

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

**Present:** Cllr.Alford in the chair, Cllrs. Jones, Bush, Calkin, Tyson, Stevens, Trenaman, Bater.

The Clerk , two members of the public Messrs. G.Hole & R.Clough

**Apologies:** Cllrs.Gilbert and Winser

The minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012, having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record, with one amendment: min.171 to read "letters received from G.Cleverdon, the Mayor of West Devon, and Rev.J.Leech". Proposed Cllr.Trenaman seconded Cllr.Bater. All agreed.

***MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES***

215. Trees by cricket field (min.165 refers) still need attention. Clerk to report again.

216. Bridge repairs (min.166 refers) Clerk to report again as remedial work still not carried out.

217. Bell sculpture plaque (min.167 refers) Cllr.Alford obtained quote of approx.£55 for brass plaque .

Cllr.Bater to obtain further quote. The Pottery was unable to produce a plaque.

218. Crash barrier Community Centre (min.168 refers) still not replaced. Clerk to report yet again as a matter of safety and urgency.

219. Community Awards evening (min.171 refers) further resolved that the 2012 winners be invited to the 2013 ceremony.

220. Moor Monument (min.172 refers) Cllr.Bater had been in touch with the regiment, and further funding may be available

221. Bus shelter by Co-op (min.221 refers) Cllr.Alford would check with Mr.D.Tilley concerning health & Safety issues before the bollard is put in place.

222. South Street hedge (min.192 refers) Cllr.Stevens reported that the house in question is empty and up for rent. Cllr.Calkin confirmed that there is no problem at this present moment for pedestrians with the overgrown hedge.

223.Sheep statue (min.193 refers) no damage was reported over carnival weekend.

224. TAP fund (min.200 refers) Highampton Parish Council confirmed they were interested in the project of providing seats between the two parishes. Nothing heard from Iddesleigh Parish Council. Resolved that Cllr.Alford ascertain cost of four benches and Cllr.Calkin would report on the suggested project at the next Northern Links Committee.

225. Sanctuary Lane drainage (min.208 refers) Clerk had informed Mr. & Mrs.Ward of the upto date position with regard to the remedial work required. This work would be carried out in this financial year.

226. Representation of People Act (min.209 refers) Clerk had supplied Cllr.Calkin with information.

227. DACC website (min.211 refers) Clerk had informed all councillors of the new password to access this website.

227. Community Awards evening (min.213 refers) Cllr.Alford confirmed that new certificate had been given to Holly Gilbert.

## **PLAN IT**

229. Cllr.Bush and Tyson reported as follows:-

- Useful and positive feedback received from the 2 public sessions. 10 people attended on each occasion.
- Feedback will be typed up and fed back to Town Council after consultation period ends.
- Would look for approval of the document at the January meeting

230. Cllr.Alford reported he had had positive feedback and he congratulated Cllrs.Bush and Tyson and the Plan It team on a fantastic job well done.

231. Discussion took place on the question of embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan. On a straw poll 7

Councillors were in favour, 1 against. But only 2 councillors indicated they would have any time to give to such a project.

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

232. No report available.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

233. Applications to consider:-

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| a) Mrs.A.Cannon hanging     | Old Schools | Extension and addition of slate  |
| b) Mrs.A.Cannon hanging and | Old Schools | lbc.consent for extension, slate |

repair works to listed building

*Council fully supported both applications*

234. Permissions granted:-

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| a) Mr. Mrs.Pullen | 1 Hooper Close     | glazed lean to         |
| b) DCC            | Hatherleigh School | outdoor wooden shelter |

235. Refusals advised:- None

236.Any other planning matters:-

a) 2 new houses opp.Holly Cottage, Victoria Road for Mr.R.Dumpleton – permission refused by WDCC but won on appeal. Clerk supplied Cllr.Bush with a copy of the Planning Inspectors decision letter, setting out the conditions.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

237 .Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

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| a) Mrs.M.Leahy                | toilets/bus shelter    | £247.60 |
| b) Mrs.R.Lock                 | wages                  | £154.60 |
| c) Mrs.R.Lock                 | expenses               | £ 20.80 |
| d) Oke & Dist.Transport Group | grant                  | £ 80.00 |
| e) Hath.Comm.Centre           | hire                   | £112.00 |
| f) South Hams Dist.Co         | clerk wages set up fee | £120.00 |
| g) Soc.Local Council Clerks   | subscription           | £ 72.00 |
| h) Cllr.Bush                  | reimbursement costs    |         |
|                               | mugs/padlock           | £ 17.22 |

Proposed Cllr.Alford seconded Cllr.Bater that the above accounts be paid. Cllrs.Jones and Trenaman signed the cheques.

238.Moneys received:

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| a) Festival Committee | new padlock costs | £ 5.50 |
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239.Any other financial matters:-

- a) Precept would be discussed at the December meeting. Clerk reported that as a result of the Localism Bill councillors would have to declare a prejudicial pecuniary interest as they pay council tax (this would exclude Cllr.Bater as he pays his council tax to TDC). This could however be overcome by councillors applying for dispensation to be granted by the Proper Office ie. The Clerk. Clerk would send out to councillors a copy of such letter. Agenda item next meeting.
- b) CAB request for donation. Resolved that donation of £80 be granted.

