

**HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9TH MARCH 2021**  
**7.00pm by zoom**

**Present:** Cllr.Tyson in the chair, Cllrs.Laycock, Laing-Trengove, Gladstone, Back, Walters, Lewis, Entwistle, Holland, Bolland. County Councillor McInnes, Dist.Cllrs. Kimber and Kemp. The Clerk

**Apologies:** None

**Declarations**

**of interest:** Cllr.Tyson – employee of WDBC

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**PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public present

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***Covid 19 update/emergency matters***

764. Cllr.Tyson drew councillors attention to the Govt. Roadmap for easing of lockdown.

765. Councillors reported extensive damage by vandals to the Toddler Play Park in the Community Centre, damage at the market site (broken smashed glass, and fire in the garages). Resolved that clerk inform the PCSO and ask for more police presence in the area.

766. Cllr.Back – nothing to report from the Covid Volunteer group.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

767. The minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.2021 having been duly circulated were signed by the Chair as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Walters seconded Cllr.Entwistle. All agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

768. Primary School computers (min.7254 refers) letter of thanks from the headmaster of the council's donation of £1,000 to purchase Chromebooks.

769. Zip wire (min.729 refers) the two chains had now been altered by Mr.May from Tavistock and delivery was now awaited for the 2 covers.

770. Town Centre business survey (min.731 refers)

- Cllrs.Entwistle and Holland had circulated a precis of responses received from 11 of the town businesses. Main points were new signage both on approach roads to the town and within the town and a new website were most important.
- Councillors agreed to set up a working party to take this matter forward consisting of Cllrs.Holland and Entwistle plus one other and 3 representatives from businesses.
- So as not to lose momentum this should be done as soon as possible. Cllr.Entwistle would set up a holding page for the new website once a logo has been agreed.
- It was considered that 3 new signs on approach roads and town signage would take up most of the £2,500 grant.

771. Millennium Corner (min.732 refer) Cllr.Laing-Trengove had met with Mr.C.Peters and agreed necessary works to bring the area back to life. Work to be started as soon as possible.

772. Councillors updates (min.733 refers) profile information now received from Cllrs.Bolland and Lewis.

773. Holsworthy Rd/Oaktree Cottage development (min.734 refers) reference list sent to both the agents and planning officer at WDBC. No responses received.

774. Bench outside school (min.735 refers) Mr.Peters still only had estimate of £50 for the timber. In connection with materials required for repair work the Clerk to contact RGB in order to set up a town council account with them. With regard to bench in The Square, photos of this had been sent direct to WDBC.

775. Access road Co-op to Market entrance (min.739 refers) Clerk reported that Andrea Fortune from Kingswood Homes, Mr.P. Townsend DCC Highways Development Management Officer for West Devon district and Darryl Jagger were happy to attend a zoom meeting. Dist.Kimber would ascertain who may attend from WDBC.

776. BT Kiosk (min.753b refers) Cllr.Laycock reported that the telephone box had been emptied of all old books etc. and relevant notices displayed.

777. Town Signs (min.754 refer) Cllr.Back reported he had commenced cleaning some signs. He pointed out that many signs were specific to individual businesses and organisations and as such should be maintained by them. Resolved that Cllr.Holland in her response to the businesses remind sign owners to inspect them as to their condition.

778. Grass and pavement MoorView/Runnon Moor Lane (min.755 refers) Cllr.Gladstone reported that Mr.Peters had carried out the necessary works to resolve the problem of flooding.

779. Road & Snow Warden (min.756a refer) Cllr.Tyson reported that Mr.Peters was willing to train for Chapter 8 status to become a road/snow warden. Clerk to obtain information from DCC when the next training sessions would be.

780. Road sweeper (min.756c refers) councillors reported that DCC had carried out some cleaning works to the highway. Cllr.Tyson reported that WDBC road sweepers were out of service at the moment.

781. Community Orchard (min.757 refers) Cllrs.Laing-Trengove and Holland reported:-

- no legal agreement has been drawn up
- meeting arranged with Mr.T.Hynes a UNESCO biosphere reserve and recycling officer to see how to take the matter forward.

