

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2019 7.00 pm
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Cllr.Tyson in the chair, Cllr. Walters, Laing-Trengove, Gladstone, Laycock Lewis, Back Crockatt, Holwill. Dist.Cllr.Kemp, the Clerk, 2 members of the public

Apologies: Dist.Cllr.Kimber

Declarations

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

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PUBLIC SESSION

Mr.G.Brooks, 1st Responder for Devon & Somerset Fire Service and Mr. P.Johns, 1st Responder for Devon Ambulance Service – both wished to respond to negative comments published in the Parish Pump concerning Hatherleigh 1st Responders. They reported as follows:

- 1st Responders have not been withdrawn from Hatherleigh - there are still 2
- The service is greatly overstretched
- they are not paged for falls – no lifting equipment
- Triage has been changed – numbered 1 – 5 with no. 1 being heart attacks
- Service is trying a new method of paging
- Fire Service only respond to category no.1

Councillors thanked Mr.Brooks and Mr.Johns for this important update, which would be put in the Parish Pump and on the noticeboard to reassure residents of Hatherleigh.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

273. The minutes of the meeting held 12th November 2019 having been duly circulated were signed as being a true and correct record with the two following amendments (a)min.232 to read “Mrs. Hall” (b) min.237 to read “a crime report for the parish of Hatherleigh”. Proposed Cllr.Laycock seconded Cllr.Gladstone. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

274. Toddler play park (min.227 refers) Cllr.Lewis to give financial update on grant applications at the January meeting.

275. Grass verge Moor View (min.230 refers) matter to be discussed at the January meeting.

276. Devon Fire & Rescue Service (min.235 refers) Clerk reported that letters sent to the Fire and Ambulance services on 19th Nov. Verbal response received from Mr.S.Clarke of the Fire Service to report that a written response would be sent and the Ambulance service would respond separately.

277. Public toilets (min.238 refers) Cllr.Crockatt reported on an inspection of the toilets apart from the damaged toilet roll holder, other damage was minimal.

278. Eco-Share meeting (min.244 refers) Cllr.Gladstone reported a disappointing attendance but cost of the hall was covered. New website may possibly be set up.

279. Late night shopping/Xmas light switch on (min.262 refers) well attended and successful evening.

280. Xmas eve (min.263 refer) Cllr.Tyson reported:-

- Old Schools booked – Cllr.Laycock to open on the evening
- 120 mince pies ordered
- Cllr.Crockatt had contacted Mr.Tidball concerning mulled cider
- Cllr.Lewis had printed the carol sheet (Cllr.Holwill would print a few with large print)
- Cllr.Laing-Trengove had recyclable plastic cups
- Councillors to meet at 6.30pm
- Mr.Orchard had donated the xmas tree in the Square – letter of thanks to be sent.

PLANNING MATTER

281. Applications to consider:-

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| a) 3038/19/TCA | Mr.Thomas | Hatherleigh Place Oakfield Rd | Tree work |
| | | <i>Council supported</i> | |
| b) 3810/19 | Mr.Bowman | Oaktree Cottage Hols.Road | Erection of garage |
| | | <i>Council supported</i> | |
| c) 3526/19/CLE | Mr.Moore | The Retreat Hols.Road | Caravan for agric.
Workers residence |

Council have spoken to neighbours of property in question and they dispute that the applicants have lived there for 10 years Council can see no sworn statements on the planning portal to confirm payment of council tax if this is the applicants main place of residence. There is no evidence of a business being conducted on site – there is no financial evidence on the planning portal to support this

282. Permissions granted:-

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| a) 0121/19 | S.Wonnacott | Reed Down – one dwelling |
| b) 3118/19 | Kingswood | Hatherleigh market – underground tanks |

283. Refusals advised:-

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| a) 0030/18 | I. Balsdon | Reed Farm – livestock building |
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284. Any other planning matters None

285. Hatherleigh market – Cllr.Tyson reported that parking was chaotic but working. WDBC would give free parking in the town car park for the Special Xmas event 21st December 9am-1pm