### **MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES**

240. Cllr.Bater reported with regard to the new footpath to the school that legal papers were now in the hand of solicitors. Agenda item next meeting.

241. Cllr.Bush had provided councillors with copy letter sent by DCC Highways to Mr.P.Pyle. PCSO and WDBC CEO Barry Lewis had visited the area. At present there are no parking restrictions which are enforceable, it is very difficult to deter people from parking in this area. Both required confirmation of which part of the road/pavements are council property and what were Mr.Pyle's property boundaries.

One suggestion put forward was that problems would be greatly reduced by placing double yellow lines from the Bridge on both sides of the road upto the school and then on the left towards the Co-op. This would mean that CEOs could enforce parking in this area. Following a discussion councillors thought that perhaps with the adoption/use of the new school footpath, the problem may be reduced. Agenda item next meeting.

242. Speeding traffic Community Centre to roundabout. PCSO reported that because of the short distance between the 30mph sign and the roundabout, it was not possible to obtain readings of the speed of vehicles. Suggestion was that perhaps Council could liaise with DCC Highways of moving the 30mph sign further away from the roundabout.

243. Cllr.Tyson – reported parking problems at junction of Claremont and Oakfield which she had reported to the PCSO who would monitor the situation. However matter should be reported to the CEO of WDBC.

### **ISLAND PARK**

244. Picnic tables – it was resolved to proceed with the purchase of 2 picnic tables/benches from Evershed Products despite the fact of £110 delivery charge.

245. Cllr.Tyson reported that the skateboard lottery bid should be known by mid December.

### **EMERGENCY PLAN**

246. Cllr.Tyson would draft an emergency plan which would be discussed at the January meeting.

### **XMAS CELEBRATIONS**

247. Late night shopping 3<sup>rd</sup> December and Xmas Eve celebrations. Following items were discussed:-

- Switching on of the lights at 7.15pm by the carnival queen. Cllr.Tyson to arrange
- Clerk to book band for 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 7.15pm and xmas eve 7pm
- Cllr.Bush confirmed Mrs J Fishleigh had booked the old schools
- Clerk to contact Mrs.O.Reynolds about the cider punch
- Cllr.Alford to ask Co-op about mince pies and plastic cups
- Cllr.Trenaman would see Rev.Ruth Hansford about the service
- Cllr.Winser would be asked to organise the shop collecting boxes
- Cllr.Bater to organise printing of carol sheets
- Cllr.Alford to do posters and circulate
- Cllr.Tyson reported that there would be no craft fair this year

### **ALLOTMENTS**

248. Following report had been received from the Chair, Mr.G.Hole of the Allotments Association:-

- Mr.S.Forrester would be the new Chair with Mr.R.Clough as vice chair from Jan.2013
- At the commencement of the 4<sup>th</sup> season of the allotments every single plot holder would have to apply to renew their plots
- At the moment unable to maintain all 13 plots as landowner wishes eg. She does not wish to see the use of black plastic sheeting in the winter
- There could next year be 4 possible free plots – these would be advertised
- Ideas up for discussion by the Allotment Association was the possibility of shared plots, a raised bed for wheelchair uses

249. Councillors discussed this report and it was resolved that full support be given to the Allotment Association and that should the landowner have any problems she should report these to the Council.

### **STANDING ORDERS**

249. Clerk reported that the NALC are publishing a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Standing Orders which would make reference provisions relating to:-

- General purpose of competence (replaced power of well being)

- Councillors conduct disclosures of interests/complaints about conduct
- Neighbourhood planning
- Rights to bid for assets of community value
- Rights to challenge services provided by principal authority

Resolved that Standing Orders be considered again in autumn 2013.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS**

251.Cllr.Jones – Moor Management :-

- Set token payments which would be made in December
- AGM to be held end of November
- Geophysical survey for possible roman remains had been completed

252. Cllr.Bater had attended the Town Criers competition on carnival day

**CORRESPONDENCE**

253.Festival Committee – clerk read letter from the Festival relating to the past 2 years problem with electricity supply in the Square. Resolved that clerk reply stating that they must contact the Council nearer the time of the Festival to make the necessary arrangements.

254.Northam Town Council Mayor’s charity lunch - Cllr.Alford unable to attend.

255. Okehampton Town Council Edwardian evening 6<sup>th</sup> December – Cllr,Alford to reply direct.

256. Cllr.Tyson – letter from Sustrans relating to soft street furniture would be placed with the Plan it papers.

**DATE OF DECEMBER/JANUARY MEETINGS**

257. Resolved that due to the Clerk’s holidays the dates for these meetings would be changed to December 4<sup>th</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup>. Clerk to inform Community Centre

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

258. Cllr.Bush – letters of thanks to go to the Carnival Committee for another wonderful carnival and to WDBC for cleaning the streets between carnival and remembrance day parade.

259. Cllr.Tyson:-

- Devon Youth Service – feedback from Plan It consultation was that there was not enough for the youth to do in Hatherleigh. Devon Youth Service was actively engaged in Hatherleigh at this time.
- Green post box Millennium Square - Cllr.Alford would see A.Drew about blocking off this postbox.

260. Cllr.Trenaman – reported the new graveyard was now open.

261. Cllr.Bater – reported damage to the bricks on the plinth of the bench at the top of Market Street.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.10pm.

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