

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting Nov 14th 2017.

Next meeting December 5th

(Note week earlier than usual)

For more information see our website

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

Your 8 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Ian Trenaman, Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Ben Bailey, Andrea Kimber. Keith Kingstone has resigned his position due to time commitments.

THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT TIME FOR OUR MARKET TOWN OF HATHERLEIGH AND WE HAVE TWO VACANCIES!

Road Warden: We were pleased to meet our volunteer Community Road Warden, Stefan Farley. He is trained to repair some types of pot holes, clear drainage, signs, weeds, and help with road closures for events. As a volunteer Mr Farley will sometimes need help, we appeal to anyone who is able to offer help to contact us.

It was reported that Devon County have done their annual clearing of drains/gullies around town.

CCTV Island Park: After further discussion and information the Council agreed that the matter would be left in abeyance.

Air Ambulance: Council are still awaiting detailed information before we can proceed further with this. A discussion was had over where future funding could come from, the Walrus Dip was suggested, the offer from willing volunteers would need to be sought!!

Market Plans: The Council working group have met with Kingswood Homes and key representatives who depend on the Tuesday market – traders, auctioneers, along with Councillors, District Councillor and Doctor from the Medical Centre. The minutes of this meeting are available on the Town Council website.

A few facts we know are certain at this stage:

- Kingswood Homes are in pre-application discussion with West Devon Borough Council with a view to submitting a Full planning application early 2018.
- Vicks Market have informed their employees and traders that they will cease their operations on 27th Feb 2018.
- The auction days of large livestock cattle/sheep/horses will cease.
- The Tuesday pannier market can continue. Kingswood Homes are committed to providing a suitable trading area for the pannier market to continue through the whole period of development and assoc access, providing a suitable strategy is created.
- The trading area and assoc car park will shift area around site as the various aspects of the proposal are developed.
- Enquiries are continuing with all interested parties on how to create this trading space sufficient to meet the markets needs and ensuring continuity.

- Plans are needed for Part 1 – when the existing market closes, and for Part 2 – the longer term / new market operation.
- A new market management body will need to be found.

WINTER ISSUES:

Snow Warden: As winter approaches we are in need of a Snow Warden, this is a voluntary position and would provide an important service to the community. If anyone is interested, please contact our Clerk.

Grit Bins: please also check the Grit Bins in your vicinity and report to us any bins that need topping up. We have been notified that the Grit bins will not get automatically filled.

Weeds/Leaves: The Town Council again wishes to thank all those residents who take the time to keep the street and areas that border their property tidy and weed and leaf free.

Trees/hedges: Again a number of overgrown trees and hedges were discussed and will be reported. The dead tree in the car park still remains!

Streetlamps: SSE contractors are continuing to carrying out work to replace all the street lamp posts along Bridge St and Market St. The posts and lights will be changed in what may seem an odd sequence, be patient, two crews have different responsibilities for this activity.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

Monday December 4th is late night shopping and at 7.30pm 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Hatherleigh Silver Band for winning the South West Brass Band contest and to Hatherleigh Carnival Committee for another hugely successful carnival.

Space is short here. 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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