

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 14th October 2014 7pm in the Community Centre

Final

Present: Cllr.Gilbert in the chair, Cllrs.Winser, Jones, Alford, Trenaman,Tyson, Stevens, Bater, Calkin. County Cllr.J. McInnes, Dist.Cllr. C.Hall, the Clerk, 1 member of the public

Apologies: Cllr.Bush

The minutes of the meeting held 9th September 2014, having been duly circulated, were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Calkin seconded Cllr. Winser. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

162. Bus shelter barrier (min.120 refers) on going matter

163. Play inspections (min.121 refers) resolved that inspection be arranged for all three play areas in the spring. Weekly safety checks would still be carried out and logged.

164. Churchyard war memorial (min.122 refers) resolved that Cllr.Gilbert carries out the following work:-

a) cement wash (b) 3 or 4 bags of pea gravel to be spread around the base.

165. Belvedere (min.125 refers) meeting still to be arranged with Mr. Balsdon

166. Bridge St./Market St. resurfacing (min.126 refers) C.Cllr.McInnes confirmed that this work was programmed for the current financial year. Cllr.Calkin stated that there was a road safety issue, in as much as the road markings "give way to oncoming traffic" had been worn away.

167. Passaford footbridge (min.127 refers) FPO still to contact Cllr. Trenaman

168. Litter bin (min.128 refers) resolved that Clerk to order litter bin to include ground fittings and a locked lid.

169. Moor View ditch (in.129 refers) Cllr.Alford would obtain further paperwork with regard to ownership of the land in question (original paperwork handed back to Cllr.Alford)

170. Moor View benches (min.130 refers) 2 new benches had now been installed by Mr. P.Locke at a cost of £380.00. including excavating sites and mixing concrete. Councillors have already received comments regarding how good the benches are.

171. Okehampton & District Community Transport Group (min.12 refers) Clerk reported that 70 Hatherleigh households were registered users and there were 4 regular users of the Ring and Ride. Proposed Cllr.Bater seconded Cllr.Calkin that £50.00 grant be awarded. All agreed.

172. Churchyard drain (in.143 refers) no remedial work yet carried out. Clerk to e.mail C.Cllr.McInnes on the matter

173. Road safety issues (min.144 refers) D.Pickles, Neighbourhood Beat Manager had responded as follows:-

a) confirmed that parking was a continuing problem throughout the town

b) Suggested Co-op wheelchair access sign and 20mph speed zones are a good idea, which DCC Highways would have to deal with

Clerk reported no response from DCC Highways

174. Rubbish in Square (min.146 refers) Cllr.Winser confirmed that a notice had been displayed in Old Schools stating "Please take your rubbish home with you".

175. Community Awards evening – discussion took place as follows:-

a) event very successful – but over to quick

b) need to encourage more people to attend

c) nominations need to be asked for earlier. Could have 3 in each category with decision being made by the Council.

d) could co-ordinate with another event eg. Fund raising event for the mayor's nominated charity (as in other towns)

176. War Horse footpath sign (min.149 refers) awaiting further design and quote from Mr.Kendrew

177. Swing Seats (min.145a refer) new seats have been installed

PLANNING MATTERS

178. Applications to consider:-

- a) Mrs.C.Langley 22 Bridge Street Hatherleigh Retrospective COU shop to 1 bedroom flat
(Cllr.Bater left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision)

The Council did not support the application commenting as in the previous application "that it is in conflict with the Community Plan keeping the main business area of the town as a business area. The Council have concerns of a domino effect if this proposal is accepted". The Council are against the change of use from retail to residential.

179. Permissions granted:-

- a) Mr. Mrs.Moyse Lydbridge Farm Erection of agric.machinery/fodder store
b) Mr.R.Davies Baptist Church Non material amendment 8 rooflights not 10

180. Refusals advised: None

181. Any other planning matters:-

a) DCC Tarka Trail – DCC/36831 – this is to be considered at a meeting of DCC on 22nd October at which the Council's views will be given. Resolved that we send further comment as follows "Hatherleigh Town Council reiterate their concerns on road safety issues and ask that highway/road safety matters should be reviewed after 6 months"

b) Community Capacity Building Project – details of meeting on 5th November at South Brent in reading file for councillors to determine if anyone can and wishes to attend.

c) Mosaic relocation – Headmistress informed the Council that planning permission was not required to relocate the mosaic, but listed building consent for which there is no fee would be needed. Exact details of mosaic and proposed mounting would be needed. Clerk to ascertain information from Mr. A.Beaman.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

182. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Mrs.Leahy	toilets/bus shelter	£255.44
	replaced lost cheque**	£504.80
b) Mrs.R.Lock	wages	£154.60
c) Mrs.R.Lock	expenses	£ 22.70
d) P.Locke	2 benches	£380.00
e) L & M Cole	ground maintenance	1244.57
f) Hatherleigh Comm.Centre	hire	£ 18.05
g) Wicksteed Play	swing seats	£105.00
h) Okehampton Transport Group	grant	£ 50.00
l) Miss.A.Letheren	catering Awards evening	£300.00
j) Cllr.Alford	reimbursement of trophy/cert.costs for Awards evening	£223,69
k) South Hams Dist.Co.	Clerks payroll services	£120.00

**Sept.cheque no. 002227 lost in post

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

183. Moneys received: none

184. Any other financial matters:-

a) Public Works Board loan repayment of £1,373.75 made

b) WDBC Council tax support grant - notification that owing to central government cuts the support grant will be cut by £348.00 to be borne in mind when the precept is set for the coming year

c) Okehampton Town Council - "Destination Okehampton" request for funds to employ an experienced rail consultant to examine the feasibility of reinstating former London & South Western Railway route from Exeter to Plymouth via Okehampton and Tavistock.

