

Hatherleigh Town Council
Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 8th February 2011 7pm Community Centre
(final)

Present: Cllr.Alford in the chair, Cllrs. Trenaman, Bater, Calkin, Winser, Abell, Bush, Taylor (left meeting at 8.50pm) Jones (arrived 8.30pm) The Clerk, Cllr.J.McInnes DCC, Mrs.C.Aubertin WDBC, J.Walters NDJ.

Apologies: Cllr.Jacobs, PCSO L.Smith

HATHERLEIGH CAR PARK

322. Cllr.Alford welcomed Ms.Aubertin and Cllr.McInnes to the meeting to discuss the future of Hatherleigh Car Park. He stressed that the ongoing parking issues around the town were a great health and safety issue. Cllr Abell circulated guestimated figures for various scenarios for the future of the car park. Main points to arise from discussions were:-

- a) idea was to cut charges to produce more use
- b) perhaps Town Council could contribute towards costs eg. Take on cleaning contract
- c) MsAubertin thought that idea was well worth exploring . She will present the matter to the Car Parking Strategy group and arrange a meeting which Town Councillors could attend. Also suggested that a further business representative should sit on the Strategy group.
- d) Cllr.McInnes stated that business rates were a difficult issue. Other points for Town Council to consider would be that with increase usage of car park, there would follow more maintenance costs. Public liability insurance would also have to be taken out.
- e) question asked whether WDBC were justified in running the car park at the stated costs?

It was resolved that:-

- Ms.Aubertin supply previous 5 years costings of the car park
- Ms.Aubertin to arrange meeting with Car Park Strategy group which Councillors could attend
- Consultation with the towns people would be vital

Cllr.Alford thanked Ms Aubertin and Cllr.McInnes for their attendance and input to the meeting.

322. The minutes of the meeting held 11th January, having been duly circulated, were signed by the chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Trenaman seconded Cllr.Winser. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

323. Noticeboard (min.282 refers) still no new backing tiles. Resolved that Clerk write to Mr.Drew requesting that the job is finished.

324. Car park recycling banks (min.284 refers) WDBC confirmed that "please do not leave rubbish" signs were clearly marked on the banks, but they would monitor the situation.

325. Oslo footpath (min.285 refers) Clerk to check with WDBC (J.Hart) the actual route of the footpath as agreed in the planning permission.

326. Road junction at Nursing Home (min.288 refers) Cllr.Bater reported that Highways were chasing up the matter of the missing 30mph signs.

327. Mayors chain (min.290 refers) costings to be available for next meeting.

328. Turnpike (min.294 refers) Cllr.Bush confirmed that the EO was looking into the question of the splitting of the property into two.

329. Inconsiderate parking South Street (min.302 refers) information awaited from Mr.J.Anstee on Council's suggestions of planters/troughs at pinch points. Cllr.McInnes to follow up the matter

330. Rubbish bin bus shelter (min.302 refers) new bin now in situ.

331. Royal Wedding 29th April (min.316 refers) Clerk reported on ideas from Mrs.K.Burgess:-
a) family fete, tea etc. in Community Centre between 2pm – 6pm with hopefully large screen.
b) to be organised by Hatherleigh Pre School committee with profits being split with Help the Heroes.
c) any financial or work help from the Town Council would be welcome.

Following a discussion it was resolved that:-

- Town Council would pay for the hire of the community centre
- Council bunting would be available for use
- Some councillors would be available to help
- Clerk to inform Mrs.Burgess

PLANNING MATTERS

332. Applications to consider:-

a) Mr.C.Brown Martin Old Pools Knight Court Subdivision of dwelling

(Cllr.Trenaman declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion or decision)

Council cannot support this application for the following reasons:-

- *The property is still within the conservation area, regardless of the grading of The George*
- *Planning permission was refused for two dwellings. The subdivision of the one single dwelling was refused and subsequently lost on appeal*
- *One car parking space has been lost within the new plan*
- *Although on referring to the site plan and os.map, the two areas of land highlighted now match – the extra amenity space is still questionable*

332. Permissions granted:-

a) Mrs.Wheadon Mill House Bridge Street Alterations/additions to dwelling

333. Refusals advised: None

334. Any other planning matters:-

a) Erection of 2 dwellings land opposite Holly Cottage Victoria Road – an appeal against the refusal has been made. Resolved that we request a copy of the appeal decision letter from the Planning Inspectorate.

b) George Hotel/Mr. Mrs.Connor – experiencing problems with night lighting of hotel rooms into their property. Resolved that copy of their letter be sent to the EHO of WDBC.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

335. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Mrs.Leahy	toilet cleaning	£189.76
b) Mrs.R.Lock	wages	£193.20
c) Mrs.R.Lock	expenses	£ 20.00
d) L & M Cole Landscapes	P3 work	£660.00
e) Hatherleigh Comm.Centre	3 hirings	£ 83.00
f) HMP Channings Wood Ind.	Wooden garden shed	£150.00

Proposed Cllr.Winser seconded Cllr.Taylor that the above accounts be paid. Cheques signed by Cllrs.Trenaman and Bater.