Further enquiries had been made to WDBC concerning car park takings on a Tuesday – this with a view to the Town Council compensating WDBC for such takings to make the market free on Tuesday mornings. Further information awaited from WDBC.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

286. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

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| a) Mrs. J.Rewse | toilets 12 th Nov - 10 th Dec | £238.09 |
| b) Mrs. R.Lock | wages | £366.43 |
| c) Hatherleigh Com.Cen | hire | £ 16.40 |
| d) Mr.Moorcroft | Island Park 26.5.19 – 10.11.19 | £821.00 |

Proposed Cllr.Walters seconded Cllr.Laing-Trengove that the above accounts be paid. Cllrs. Back and Laycock signed the cheques.

287. Moneys received:-

a) Co-op funeral directors	burial fee H. Orchard	£500.00
b) Carnival Committee	donation xmas lights	£100.00

288, Any other financial matters:-

a) Cllr.Laing-Trengove received quote from L.Cole for the work on the flower bed by the telephone box opposite the school in the sum of £1,030.00 Resolved that Mr. Cole is asked to break down this quote as per the five items listed.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

289. Dist.Cllr.Kemp had nothing to report.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

290. Cllr.Jeff Newman had resigned. Clerk to inform WDBC of vacancy and set the process in motion of co-opting a new councillor.

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

291. Clerk reported two road closures:-

a) 2/3 rd Jan. 2020 Market Street	drains investigation work
b) 2/3 rd Jan. 2020 Park Road	replacement collapsed drain pipes

292. Cllr.Crockatt – reported that the Oakfield Road diversion signs were completely wrong.

293. Cllr.Gladstone – paving slabs by newsagent were dangerous. CllrTyson urged councillors to take pictures and submit on line to DCC.

294. Cllr.Walters :-

- a) reported that the painted white lines on The Square steps had already washed away. Clerk to report to WDBC
- b) reported dogs off leads in the churchyard despite plenty of correct signage.

295. Cllr.Laycock – footpath no 21 top of Oakfield Road – there was a white van parked there which was being lived in.

296. Cllr.Lewis – War Horse Sign – the sign had been removed to accommodate the marquee for carnival but not yet replaced. This has left a dangerous exposed piece of pipework which needs attention to avoid any injury to children.

297. Cllr.Tyson –

- a) remedial work on the zip wire had not been carried out. She would make further enquiries
- b) had reviewed council website links and added updates.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

298. Cllrs.Gladstone, Laycock and Back – Moor Management committee:-

- well attended AGM with the committee being re-elected
- Pot Boilers payments made – 178 full payments and 13 half payments

299. Cllr.Walters – Churchyard meeting – areas of natural wild flowers to be developed.

300. Cllr.Tyson – Superlinks meeting:-

1. Leader of DCC and WDBC in attendance
2. Representative of Police Commissioner put forward idea of each parish/town council appointing a representative to meet at regular intervals to improve communications
3. Chris Brookes of WDBC reported they were carrying out a carbon footprint audit and would then deliver an action plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

301. George Hotel – clerk confirmed letters of representation had been sent to the appropriate directors of both Scottish & Newcastle and Heineken UK Ltd. Confirmation of receipt of letter received Complaints Dept with promise of further correspondence in due course.

ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

302. Request from Clerk to change date of Jan. meeting from 14th to 21st. All agreed

303. Cllr.Lewis – reported on proposed Youth Football Club event in June. Further details next meeting

304. Cllr.Crockatt – Feb agenda item - “Town business initiatives”

305. Cllr Laycock - work on a joint leaflet with Kingswood Homes to give details of history and events in Hatherleigh for prospective purchasers

306. Cllr. Back – concerns over parking on Pyles Auction days

307. Cllr.Holwill – considered that too many emails were being circulated

308. Cllr. Tyson:-

- a) had attended the Okehampton Edwardian evening with Cllr. Walters
- b) Town Band were giving a concert in the Community Centre on Dec. 21st.
- c) WDBC – public consultation until 6th Jan 2020 on Joint Local Plan supplementary planning documents

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm

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