

**Minutes of Hatherleigh Town Council meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012**  
**7pm In the Community Centre - FINAL**

**Present:** Cllr.Alford in the chair, Cllrs. Winser, Gilbert, Bush, Stevens, Bater, Trenaman

Dist.Cllr.C.Hall, Mr.M. Betson, the Clerk, one member of the public

**Apologies:** Cllrs.Abell, Calkin and Jones

384. Devon Ruby Country – Mr.M.Betson gave a presentation with information packs being given to each Councillor. Main points to arise were:-

a) he wanted to work with and help Hatherleigh on the Ruby Country project whose main aim was to champion growth through rural businesses and skills.

b) During short question/answer session Councillors informed Mr.Betson of comments coming out of the Plan It survey which included such things as user friendly gates, cycle racks and cycle repair shop in Hatherleigh, and a possible camp site/youth hostel.

The Chairman thanked Mr.Betson for his informative presentation.

The minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012, having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Winser seconded Cllr.~~Gilbert~~. All agreed.

***MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES***

385. Mr.Price/Plan It (min.345a refers) Cllr.Bush reported that WDBC had replied to Mr.Price's queries. Resolved that Cllr.Bush draw up Council's reply with requisite answers.

386. Speeding traffic (min.345b refers) Cllr.Bush confirmed that the PSCO would be carrying out speed checks in the very near future.

387. Moor View bus stop (min.346c refers) white lining still not completed.

388. 23 Market Street (min.358 refers) WDBC had confirmed that the owner could remove the street and the flood light from his property. However it was resolved that Town Council write to WDBC that the street light belongs to DCC and it is their responsibility to remove the same under Western Power Control G39 authorisation. The floodlight belongs to the Town Council.

389. West Devon Mayoral awards (min.371 refers) Jade Morris had been confirmed as winner of the Under 18 category.

390. Ruby Run (min.375 refers) Cllr.Bush confirmed that the Tarka Trail would not form part of this years run.

391. Visit Devon.Co.Uk (min.379 refers) this website was now correct in it's marketing of Hatherleigh.

***DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT***

392. Cllr.Hall reported as follows:-

a) SW.Water money of £300,000 had been spent 6years ago on capacity improvement. Council felt that this was a different pocket of money being talked about, hence the difference in the amount. Resolved that Cllr.Hall should investigate further.

- b) 7 High Street Butchers shop front – confirmed that the window was deemed not worthy of retention, and fell outside the conservation area. Resolved that Cllr.Hall determine the exact extent of the conservation area from planners.
- c) Parking issues – Council confirmed that once the feedback from the Plan It survey on these issues have been collated, then a meeting with all interested parties could be called.
- d) School parking – she was going to see the headmistress on this matter.

**PLANNING MATTERS**

393. No applications to consider.

394. No permissions granted

395. No refusals advised.

396. No other planning matters

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

397. The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a)	Mrs.Leahy	toilets/bus shelter	£ 194.56
b)	Mrs.R.Lock	wages	£ 154.60
c)	Mrs.R.Lock	expenses	£ 18.18
d)	H.M.Rev. & Customes	NIC Clerk	£ 116.00
e)	Hatherleigh Comm.Centre	hirings	£ 31.50
f)	A.Beaman	Hatherlook books	£ 875,00
g)	L & M Cole Landscapes	grounds maint/flower bed work	£3119.22

Proposed Cllr.Winser seconded Cllr.Gilbert that the above accounts be paid and Cllrs.Trenaman and Bush signed the cheques.

398. Moneys received:                      CCD 50yr Community Projects      £ 460.00

399. Any other financial matters:-

- a) 50yrs Community Project – Cllr.Bater confirmed that the shortfall of £15 in receipts and production costs would be reimbursed to the Council
- b) WDBC – 1st precept payment due 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- c) Domestic Violence & Abuse service – reading matter in file on their work before consideration by the Council next meeting for a donation request.
- d) WPS Insurance brokers – following discussion on the question of insurance for the next 12months it was resolved to stay with Aon.

**PLAN IT**

400. Cllrs.Bush & Gilbert reported on a successful open day with approx. 100 in attendance with good discussion groups taking place. Most people positive about the future. There were long term problems but also some quick win actions. Other ideas in reading file for future discussion. Quick win actions specified as follows:-

- a) Bottom of Island Park needed clearing up - resolved that “Community Work Day” be held on Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> April 10am. for councillors and public alike.
- b) Rubbish bins more needed – resolved we ask for specific sites from the public, bearing in mind that at a cost of £235 per bin numbers to be purchased would be limited.
- c) Community noticeboard – larger one needed outside the Co-Op Resolved that Cllr.Alford see the manager.

