Hatherleigh Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday Ist July 2014 7pm in the Community Centre Final

Present:Cllr.Gilbert in the chair, Cllrs.Winser, Bush, Calkin, Stevens, Bater, Alford, Tyson, Trenaman
Dist.Cllr.C.Hall, the Clerk Mrs.R.Lock, 17 members of the publicApologies:Cllr.Jones

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The minutes of the meeting held 10th June 2014, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Bush seconded Cllr.Winser. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

82. Hatherleigh Fire Brigade (min.46 refers) Mr.M.Sanders confirmed they would be attending the Rotary Fun day

83. Bus shelter barrier (min.47 refers) ongoing matter

84. Millennium Sq. noticeboard (min.48 refers) had been installed in it's new position. Minor adjustments required before use.

85. Play inspections (min.49 refers) Cllr.Bush organising inspections

86. Churchyard War memorial (min.50 refers) following a discussion it was resolved that as a temporary measure Cllr.Gilbert would arrange for a bag of pea gravel to be spread around the base of the monument. Further restoration work would be considered at a future date.

87 Parking notices (min.51 refers) Cllr.Calkin still to obtain these notices.

88. Xmas light connections (min.52 refers) Cllr.Gilbert reported:-

a) one off payment for each pole of £97.88 – this with SSE.

b) we then enter into "unmetered power supply"

c) when number of poles to be connected is known he will liase with DCC.

Cllr.Trenaman reported that the Moor Management Committee were looking at assisting with funding of the project. Resolved that Town Council would make a donation. Further resolved that the connection would be for xmas lights only.

89. Belvedere (min.50 refers) Cllr.Gilbert to contact Mr.Balsdon to organise a meeting.

90. Bridge St./Market St. (min.54 refers) No resurfacing as yet carried out.

91. Footbridge Passaford (min.55 refers) Cllr.Winser reported that Footpath Officer had inspected the area but with limited budget resources, only improvement works could be carried out. Cllr. Trenaman stated that there was no point in further work being carried out until the culvert had been cleaned.

92. Litter bin Island Park (min.56 refers) Clerk still to order

93. RGB Hedge (min.70 refers) Cllr.Gilbert reported that RGB had cut the hedge in question, but it was infact not their hedge.

94. Moor View ditch (min.72 refers) Cllr.Alford had put all relevant paperwork in the reading file.

95. Moor view bench (min.73 refers) Clerk reported that Mr. & Mrs.Taylor were not prepared to purchase a bench for Moor View – this should be done by the Council inview of large amounts of money spent

elsewhere in the town eg. New skatepark area. Resolved that Council purchase 2 benches, one for Moor View, one for Sanctuary Lane from Jacobstowe at fitted cost of £140 each. Cllr.Trenaman to organise.

96. War Horse path signs ()min.75 refers) Clerk had obtained sketches from J.Kendrew, Blacksmith on ideas for the sign. These were in the reading file, and would be an agenda item next meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

97. Applications to consider:-

a) Mr.J.Dennis Heane Farm

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77metre Wind turbine.

As Consultees, the Town Council were split on their recommendations/comments (Cllrs.Tyson and Stevens declared personal interests). 3 Councillors supported the application saying there was public support for the scheme. 6 Councillors did not support the application on the following grounds:-

- Visual impact
- Impact on economy
- Habitat survey contained insufficient data (in particular the bat survey)
- Inadequate technical assessment on noise
- The benefits of the scheme do not outweigh the harm that will be caused

b) Mr.Mrs.Laye-Sion	Reed House	Ext. to outbuilding to house biomass boiler
c) Mrs.C.Diepenbroek	South Langabeare Farm	<i>Council supported the application</i> Livestock building <i>Council supported the application</i>

99. Refusals advised: None

100. Any other planning matters:-

a) WDBC Strategic planning – all councillors had had chance to study the information forwarded by the Clerk. Resolved that Council reply:-

- Shortfall on industrial land
- The Community Plan already seems to be ignored in respect of housing numbers for the town.

b) Clerk had informed Planning Dept. of her holiday dates and that all communications in respect of planning should be sent to Cllr.Gilbert.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

101. Clerk presented the following cheques for payment:-

toilets	£ 151.44
wages	£ 154.60
clerks tax	£ 115.80
domain hosting	£ 35.98
grounds maintenance/Mill.Sq	£1298.57
	wages clerks tax domain hosting

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

102. Moneys received:-

a) Moor Management grant WW1 comm. £ 250.00

103. Any other financial matters:-

a) Grant Thornton – approved and signed off audit return with one comment ie. Council tax support grant should be shown in Box 3 as "other income" and not in Box 2 as precept.

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

104. Cllr.Alford reported complaints received concerning kerbside weeds in Moor View and the roundabout. Clerk to report to WDBC.

105. Cllr Trenaman – Church Lane/Oakfield Rd reported man hole cover causing road to sink.

106. Cllr.Bater reported that the new school entrance should be open very soon.

107. Cllr.Winser reported that Footpath Officer had replaced slippery ditch boards and ladder stile with two bridges (out beyond the cricket field) and take the stiles away and replaced them with gates to make the footpath more user friendly.

ISLAND PARK

108. Cllr.Gilbert reported that not all the wastebins were being emptied every week by WDBC. – this should be 4.

Clerk to report to WDBC stating that infact Town Council pay a caretaker to keep the area clean.

109. Cllr.Tyson asked if Skatepark bank account could be handed over to the Skatepark Group. Resolved that this account be held by the Town Council until such time as all the skatepark work has been completed and signed off.

110. Cllr.Tyson gave a report on the play equipment:-

- Picnic table slat needs replacing
- Play equipment generally good
- River area wooden bridge badly decayed. Resolved that this is temporarily closed. Cllrs.Gilbert and Trenaman will inspect the area.

111. Cllr.Tyson gave report on the Toddler play area in Community Centre:-

- 8 fence posts loose
- bin loose will be removed
- swing chain snapped and now taken down. Swing baskets need replacing prices to be brought to the next meeting.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

112. Cllr.Hall in respect of the Heane Farm wind turbine application that she had called it into committee and that Planning Officer Mr.Guise was reviewing issues raised at the public meeting.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

113. Cllr.Bater – WWI Commemorations – asked for helpers to set up and dismantle. Town Crier would be asked to advertise the event.

114. Cllr.Gilbert had attended Barnstaple Civic Ceremony and had talked to the Okehampton Mayor who stated "he was not aware Hatherleigh had a mayor"!!

CORRESPONDENCE

115. Mr.P.Bullock – low vibration noise problem. He thanked Cllr.Gilbert for listening to the matter which he hoped had now been resolved.

116. Date of next meeting Tuesday 9th September.

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

Signed......dated

