

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 15th January 2013 7pm in the Community Centre

FINAL

Present: Cllr.Alford in the chair, Cllrs. Winsor, Bush, Gilbert, Stevens, Tyson, Jones, Trenaman, Calkin, Dist.Cllr.Hall, the Clerk, one member of the public

Apologies: Cllr.Bater

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr.Adam Keats spoke on the benefits of improvements to the skatepark area. At present it is limited in space and use. A new park with equipment that could be used for a variety of uses eg. Skateboards, roller blades, BMXs, would inspire and help develop skills and personalities of its users. This extra use could also encourage more use of the picnic area.

The minutes of the meeting held 4th December 2012, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record with one amendment: Min.277 to read "Cllr.Hall to look into a possible breach". Proposed Cllr.Bush seconded Cllr.Gilbert. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

296. Bridge repairs (min.262 refers) Clerk to report that remedial work still outstanding.

297. Moor Monument (min.264 refers) further quotes awaited.

298. Bus shelter by Co-op (min.265 refers) Cllr.Alford reported that the bollard had not been erected as there was some concern about highways issues. However it was resolved that as any such bollard would be erected one metre back from the highway the matter should proceed. Clerk would write to the bus companies.

299. Picnic tables (min.269 refers) tables had been delivered and a work party would be organised to assemble and install

300. Millennium Post box (min.270 refers) Cllr.Alford would check if the box had been correctly closed off.

301. Jubilee footpath (min.283b refers) prices awaited for plaques.

302. Snow warden (min.283a refers) it was resolved as follows:

- Hatherleigh would join WDBC scheme for snow wardens
- Article to be put in The Pump to ask for volunteers to cover certain areas of the town to assist Mr.J.Skelton.
- The drafting of an overall Emergency plan was an ongoing exercise.

303. New graveyard signs (min.283e refers) Cllr.Bush had obtained quote for 8"x6" signs of £14.50 each. Resolved that 3 are ordered on white background with black lettering.

304. Xmas Celebrations (min.285 refers) reported that both events had been a success. Resolved that letters of thanks be sent to The Co-Op Store, Mrs.O.Reynolds and Mr.R.Tidball. Cllr.Bush to bank moneys collected from Xmas Eve and shop collection boxes.

305. Northern Devon Biosphere (min.290 refers) Cllr.Tyson requested that the invitation for Mr.Edworthy to attend a council meeting be deferred to April or thereafter.

306. Committee room cupboard (min.292 refers) Cllr.Alford reported that arrangements were in hand to provide this cupboard.

PLAN IT

307. Cllr.Bush reported that changes to the document had not been sent out as yet. The plan would hopefully be put to Council at the February meeting for adoption.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

308. Cllr.Hall reported as follows:-

- Land opposite Holly Cottage – gave resume on possible breach of conditions
- Information given on classification of care/licencees required in care homes
- Rural Crime event being organised in Hatherleigh Market – organiser looking for funding. Resolved that further information was needed about the event before any moneys could be committed

PLANNING MATTERS

309. Applications to consider:-

a) Mr.I.Sargent Fishleigh Down revised scheme for 2 storey extension.
Resolved that as drawing 4C was missing from the application, that Clerk contact WDBC Planning Officer and request a copy and ask for extension of time for submitting any further comments. Comments would include those submitted on previous extension application as follows:- "Town Council reluctantly support the application in so far as they would not like to see the property fall into complete disrepair. However would like to see use of traditional materials so far as possible. They are also further concerned about the internal works to this listed building with regard to floors, ceilings and internal plasters".

310. Permissions granted: None

311. Refusals advised: None

312. Any other planning matters:-

a) Holly Cottage – Clerk read e.mail from EO of WDBC. Resolved that Clerk reply root damage to the hedge had occurred due to cutting into the bank upto half a metre deep.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

313. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a)	Mrs.Leahy	toilets	£ 297.12
b)	Mrs.R.Lock	wages	£ 154.60
c)	Mrs.R.Lock	expenses	£ 19.80
d)	HM Customs	clerks tax	£ 115.80

e)	Cornwall Farmers	xmas lights	£ 19.75
f)	Evershed Products	2 picnic tables	£1020.00
g)	Laing-Taylor	xmas celebrations	£ 33.68
h)	Nat.Allotment Assoc	2013 subscription	£ 66.00
i)	M.A.Wonnacott	xmas lights	£ 124.98
j)	Vicks	carol sheets	£ 30.00
k)	C.Tyson	xmas posters	£ 8.00
l)	Hatherleigh C.C.	hire	£ 17.50

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

314. Moneys received:-

a)	Ruby Run	donation jubilee costs	£ 300.00
b)	Carnival Comm	xmas lights donation	£ 40.00

315. 2013/2014 Precept setting – it was resolved that precept remain the same at £20,500 (twenty thousand five hundred pounds)

316. CAB – letter of thanks for grant of £80.00

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

317.Cllr.Bush had circulated all councillors a précis of points following the meeting on 11th Jan 2013 attended by S.Phillips from DCC Highways, representatives from the School Governors and Town Councillors. It was generally agreed that a firm plan to encompass all solutions to parking problems would have to be formulated before we could apply for just one Traffic Order Review. Resolved as follows:-

- Clerk contact Mrs.Aubertin WDBC to obtain upto and accurate figures regarding the car park to include both takings and costings
- Clerk to contact Cllr.McInnes to see if any funds would be available (as Hatherleigh was not designated one of the 20 market towns in Devon)

318. Mosaic – following damage of the mosaic by a motor vehicle it was resolved that Cllr.Bush would see Mr.Beaman about repairs .

319, Blocked drains reported in Sanctuary Lane, Bassets Cross to Hurlbridge. Runnon Moor Lane, entrance to Moor View. Clerk to report.

320. Bench opposite Community Centre – resolved that Cllr.Alford see Mr.Riches about any necessary repairs.

COMMUNITY CENTRE RIVER STILE

321. Following a discussion on the request of the installation of “A dog friendly stile” it was resolved that because of safety issues with childrens nursery nearby, that no replacement stile would be installed

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

322. Cllr.Calkin Northern Links reported as follows:-

- New Beat Manager Shaun Pepper
- Community Speed Watch programme – WDBC to be contacted
- TAP fund - £3,000 left in fund. Resolved that Cllr.Calkin talk with Highampton parish concerning the benches.

CORRESPONDENCE

323. Devon Senior Voice - information in reading file.

324. Devon School Admissions consultation papers had been circulated to all councillors. No response would be made.

325. WDBC Sandbag request – Cllr.Jones had replied

326.WDBC Mayoral Awards competition. Resolved this be an agenda item next meeting

327. DALC Buckingham Palace garden party invitations – resolved that Cllr. & Mrs.Alford’s names be submitted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

328. Cllr.Winser – Mr Mrs.Ward of Sanctuary Lane had heard nothing further from DCC Highways concerning drainage problems.

329. Cllr.Bush – gave apologies for the police not attending

330. Cllr.Alford – reports of problems with rubbish from Vicks Meadow being put in the Co-Ops bins. Situation to be monitored.

331. Date of next meeting Tuesday 12th February 2013

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

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