

## HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting March 9th held via Zoom. Next meeting Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7pm.

For more information see our website

[www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/](http://www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/)

Your 10 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Kay Walters, Donna Lewis, Paul Bolland, Callum Entwistle and Ellie Holland.

**Due to current restrictions meetings are held using Zoom, a remote meeting platform. The meeting and Public Session remain available. Check our website 'minutes page' for details of the Zoom link, code and password. Alternatively see the agenda on the notice board.**

Once again we were joined by Devon County Councillor James McInnes along with District Councillors Kimber & Kemp. Updates included: Council Tax rises of 4.9%; pupils returning to school; successful roll out of covid vaccinations; details of the 2021 Census.

**Hatherleigh Primary School IT support:** Letter of thanks received for our donations towards Chromebooks for the children.

**Town Centre Boost Grant and Survey:** A working party is to be set up to look at creation of a 'Visit Hatherleigh' website; visitor signs on the approaches to town; and directional signposts within town.

A link to the **Parish Pump** monthly editions will be made available on the Town Council website.

### **Maintenance Issues:**

**Vandalism and arson** were reported this month following events at the market area and toddler park.

Please if anyone has any information on the culprits please phone the police.

**Millennium corner** is receiving some work to refresh the wall.

**The ash trees** at the bus shelter by the Co-op have been removed by WDBC due to them succumbing to ash die-back disease.

Work to the **Jubilee footpath fence** is reported to be started within the next month.

**Mayoral chain** – at some stage this will need updating, the last chain shield shows Graham Alford for 2010, he then served till 2014. Andy

Gilbert stood between 2014 to 2016, with Clare Tyson in situ since then. A brief discussion resolved this was not the right time due to costs.

**Road Safety issues:** Following concerns raised by residents of a) increased use of the road past Vicks Meadow into the market, and b) the narrow pavement outside the vets. We are still seeking a meeting with West Devon Borough Council and Devon Highways to investigate solutions.

**DOGS: please, please, please clean up after your dog whether it be churchyard, pavement, market, any public place! If you have a dog you should have bags in your pocket and dispose of its waste in a bin!**

**Government Roadmap out of lockdown - This month we see the easing of lockdown.**

**Starting with Step 1: Changes on 29 March:**

### **Social contact**

The Rule of 6 or 2 households will also be allowed for outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) to meet with friends and families.

### **Business and activities**

Outdoor sports facilities will also be allowed to reopen, and the taking part in formally organised outdoor sports.

### **Travel**

The 'stay at home' rule will end on 29 March but many restrictions will remain in place.

**People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes.**

**Stop Press: Overnight Road closures** between Hatherleigh and Holsworthy will be starting March 29<sup>th</sup>. Be prepared, check your routes at [www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/live-roadworks-information/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/live-roadworks-information/)

**Space is short here. A full account of meetings are available in the minutes on the Town Council website and notice board in Millennium Corner.**

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