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

782 Applications to consider:

a) 0467/21/HHO Mr.Paddon 7 High Street 2 storey rear extension/creation of wet room & ground floor store room

*Council have concerns as follows:*

*a) property is in the middle of a terrace of 3 properties and we consider this to be over development*

*b) further concerns relating to loss of light and overshadowing for neighbouring properties*

783. Permissions granted:-

a) 0250/21/TCA Mr. West The Manse tree works

784. Refusals advised: None

785. Any other planning matters:-

- a) 1437/20 Mr.Bowman refusal for 2 dwellings has gone to appeal
- b) Gotland Gin Highampton -variation of conditions. Resolved that the Town Council would make no comments as it was in a neighbouring parish.

786. Hatherleigh Market:

- a) there had been a fire in the old garages on site. These are to be fenced off
- b) reported that the market manager was concerned about future parking and use of the sheep shed for stalls as the development progresses
- c) Cllr.Tyson to chase a postponed meeting with Kingswood Homes to talk about these concerns and discuss further the new pannier market building.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

787. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Mrs. Rewse	toilet cleaning	£ 374.96
b) Mrs. Lock	wages	£ 366.43
c) P.F.May	zip wire alterations	£ 100.00
d) S.W.Ambulance Trust	defibrillator	£1200.00
e) DCC	Hatherleigh school Chromebooks (mayor's contribution)	£ 400.00
f) Mrs.Gladstone	zoom meeting costs Feb-May 2021	£ 57.56
g) Mr.C.Peters	12 hours work	£ 104.64

Proposed Cllr.Lewis seconded Cllr,Entwistle that the above accounts be paid. Cheques were signed by Cllrs.Laing-Trengove and Back

788. Moneys received: None

789. Any other financial matters: None

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

790. County Councillor McInnes reported as follows:-

- a) council tax rise of 4.9% this to help offset increased costs of adults and childrens services
- b) 98% of primary school children had returned to school yesterday
- c) staged return for secondary school pupils
- d) covid vaccinations going well in Devon and testing sites had now opened in East and West Devon.

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791. Dist.Cllr.Kemp – resident had contacted her about the condition of the bridge, banks and a tree at Passaford Bridge and had offered to carry out necessary remedial work himself and at his own expense. County Cllr.McInnes stated that no member of the public should undertake work on any public property. He would enquire as to who owned the bridge and Cllr.Laing-Trengove would also look into the issue of ownership.

792. Dist.Cllr.Kimber talked about the census forms due for completion on 29<sup>th</sup> March and reminded everyone that it was illegal not to complete the forms.

**MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES**

793. Dogs off leads in graveyard – Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported she had spoken to Rev.Winsbury on the matter and it was considered there was adequate signage stating “dogs to be kept on leads”. He would put an appropriate statement on the Hatherleigh Community facebook page.

794. Market – report by market manager of dog poo not being picked up and vandals smashing glass in certain areas of the market.

795. Request from resident – was there an open space she could use for outdoor yoga classes for teacher and one pupil. Cllr.Tyson had contacted Sportsfield Committee for their response and would deal directly with the resident.

796. Cllr.Tyson reported:-

- a) the ash trees by the bus shelter had been removed by WDBC due to ash die-back
- b) a local litter picking group had been set up on facebook called CRAP (Community Roadside Action Party) with residents committing to clear areas across West Devon.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS**

797. None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

798. Tony Dunstan – Hatherleigh Town Trail 2001. Cllr.Laing-Trengove had worked on this project but councillors felt that document is completely out of date. Details to be sent to Cllr.Laing-Trengove.

799. Mr.A.Caverly - request to have a small piece of the red hot pokers in the flower bed by the Co-op . Clerk to respond that this is not the property of the Town Council but would not like to see any of the flowers removed.

800. Re-opening of High Streets – zoom meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> organised by WDBC inviting all towns to attend. Council considered that by carrying out our own business survey and setting up a working group we were managing our own high street opening.

801. Enquiry from R.Entwistle when beating of the bounds would be held. Reported that Moor Management Committee were considering an alternative date.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

802. Cllr. Tyson reported:

- a) consideration should be given to updating the mayoral chain. Councillors thought this was not the right time to spend moneys on a chain.
- b) consideration should be given to a community thank you evening when pandemic over Councillors thought this would be too difficult to choose attendees.

803. Date of next meeting – Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm

There being no other business, the chair thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9pm.

Signed.....chair.....dated