- d) Millennium Sq.noticeboard – some residents did not know where this board was. Resolved that we consider moving it to the front of the Square. Clerk to contact WDBC.
- e) “Welcome to Hatherleigh” signs needed updating. Before any action taken on this matter, actual ownership of the signs would need to be ascertained.
- f) Drop pavements were not suitable for disabled users. Councillors considered this was largely due to inconsiderate parking by motorists – an ongoing problem that is constantly monitored.

### **ISLAND PARK**

400. Mr.B.Horn, a member of the public, had left the meeting before the public session. However Cllr.Bush reported that he had done preparation work for grant applications to improve the skateboard facilities, but somebody else was needed to take the project forward. Resolved that notice to this effect goes into the Pump asking for interested parties to contact Mr.Horn.,

### **ALLOTMENTS**

401. Cllr.Alford reported as follows:-

- a) All allotments had been allocated and a waiting list was being built up
- b) He had given up his allotment but was willing to stay on the Allotment Assoc.Committee as the Town Council rep. Resolved that Cllr.Alford remain on this committee.
- c) Committee were applying to Cllr.McInnes for a grant to assist with the drainage work.

### **NEW GRAVEYARD**

402. Sub Committee reported as follows:-

- a) Deed of Grant still to be drawn up
- b) All charges had been fixed – information in reading file
- c) Everything in place apart from the maps
- d) Right of Way – confirmed by Cllr.Alford that this was permissive
- e) Signs needed – Cllr.Bush to enquire
- f) Hedge between the new and old graveyards – some trees needed to be taken down. Cllr.Trenaman would approach the Church with regard to this work.

### **MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES**

403.P3 Scheme – path survey forms were handed to Cllr.Winser for Mr.Cole to report on. Clerk to contact DCC concerning funding

404. Street lighting on Ind. Estate – letters received from 2 companies on this estate following the recent break in - both requesting that street lights should remain on all night. Council supported this and resolved that Clerk write to A.D’Alesio asking that the lights remain on all night, and any further letters received from businesses to be forwarded to him.

405. Footpath from church – via Oslo – to new housing estate needs attention. Cllr.Winser to report to P3 Officer.

406. Mosaic bottom of South Street – parts were lifting and slipping. Resolved that Cllr.Alford contact Mr.M.Bowman.

407. Parking opposite The Bridge Inn – Cllr.Bush to report to PSCO

408. White lining Bridge St. – not done outside the Methodist Church or potholes outside the papershop in Bridge Street. Clerk to report.

409. Burger van – complaints received that it is parking right on the pavement by the bridge forcing pedestrians to walk in the road. Resolved that Clerk report to DCC Highways, WDBC.

410. Moor View ditch – smell of stagnant water. Cllr.Alford to report to Cllr.Hall

**DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

411. Cllrs.Alford and Winser reported that B would keep the design of the gates for the Jubilee Footpath simple but functional. Design and price would be available next week which would be circulated to all councillors. Cllr.Winser to report to Footpath Officer that the footpath was in need of attention.

412. It was resolved that mugs be purchased for those aged 11years and under as at 31<sup>st</sup> August. Cllr.Alford to ascertain exact price/design etc. and circulate.

413. It was suggested that any resident of Hatherleigh with a 60<sup>th</sup> birthday this year could receive a memento. This would however depend on finances.

414. Resolved that Cllr.Alford put separate article in The Pump (not under the heading of Town Council report) that volunteers were need to organise a street party.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS**

415. Cllr.Trenaman – Sportfields Committee – AGM had taken place, one committee member resigned leaving 5. £1,000 taken on court fees. Charges were being raised to £4 per hour. Any work on the play area was being left until after the Plan It survey outcome were known.

416. Cllrs.Stevens & Gilbert – New councillors course – nothing new learnt.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

417. Cllr.Abell – letter of resignation from the Council, due to change of personal circumstances, to take effect from the April meeting. Councillors appreciated how hard Cllr.Abell had worked for the council, and she would be very much missed. Resolved that Clerk send letter to this effect.

418. Meeth Clay Works – copy letter from Imerys. “Imerys not in a position to introduce permissive public access to the site at Meeth”.

419. Mr.B.Dando – earlier publication of minutes. After discussion it was resolved that the Council will adhere to it’s present policy of minutes being published a week before the meeting, when they were sent to all councillors, put on the noticeboard and published on the website.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

420. Cllr.Winser – new library times were not available. Cllr.Alford confirmed that these were available in the Community Centre.

421. Cllr.Alford – continuing problem with dog fouling in certain areas of the town.

422. Date of next meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012 7pm in the Community Centre

There being no further business, the chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.15pm.

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