

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last two meetings Jan 21st (late meeting) & Feb 11th
Next meeting March 10th 2020
7pm in Community Centre

For more information see our website
www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/

Your 9 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Kay Walters, Netty Holwill, Donna Lewis, Iain Crockatt.

We now have a Councillor vacancy, details are on the Town Council noticeboard and website or contact the clerk at the address below.

January:

Street Caretaker position: We are pleased to report that Hatherleigh's new Street Caretaker, Chris Peters, will begin on Feb 1st. This is a new venture for the council and one that may evolve over time. He will work a few hours a month on general maintenance tasks around town.

Precept: It was resolved to maintain the precept at the current level of £25k. There will be no Council Tax Support Grant this year meaning there will be a slight increase in the town precept to compensate for this Govt. reduction.

Hatherleigh Market: Due to restrictions in parking space on market day the town council have agreed a financial arrangement with WDBC to allow free parking between 9am-1pm on Tuesday mornings.

Toddler Playpark: Good news was reported that the National Lottery application was successful. And funds received from other local organisations are steadily increasing. Some equipment can now be put on order.

Maintenance Issues:

Please note **drainage works** in the vicinity of the Market Square, public toilets and Hole Court commencing between March 13th-26th.

Grass verge Moor View: It was agreed the Town Council will take on responsibility for the grass cutting of this public open area and a letter has been sent to residents requesting they remove their rope so this can resume.

Climate & Biodiversity Emergency: Discussion took place on this agenda item and it was resolved to declare a 'Climate & Biodiversity

Emergency' in line with other councils showing a commitment to act where it can and to support any local initiatives.

Both Devon County and West Devon Councils are producing a local strategy and we await the results of these with interest.

Councillors have been and continue to attend local eco groups in Hatherleigh and Okehampton as reps for this Council and we discussed producing an 'action plan' to encourage positive changes.

If you would like to contribute ideas on what environmental actions you think your Town Council should be engaging in then please send them in to us.

February:

We had a visit from the Watch Manager of **Hatherleigh Fire Station**. Our station here is a safe station following their consultation but more firefighters are needed. Visit the station on Thursday evenings if interested in this role.

A Town Business support initiative was discussed and ideas put forward.

CAN WE PLEASE REMIND RESIDENTS:

NOT to leave their rubbish bags by litter bins outside of collection times, this is fly tipping. And to clear up adjoining pathways after they have trimmed their hedges and trees. The trimming and clearance of roadside hedges is the landowners responsibility.

WINTER ISSUES:

In an Emergency Only please call Road Warden Stefan Farley on 07825 232331.

Sandbags: If residents need sandbags during bad weather they are available from the Community Centre during office hours 9-12 midday weekdays (01837 810329).

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

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