

Hatherleigh Town Council
Minutes of meeting held 12th April 2011 in Community Centre

Present: Cllr.Alford in chair, Cllrs.Jones, Bush, Winsor, Taylor, Calkin, Bater, Abell. The Clerk, Mr.D. Incoll, 3 members of public.
Apologies: Cllrs.Jacobs, Trenaman

PUBLIC SESSION

- 1 .Mrs.K.Burgess spoke on arrangements for Royal wedding celebrations, looking for volunteers to help set up and man stalls.
2. Mr.A.Howels from the Co-operative Store – the store wish to work with the Council and will attend meetings if and when required.

Chairman reopened the Council meeting

400. Mr David Incoll – gave a presentation on the Hatherleigh Cycle path, especially the loop between Meeth and Hatherleigh. Main points to arise were:-

- a) DCC are committed to developing the cycle route
- b) They will use natural resources to develop the area, not industry
- c) Cycle route goes coast to coast Ilfracombe to Plymouth
- d) More and more people are using cycle paths. Families feel safer on designated off road sites
- e) Hatherleigh will be a significant junction – bringing people into the town

The Chairman thanked Mr.Incoll for his interesting presentation. It was resolved that the Council would fully support this exciting project.

401. The minutes of the meeting held 8th March 2011, having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record – with one amendment – Min.368 to read Help for Heroes”. Proposed Cllr.Calkin seconded Cllr.Taylor. All agreed.

402. The minutes of the meeting held 23rd March 2011, having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Abell seconded Cllr.Bater. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 8TH MARCH 2011

403. Hatherleigh car park (min.361 refers) NDJ reporter Mr.J.Walters had spoken to both the Chair and the Clerk, stating that he was attending tonight's meeting.

404. Noticeboard (min.362 refers) backing tiles had now been fixed, but were already lifting off.

405. Oslo footpath (min.363 refers) Cllr.Bater to follow up.

406. Road junction Nursing home (min.364 refers) still no 30mph signs in situ. Resolved that strongly worded letter be sent to Mr.C.Guppy and J.McInnes. This was an urgent safety issue.

407. Turnpike (min.366 refers) Nothing further heard from EO of WDBC. Cllr.Bater to chase.

408. South Street car parking (min.366 refers) no further reply from DCC Highways

409. Royal wedding celebrations (min.368 refers) following Mrs.Burgesses contribution to the public session, Cllr.Bater would help set up, Cllr.Alford would take two stints at the bar, and Cllr.Jones would be available later on in the day

410.White lining Moor View (min.369 refers) Cllr.Alford reported that only half of the road junction had been white lined. Clerk to contact DCC Highways

411. Millennium Square (min.370 refers) DCC Highways had now tidied the area.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 23RD MARCH 2011

412. Polytunnel/allotments – resolved that because of continued misunderstanding by some people on the funding and merits of the allotments, Cllr.Bater to put article in The Pump.

PLANNING MATTERS

413. Applications to consider:-

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| a) Mrs.C.Barkwell | Fishleigh | Erection of one polytunnel
<i>Council supported application</i> |
| b) Dr.J.Simpson | 2b Park Road | Demolition of carport/outhouse, erection of new garage
<i>Council supported application</i> |
| c) Mr.Mrs.C.Plaskett | 11 South Street | Alterations to fireplace/chimney pot
<i>Council supported application</i> |
| d) Dr.J.Simpson | 2b Park Road | Relocation flue/boiler. Alterations to interior wall arrangements. Replacement window/door
<i>Council supported application</i> |

414. Permissions granted:-

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| a) Mr. Mrs.Stacey | 4 Morris Close | Extension |
| b) Mrs.N.Richards | 19 Hooper Close | Single storey rear extension |

415. Refusals advised: None

FINANCIAL MATTERS

415. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

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| a) Mrs.Leahy | toilets | £ 237.20 |
| b) Mrs.R.Lock | wages | £ 193.20 |
| c) Mrs.R.Lock | expenses | £ 20.95 |
| d) Hatherleigh Comm.Centre | hiring | £ 20.00 |
| e) L & M Cole Landscapes | ground maintenance | £1176.87 |
| f) N. Moorcroft | Island Park work | £ 444.75 |
| g) DALC | subs.2011/12 | £ 313.50 |
| h) Hatherleigh Festival | grant | £ 200.00 |

Proposed Cllr.Abell seconded Cllr.Taylor that the above accounts be paid and Cllrs.Bush and Jones signed the cheques.

416. Moneys received:-

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| a) WDBC | 1st precept payment | £10250.00 |
| b) DCC | P3 scheme | £ 1000.00 |

417. Any other financial matters:-

- Clerks pay/South Hams - Clerk had completed all necessary forms and would contact South Hams further on the matter
- Cllr.Bush reported that Nat.West Bank had on their records all correspondence being sent to Mrs.Farley – which obviously is not the case as all is going to the current Clerk.
- Anon – insurance renewal due 1st June in sum of £1,716.16 an increase of £125.62. Clerk went through the itinerary. Resolved that zip wire should be added to list of play equipment to the value of £15,000.
- Audit Commission – forms for this years accounts to be returned by 20th June.

