but this revamp is long overdue!

Complaints have been received about an un-emptied bin in Oldham Road, a broken bin in Oakfield Road and a missing 'No Ball Games' sign at the entrance to Moor View. We will look into the purchase of a new bin, the missing sign and the un-emptied bin has been reported to WDBC.

Correspondence was received from 'Visit Dartmoor', a company linked to Visit England which promotes towns and villages to encourage visitors. They invited we send an article profiling the Town (free of charge). The Council agreed to this to help support local businesses.

Don't forget: Annual Parish Meeting, May 9th, 6.30pm. An opportunity to share your views to the Council on issues and ideas it can improve on, or just come and say hello!

A full account of the meetings including planning and financial matters 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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