

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2019 7PM
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Cllr.Tyson in the chair, Cllrs.Gladstone, Laycock, Walters, Holwill, Newman, Crockatt, Back, Lewis, Laing-Trengove. Dist. Cllrs. Kimber and Kemp. WDBC leader and deputy leader Cllrs. Jory and Samuel. The Clerk. 3 members of the public

Apologies: None

Declarations of interest: Cllr.Tyson – employee of West Devon Borough Council

PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr.Neil Jory gave a report on West Devon Borough Council:-

- gave the make up of the council
- balanced budget for 2019/2020; £400.000 deficit for following year but plan mapped out
- council want to be more “outward looking”
- urged all town and parish councils to engage with their respective district councillors
- emerging strategy is based on 6 sections: - council, environment, well being, housing, enterprise and communities

Mr. Mrs.Moore 43 Moor View – spoke on the dispute on the unclaimed verge in front of properties 41-45 Moor View

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

173. The minutes of the meeting held 10th Sept. 2019, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chair as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Laing-Trengove seconded Cllr.Laycock. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

174. Car park lights (min.121 refers) Cllr.Tyson reported that tree foliage around the lights had been trimmed. Cllr.Back reported that 2 lights not working – light beside exit as previously reported and light at far left hand corner as viewed from entering the car park beside the recycling skips. Clerk to report once again.

175. Buddle spring (min.122 refers) Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported that Buddle Spring does not fit any criteria to register it with Historic England Resolved that it be listed on the local list at WDBC and on the Historic Environmental Register. Cllr.Laing-Trengove to proceed on this basis.

176. Street parking No5 and Heather View Oakfield Road (min.124 refers) resolved that Cllr.Holwill speak to the residents on the matter.

177. Toddler park (min.125 refers) Cllr.Lewis had been in contact with Holly Miles regional manager for Dunbia regarding “community project donations”. All information about the play park project had been forwarded to her and a response was awaited.

178. WDBC/cheque payment (min.130 refers) paying in book had been supplied by Lloyds Bank – but this was not the correct one requested by WDBC.

179. Market Square flower beds (min.130 refers) letter read from Jane Richards and Sue Forrester regarding the planting/upkeep of these flower beds and those at Millennium Corner. Resolved that £150 grant be given to enable this project to proceed. All agreed.

180. School horse sculpture (min.131 refers) Cllr.Lewis reported that pupils and parents had cement rendered the sculpture at a cost of £150.00. Resolved that grant of £100 be given towards this project and a letter of thanks to be sent to the school.

181. Rats around town (min.132 refers) Cllr.Tyson confirmed that the EPO had visited Church Lane and found no evidence of rats. The future policy of WDBC would be that they only take action if vermin are inside a property.

182. Grass verge nos 41-45 Moor View (min.133 refers) following Mr. & Mrs. Moore's address in the public session on this matter – Mr. & Mrs. Moore were advised to supply a list of all their expenses incurred in this matter together with evidence from the Land Registry showing “no ownership”. Clerk to contact WDBC and ask for a response to our previous email.

183. Local Rubbish Champions (min.134 refers) Cllrs. Laycock and Gladstone had both now received the necessary information on this matter.

184. Parking 21 High Street (min.135 refers) the contents of the email response from DCC on this matter were noted. Cllr.Tyson to respond to Mrs. Hall.

185. Cricket Club (min.137 refers) no response received regarding our query if the earlier donation from the Town Council entitled them to a sponsorship plaque. Cllr.Tyson had received email from Mrs.Tidball requesting that the Town Council write a general letter of support for the club which could be submitted with any future grant applications. Clerk to respond.

186. Standing orders (min.138 refers) Clerk had circulated fresh draft standing orders. Resolved to amend these as follows:-

- no meeting should last longer than 3 hours
- chair/vice chair should be members of every town council sub committee formed. This to be deleted
- expenditure – clerk was now preparing draft new financial standing orders – this point would be covered in these standing orders – this to be deleted

Clerk to make necessary amendments, recirculate to all councillors so that the standing orders could be adopted at the next meeting.

187. Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue service (min.154 refers) results of public consultation expected end of November.

188. DCC Highways meeting 15th Oct (min.155 refers) Cllrs. Laing-Trengove and Crockatt would attend.

189. Footpath work (min.157 refers) Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported that a local volunteer had completed the necessary tree works.

190. Blocked drains (min.158 refers) Cllr.Tyson reported that Stefan Farley had carried out necessary work on the drains.

191. Market Square steps (min.161 refers) WDBC had not carried out the requested work on edging each step with a white line. Clerk to report.

192. Playground inspection course (min.163 refers) resolved that dates be arranged for either Feb/March next year.

193. Maintenance worker (min.163 refers) Clerk had received one expression of interest. Resolved that position be advertised for a further month including on the Hatherleigh Building Community facebook page.

194. Increase in crime (mi.170 refers) Clerk reported that PCSO Marcus Jarvis no longer worked in West Devon area this is now covered by PCSOs Lisa Smith and Kayleigh Drake. However neither had made contact with the council. Resolved that Clerk contact again.