- e) Confirmation received from WDBC that they would continue to employ Mrs. Leahy as the toilet cleaner for Hatherleigh, and not add on to their own contract cleaners. Councillors were pleased that their request to keep the job local was accepted. Clerk to inform Mrs. Leahy.
- f) Hatherleigh Festival – resolved that grant of £200 be given.
- g) Get Changed Theatre Company – resolved that no grant be awarded

ISLAND PARK

418. Cllr. Bush reported as follows:-

- a) Our insurers were fighting the claim made against us in respect of Island Park
- b) Annual safety inspection is due end of May. Resolved that Cllr. Bush enquire re costings from ROSPA and other registered inspectors.
- c) DCC were not supplying the noticeboard. Resolved that Cllr. Bush order a noticeboard to a maximum price of £350.00

ALLOTMENTS

419. Cllrs. Abell and Alford reported as follows:-

- a) Allotment Assoc. had held their AGM. New secretary – Mr. Graham Hole
- b) 2nd allotment holder had dropped out, vacancy filled quickly, and there is still a waiting list
- c) New planning permission would be needed to resite the polytunnel on allotment land
- d) Cllr. Abell now in a position to claim further £1,500 from outsourced funders.
- e) Approx. £420 balance remains from all outsourced funders.
- f) Cllr. Alford to obtain firm price for cultivator

NEW GRAVEYARD

420. Cllr. Trenaman still to arrange joint meeting with PCC

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

421. Miller & Sons – reported that sales are put in jeopardy due to the mention of double yellow lines being laid along Bridge St. Resolved that Clerk reply:

- a) parking and safety issues are a continued concern of the Town Council
- b) decision of yellow lining is not that of the Town Council
- c) DCC Highways would make such a decision.

422. Cllr. Abell reported on further information received from WDBC concerning car park issues:-

- a) Cllr. Abell stressed that this as purely a “fact finding exercise” with the Town Council taking on the cleaning contract and day or day management of the actual car park – not the entrance.
- b) If a Trust was set up, there would be 80% mandatory relief on business rates with 20% discretionary. It may be possible to achieve 100% reduction
- c) Resurfacing could be carried out with less expensive materials
- d) White lining of the car park is optional
- e) Recycling banks could be moved to different positions
- f) Public liability insurance is essential
- g) WDBC car park budget is for all carparks not specific to any one of them

Cllr. Abell felt there was some potential for viability of the project. Resolved that she circulate fresh figures/ideas in light of the above information before any public consultations take place

EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR

423. Cllr. Abell had secured £5000 grant from WDBC. Outcome of lottery funding was not known.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

424. Cllr. Bater reported as follows:-

- a) The market will close, but the Tuesday market would be maintained in some shape or form. The area will be developed (possibly to include WDBC car park) All development plans would be sent out for wide public consultation

- b) CCD 50 years of history project – Hatherleigh had been chosen as one of only seven towns in Devon to take part. History Society would work on the project.
- c) He had taken the COE of WDBC on a trip around the town.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

425. Cllr. Calkin – Northern Links reported as follows:-

- a) D & C Police – Okehampton would now be “a hub”. New Inspector – Sean Keanelly
- b) Ruby Country were trying to promote horse riding holidays
- c) He had spoken to the COE of WDBC concerning Councils problems with being consulted and asked to make comments on planning applications – but how much notice was taken of such comments

426. Cllr.Bush – Ruby Run – plans all well in hand.

CORRESPONDENCE

427. WDBC Mayoral award nomination of Cllr.Bush had not been successful

428. Chief of Defence Staff Armed Forces – “Fly a flag day” 25th June – information handed to Cllr.Calkin.

429. North Devon Biosphere clean up 13-19th June – details in reading file

430. Torrington Mayfair celebrations – Cllr.Alford could not attend

431. Ride the Ruby country – leaflets in reading file

432. WDBC Public consultation on Sex Establishment licencing policy in reading file

433. WDBC Northern Links Committee meeting 30th June

434. DCC Devon Title map project – information passed to Cllr.Bater

435. Hatherleigh Festival – applying for road closure for 30th July

436. London 2012 Olympics – ticket information in reading file

437. WDBC Refuse collection information for bank holidays in April/May to be displayed on noticeboard and in Post Office.

438. WDBC Notices for Elections as follows to be displayed:-

- a) Hatherleigh Town Council 9 Councillors – uncontested. 1 vacancy
- b) West Devon Borough Council 4 candidates for 1 seat
- c) AV referendum notice

439. DALC Annual report – looking for cover photos and stories upto 250 words. Allotment and Island Park considered to be suitable. Cllr.Bush took information.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

440. Mr.C.Lee, Meeth – had contacted the Clerk in respect of in his opinion the flawed consultation by DCC in respect of the increase in size of Hatherleigh School.

441. Cllr.Bush – website needs renewal of costs to Pynto. Agenda item next month.

442. Cllr.Abel:-

- a) complaints received concerning smells from farm on A386. Advised that members of public should contact direct the EHO. Numbers previously circulated by Clerk.
- b) Butchers in High St. – asked if History Society were going to take photographs of the interior of the building before it's redevelopment?

443. Cllr.Taylor:-

- a) letter of thanks should be sent to Gardening Club for their work on the roundabout
- b) This was her last council meeting. Cllr.Taylor reported that she had enjoyed her time as a Councillor. 49

444. Cllr.Alford:-

a) Moor View ditch – ownership of ditch still in doubt. With tree taken down, this made ditch completely open.

b) Complaint received about cars being parked on dropped pavements in the town, making difficulties for disabled mobility scooters. Cllr.Bater to put piece in The Pump.

445. Town Council Community awards evening to be agenda item next month.

446. The chairman thanked Cllr.Taylor for her service and work on the Town Council. He further thanked Cllr.Bater for his service and work as a district councillor.

447. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 10th May with the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 6.30pm to be followed at 7pm by Annual General meeting

There being no further business, the chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.58pm.

Signed.....chairman.....
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