336. Moneys received: None

337. Any other financial matters:-

- a) Public Works Board Loan – payment to be taken 1st March of £1590.31 - £1250 principal, interest of £340.31. Balance outstanding of £13750.00 39
- b) P3 Scheme – Clerk submitted report forms and grant application for £854.15
- c) WDBC had acknowledged receipt of form for our increased precept claim to £20,500.00

ISLAND PARK PLAY FACILITIES

338. Cllr. Bush reported that everything was “now up and running” and no new work was envisaged. He would look into the position with regard to the stile against the road hedge. It would no longer need to be an agenda item.

ALLOTMENTS

339. Cllr. Abell reported as follows:-

- a) Madewell wishes to resite the polytunnels – resulting in new planning application. Resolved that if they paid for all plans and ancillary work in connection with the application, then the Town Council would submit the application in their name.
- b) Misleading article in the NDJ past week. The Allotment Assoc. wish to make clear that they were a separate organisation from Madewell. Cllr. Alford would speak to Chairman of the Allotment Association about a fresh press release.
- c) Cllr. Alford reported that the Allotment Officers Forum were looking to hold their AGM in Hatherleigh. We could meet the basic requirements of staging such a function. Estimated costs thought to be between £50 - £100. Resolved that Cllr. Alford communicate further with the organisation.

NEW GRAVEYARD

340. The Sub committee had met and drawn up a draft set of costs/rules/regulations based on those of North Tawton and Mary Tavy. However further work was required before finalised and the following points need to be considered:-

- a) we would formally have to name the site
- b) we would have to determine the relationship to the existing graveyard
- c) a separate reserve fund account required
- d) definition of “parishioner” has to be defined
- e) different rates for child/adult burials will have to be determined, along with age at which child burials apply eg over 10 years.

341. Councillors were concerned that in view of today's press statements concerning Councils raising burial charges between 25 – 50% that we fix the correct rate to commence with.

342. It was resolved that Cllr. Winser join the graveyard sub committee, and Cllr. Trenaman would maintain the burial registry book.

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

343 Councillors had the following issues:-

- a) Cllr. Calkin – still inconsiderate parking in South Street. He would contact the PCSO
- b) Cllr. Jones – still concerned about the dangerous road junction at the Nursing Home
- c) Cllr. Alford – white lining at junction of Moor View still not implemented. Cllr. McInnes to follow up.
- d) Cllr. Winser – the Millenium Garden needed attention. Clerk to write to Highways to have the paved area cleaned.
- e) Cllr. Bush – the new toilet sign for the Square had still not been erected.

MOOR MONUMENT

344. Cllr. Bater still not received invoice from Mr. Barkwell – which will not exceed £750, including the price of the scaffolding.

EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR

345. Cllr. Abell reported that she was awaiting results of grant applications. £500 had been received from Cllr. McInnes.

COMMUNITY AWARDS EVENING

346. Discussion took place and following points arose:-

a) event would take place in the early summer

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b) we would ask for nominations from the town, and Council would decide on the winners of each category. Cllr.Bater to put notice of this in The Pump.

c) Cllr.Alford to e.mail details to Mr.J.Walker.

WEST DEVON MAYORAL AWARDS (Cllr.Bush left the room)

347. A discussion took place on the nominations for these awards. Resolved:-

a) Cllr.Gary Bush be nominated for the Over 18s/organisation

b) No nomination made for the Under 18 category

BIG TREE PLANT

348. Details of the scheme noted

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL WEEKEND

349. This was the same weekend as The Ruby Run – and Help the Heroes was one of it's chosen charities. Cllr.Calkin was concerned that because of the great success of Help the Heroes, other service charities eg. St.Dunstons – were being overlooked. It was suggested that in order to support more service charities, a collection basket would be made available at the Community Awards Evening, and money distributed amongst such charities.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

350. Cllr.Bater reported that shared services and budget cut discussions were still taking place.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

351.Cllr.Jones reported that the Moor Management had distributed £1,000 to the Community Centre and £500 to the Friday Youth Club

CORRESPONDENCE

352. North Tawton Town Council – how had Hatherleigh streets been kept clear during the ice/snow. Resolved that Clerk reply – gritter lorries had paid visits, but great community spirit prevailed with a “can-do attitude” which helped clear many streets.

353. Carillion – road closure 3/6th May High St between nos 17-31 for duct laying.

354. WDBC Winter Community self help scheme/snow warden training – details in reading file. Agenda item next month .

355. DCC Highways – light dimming work instructions had been issued. Dates to be advised.

356. DAPC Royal Garden Party 29th June. Resolved that the name of Cllr.Alford and wife be submitted.

357. DCC Social Care for Adults – leaflet for display in Community Centre and booklets in reading file.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

358. Clerk to follow up enquiry as to whether Hatherleigh Town Council qualified for another councillor inview of the population increase over several years.

359. Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th March 2011

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

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

