

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting
January 16th 2017
Next meeting February 13th

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<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.

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

Another expression of interest was received, more on this next month.

Market plans update:

We are informed Kingswood Homes are to arrange a meeting with us soon.

We are also enquiring with Dartmoor LEAF to see what support funding may be available.

Vicks Market auctioneers will cease end of February and while they remain in ownership the Tuesday produce market can continue to use the area.

A new Tuesday market manager needs to be found when the market area is sold. The Ruby Market Partnership are taking tentative steps and considering options to see if it can fill this role. They have the necessary insurances but are in need of manpower and funds to support their position. They are currently advertising for someone to fill the role as market manager. Contact Charles Dumbleton at Ruby Country for more details.

Precept setting: Councillors discussed the setting of the precept. It was agreed that the precept be maintained at the 2016/17 level.

Air Ambulance: As work goes on behind the scenes to progress on the logistics and administration of bringing Hatherleigh's air ambulance night landing site, we have very welcome news that Mrs Caroline Munn is to lead a community fundraising campaign to help support this initiative. **Some dates for your diary:**

February Sunday 25th - Quiz at the Tally-Ho!

March Saturday 17th - Coffee Morning and Cake sale at Old Schools. Look out for posters closer to the time.

Maintenance issues: It remains that some overhanging trees/hedges and the faulty street light in the car park goes unattended to. We continue to report these issues for attention.

However the dirty and faulty payphone reported at Moor View was swiftly dealt with and repaired by BT.

WINTER ISSUES:

Sandbags: If any resident requires any sandbags during bad weather these are available from Hatherleigh Community Centre between office hours 9am to 12 midday weekdays (office number is 01837 810329). Please note the sandbags are not pre-filled and are for self-filling. In an Emergency Only please call Road Warden Stefan Farley on 07825 232331.

Snow Warden: Our Road Warden has volunteered to also take on this duty. If anyone is interested in helping Stefan grit pathways in snow/ice conditions please contact our Clerk or the above number.

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

Blocked Drains: Our Road warden is proving a genuine asset to the community in dealing with these issues.

Pot holes: a reminder that pot holes and other highway issues can be reported online directly to Devon County Council using their 'REPORT A PROBLEM' website. This is a straightforward system and easy to use.

Dist.Cllr.Patrick Kimber reported that WDBC are in discussions over how to save money on account of there being no merger with South Hams. He is concerned that this may mean closure of WDBC Okehampton Office and cuts of support grants to community groups.

Another date for your diary is the OkeRail coffee morning at Old Schools Tuesday 30th January. This will also be an opportunity to gain information on how the OkeRail campaign is going. Please show your support.

The Council would like to extend its thanks to everyone who has donated towards the Christmas lights fund.

Finally, please note that the jumbled layout of text in these Council notes in the December Parish Pump issue was the error of the Parish Pump editor.

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

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