Discussion took place and it was proposed by Cllr.Gilbert seconded by Cllr.Jones that 1% of our precept ie. £205.00 (two hundred and five pounds) be set aside towards this fund – provided that this work be co-ordinated with that being undertaken by Devon County Council. All agreed.

d) SLCC New Clerks Manual 2013 – Clerk requested that Council purchase a copy of this up to date publication for future use by the Council at a price of £47.50. All agreed

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

185. Complaint received concerning a camper van parking outside no. 28 Moor View blocking wheel chair dropped pavement and affecting visibility of both traffic and pedestrians. Clerk to write to PCSO as this was a police matter.

186. Island Park – Cllr.Tyson reported that she had been in contact with the PCSO regarding vandalism incidents at Island Park.

187. Mr.Richard Owen asked if the large tree on the corner of South Street could be pruned. Resolved that Cllr.Trenaman speak to Top Cut and also ask about the trees in Millennium Square.

188. Cllr. Bater – trees along by the cricket field (owned by DCC) needed pollarding. Clerk to e.mail C.Cllr.McInnes on this point.

189. Cll. Trenaman:-

a) new wooden top for the vandalised picnic bench at Island Park would cost £120.00. Resolved that this work be carried out as soon as possible.

b) seat in Sanctuary Lane was broken. Resolved that quote be obtained for repairs.

190. Cllr.Jones – reported broken seat on the bridge. Resolved again that quote be obtained for repairs.

191. Cllr.Tyson – zip wire chains are being tied up in knots. Resolved that Cllr.Tyson and Cllr.Bush to fit plastic casing over the chains, if not will have to have replacement bars made to install instead of the chains as soon as possible.

192. Cllr. Bater – culvert from Claremont to under the bypass was blocked – required work by JCB to rectify the problem. Resolved that Clerk contact C.Cllr.McInnes on the matter.

WAR HORSE FOOTPATH SIGNS

193. As reported earlier in these minutes, fresh quote and design awaited from Mr.J.Kendrew. Resolved that clerk contact C.Cllr.McInnes to see if he had any funds available for this project.

CODE OF CONDUCT/FILM & RECORDING OF MEETINGS PROTOCOL

194. Clerk supplied each councillor with copy of the revised WDBC Code of Conduct – with the amendments highlighted, also a copy of the protocol for filming and recording of meetings. Resolved that this be an agenda item for next meeting.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

195. Cllr.Hall reported as follows:-

a) Confirmation from S.Dawe of DCC Highways, that the resurfacing work in Bridge St. and Market St. would include an additional bollard outside the Co-op.

b) Coach parking in car park – WDBC had reported that to enable coaches to park, the entrances to the carpark would have to be widened. Councillors requested that site visit with WDBC be organised to show how the market spaces to the left of the carpark in the road could be utilised for coaches.

XMAS LIGHTS

196. Cllr.Gilbert explained the situation with regard to Mr.S.Bayley's stance on the xmas lights in Hatherleigh – all councillors had been given copies of the correspondence in question. Cllr.Gilbert confirmed that the necessary sockets were being installed on the posts this week, and the xmas lights would be installed on the columns as in previous years. Councillors thanked Cllr.Gilbert for his work and expertise in the handling of this matter. Clerk confirmed that the balance held in the Xmas light fund was £579.38.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

197. Cllr.Calkin – Northern Links – a) talk given by Alan Robinson a Strategic Manager for WDBC – b) information concerning proposals for Town/Parish Councils to undertake not only Snow Warden duties but Street Wardens could be put in place.

198. Cllrs. Tyson and Winser – WDBC Planning workshop. This had been a very informative meeting and both councillors encouraged others to attend a future meeting. Cllr.Tyson had circulated notes from the meeting.

199. Cllr.Tyson – Festival Committee – request that Council pay for the cleaning of the toilets for the festival, as they do for the carnival. Resolved that further details would be required from the Festival Committee on this request, as the festival was a 3 or 4 day event, whereas carnival was just one day.

CORRESPONDENCE

200. WDBC – Electoral registration posters – to be displayed in Community Centre

201. DCC Waste Management budget savings 2015/2016 – letter in reading file.

202. Mr.M.Martin – request for details of Hatherleigh Manor Court.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY/AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

203. Cllr.Trenaman – Remembrance Sunday parade. Council's wreath should be ordered

204. Cllr.Tyson informed the Council that Mr.J.Skelton had resigned as Snow Warden. Agenda item next meeting

205. Xmas celebrations agenda item next meeting

206. C.Cllr.McInnes reported that the Local Government Boundary Commission had announced that Hatherleigh would now be a 2 member ward and the area to include Hatherleigh, Northlew, Highampton and Meeth.

207. Cllr.Gilbert – Parking Restrictions – agenda item next meeting.

208. Date of next meeting 11th November 2014

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those presently for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

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