PLANNING MATTERS

195. Applications to consider:-

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| a) 2678/19 | M.Parsons | Grove Fishleigh – garage/workshop/office. <i>Council supported</i> |
| b) 2748/19 | C.Dunn | 4 Pearce Close – tree works. <i>Council supported</i> |

196. Permissions granted:-

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| a) 1418/19 | Mrs.Laing-Trengove | Arnold Fishleigh – barn conversion to dwelling |
| b) 3037/19 | Mr.Thomas | Hatherleigh Place Oakfield Road tree work |
| c) 1794/18 | Kingswood Homes | Hatherleigh market development |
| d) 3068/19 | Hatherleigh Market | Information only on cond.20,21,23,28,39 |

197. Refusals advised: none

198. Any other planning matters:-

- a) Hatherleigh Market – Cllr.Tyson advised that the full decision on the application is on the Council's website.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

199. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

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| a) Mrs. Rewse | toilet cleaning 11 th Sept – 8 th Oct | £ 238.09 |
| b) Mrs. Lock | wages | £ 366.43 |
| c) Hatherleigh C.Centre | hire | £ 16.40 |
| d) Okehampton Transport group | grant | £ 200.00 |
| e) L & Cole Landscapes | grounds maintenance £1263.24) | |
| | Island Park £ 90.00) | |
| | P3 Work £ 60.00) | £1413.24 |
| f) Propest Control | wasp nest | £ 54.00 |
| g) P.F.May | replacement chq. No 2713 | £ 420.00 |
| h) WDBC | litter/dog bins emptying | £ 142.74 |
| i) Royal British Legion | wreath | £ 17.00 |

Proposed Cllr.Gladstone seconded Cllr.Walters that the above account be paid. Cheques signed by Cllr.Back and Laing-Trengove.

200. Moneys received:-

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| a) WDBC | 2 nd precept payment | £11,851.00 |
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201. Any other financial matters:-

- a) WDBC – information that local election recharge for Hatherleigh will be £74.77

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

202. Cllr.Kemp reported:-

- a) 2nd November information on new refuse collections will be available
b) She was on the Rail Connection working group.

203. Cllr.Kimber – reported parking problems in Pound Meadow and Reed Meadow – cars unable to park in South Street were now using Pound Meadow and Reed Meadow affecting residents in these areas.

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

204. Mrs. Rewse – ongoing problems with the mens urinal. Clerk had contacted C.Aubertin of WDBC who would ensure that the ongoing problems would be fixed as soon as possible. Cllr.Gladstone reported that a new seat was required in the left hand ladies cubicle. Clerk to request.

205. L & M Cole – front beds by the school required “a good spread of manure” this would be done at no extra cost. Resolved that this work be carried out.

206. Dog bin Runnon Moor Lane – this had not yet been reinstalled. Cllr.Laing-Trengove to contact Mr. J. Baker.

207. Defibrillator at Co-op – report from Mrs. C.Munn that this would need replacing in July. If 2 defibrillators were purchased at one time – the 2nd price reduces to £1,000 plus vat instead of £1,800 plus vat. Fund raising plans were in place. Clerk reported balance in hand for the defibrillator funds stood at £2,783.10. Clerk to inform Mrs Munn.

208. Cllr.Newman – request that the Town Council look again at the future of the car park.

209. Cllr.Crockatt – informed the Council that the church were holding a meeting 23rd Nov. 2pm to discuss the future management of the churchyard.

210. Cllr.Lewis – complaints received about speeding traffic in Sanctuary Lane area. This was a police matter.

211. Cllr.Tyson:-

- a) Miss S.Vick had requested that toilets remain open later for a church event. Cllr.Tyson to ask her to contact Mrs.Rewse direct
- b) Flooding by cricket field – DCC had been looking at the drains in this area
- c) Island Park – arranging a work day for undergrowth to be taken back to improve the sight line
- d) S.Farley had amended his extreme weather plan
- e) complaint received that footpath at rear of the abattoir had a stile difficult to cross could it be replaced with a kissing gate? Cllr.Laing-Trengove would contact Mr. Baker.

TOILET TWINNING

212. Cllr.Tyson reported on the scheme to twin/adopt a toilet . Resolved that we join this scheme at a cost of £60 and adopt a toilet in Nicaragua.

HATHERLEIGH ECO SHARE MEETING

213. Cllrs.Gladstone and Laycock reported on the meeting to be held on November 16th 12noon – 5pm in the Community Centre. 16 stalls booked in and workshops. Resolved that Town Council give £50 towards book prizes. With regard to the project to become an “Earth Protected Town” they would register Hatherleigh to get information and report back.

ACTION PLAN FOR TOWN CENTRES

214. Resolved that Hatherleigh Town Council organise an open meeting, together with

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

215. Cllrs.Gladstone, Back – Moor Management. - reported that Pot Boilers payments to be made soon. Concern over sheep worrying on the Moors by dogs.

216. Cllr.Laing-Trengove – Community Centre – reported successful AGM with a possible new trustee. LED lighting continues to be installed throughout the centre.

217. Cllr. Back – Northern Links – reported discussions took place on:-

a) Brexit (b) council tax grants being removed (c) fuel poverty grants

218. Cllr. Walters – Connect Bude meeting was cancelled.

CORRESPONDENCE

219. Co-operative funeral directors – request to install headstone in graveyard. Papers passed to Cllr. Laing-Trengove.

220. Letters from Mr.P.Howard of Winkleigh and Ottery St.Mary Parish Council concerning climate control. Resolved this be an agenda item next meeting.

ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

221. Cllr.Tyson requested that new councillors supply photos/brief resume of themselves for inclusion on the Council's website. Xmas to be agenda item for next meeting.

222. Date of next meeting Tuesday 12th November 7pm

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.45pm

Signed.....chairman.....dated