

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 14th April 2015 7pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllr.Gilbert in the chair, Cllr.Winser, Calkin, Jones, Stevens, Tyson, Trenaman, Bater, Alford. The Clerk
Apologies: None

The minutes of the meeting held 10th March 2015, having been duly circulated were signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Bater seconded Cllr.Calkin. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

390. War Horse footpath sign (min.357 refers) TAP application grant agreed for £2,500.00. Clerk had informed Mr.Kendrew. Resolved that Cllr.Bater would see this project through. Clerk to ascertain from WDBC if we needed planning permission to erect one of the signs in The Square.

391. Mosaic location (min.358 refers) Clerk had e.mailed the Tree Officer of WDBC but had received no forms. Resolved that Clerk contact again.

392. Festival toilets (min.359 refers) Cllr..Tyson reported that the Festival Committee would be responsible for cleaning the toilets and accepted the sum of £50 from the Town Council - with a proviso that the toilets are inspected the day after the event by a Councillor.

393. White line/Chapel (min. 360 refers) reply from DCC "this is an access protection line and not a mandatory highway line eg. stop or give way junction. Non mandatory signs and lines are not classed as a priority. Will keep request on record should funding and budgets change." Resolved that Cllr.Gilbert ascertain from Mr.R.Tidball if he had to pay for the access protection line outside his property before we reply to DCC.

394. Hatherleigh Sign (min.334 refers) Miss Vick had confirmed that there was no funding left for any work to be carried out on the sign. Cllr.Bater to ascertain name of the new owners of the land on which the sign is erected.

395. Litter bins Island Park (min362 refers) Clerk had confirmed with WDBC that we would pay for 2 litter bins to be emptied once a week. Cllr.Tyson however confirmed that there were 3 litter bins in situ. The dog bin had been removed and was beyond repair.

396. West Devon Mayoral awards (min.363 refers) we had been unsuccessful with our nomination of Hannah Woodham.

397. Parking problems (min.374 refers) PC Pickles had been unable to attend the last Pyle auction sale as he was away on holiday.. With regard to the new school entrance Cllr.Bater reported that this was ready to be used, all construction work had been completed, but the final paperwork from DCC had not been received by Mr.Brown Martin for his signature.

398. Seat Sanctuary Lane (min.373 refers) Cllr.Trenaman reported that the seat has been repaired

399. Buddle Lane weeds (min.374b refers) DCC confirmed there is no budget or programme for any weed spraying. Resolved that Mr.Cole be asked for an hourly price for weed spraying.

400. Web site manager (min.375 refers) Cllr.Stevens reported that she had meet with Cllr.Bush and was now overseeing the website

401. Community Capacity Building Project (min.376 refers) John Greiller was sorry that Hatherleigh was not taking part in the project but would inform us of the outcomes.

402. Destination Okehampton (min.381 refers) Cllr.Tyson had circulated her notes from the last meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

403. Applications to consider - none

404 Permissions granted - none

405 Refusals advised: a) Mr J Chisholm barn north of Pressland Farm C011 agric building to dwelling under C3

406 Any other planning matters:-

a) Clerk had submitted the Councils response to WDBC "Our Plan" and acknowledgement received.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

407. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Mrs.Leahy	toilets/bus shelter	£260.00
b) Mrs.Lock	wages	£154.60
c) Mrs.Lock	expenses	£ 44.80
d) Pynto	website hosting	£ 80.00
e) Playsafety Ltd.	annual inspection	£170.40
f) Hatherleigh Comm.Centre	hiring	£ 16.40
g) H.M.Rev. & Customs	clerks tax	£233.63
h) Wheelscape	skatepark retention sum	4200.00
i) L & M Cole	grounds maintenance	1244.57
j) P. Edwards	grass strimming	£367.00
k) WDBC	38% contribution toilet costs	1288.80
l) DALC	subscription	£346.02

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

408. Moneys received:

a) DCC	P3 scheme	1500.00
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409. Any other financial matters:-

a) Skatepark invoice for finishing off the concrete area was requested to be paid in the sum of £960 (£800 plus vat £160) Clerk gave the following breakdown on the financial position with regard to the skatepark:-

Receipts for year ending 31st March 2014	£67,450.00
Payments for year ending 31str March 2014	£66,840.00
balance	£ 610.00
previously agreed Town Council contribution	£ 5,000.00
balance	£ 5,610.00
less payment made above to Wheelscape	£ 3,700.00
balance in hand	£ 1,910.00

If Resolved to pay the concrete invoice	£ 800.00
balance in hand	£ 1,100.00

Cllr.Trenaman further confirmed that moneys were still held in the separate Skatepark account which Cllr.Bush had administered. Following a discussion on the matter it was resolved:

- proposed Cllr.Alford seconded Cllr.Jones that the concrete invoice for £960 be paid. All agreed
- on final completion of the project any moneys remaining the the separate skatepark account be transferred to the Town Council.

TOWN SURVEY/TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROBLEMS

410. It was resolved to defer the completion of the survey to be sent to all households until the May or June meeting when the new council would be in place and any new councillors would be involved in the project.

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

411. New traffic bollards - resolved that Clerk contact DCC Highways concerning the positioning of the new bollards outside the Tally Ho which were creating difficulties with the adjoining property. Also to report that no extra bollard was put in place outside the Co-op as had been agreed on numerous occasions with Highways and the District Councillor.

412. L & M Cole - advised that the shrub bed by the school required more bark chippings at a cost of £42.00. Resolved that the work is carried out.

413. Ball games in Pearse Close - complaint received from residents of children playing football in the street (which Clerk had forwarded to PC Pickles). Also enquiry received from Mr.J.Ward of South Hams Dist.Co. if there were any known bye laws in place. Resolved that Clerk reply that none were known.

414. Millennium Plaque - Cllr.Bater reported that wind had brought the top four tiles down. Resolved that:-

- the Millennium Square area remained conned off for safety reasons
- Cllr.Bater to contact Mr.John Roberts, the original artist of the plaque for a repair quote.

415. Green post box Millennium Square - resolved that Cllr.Gilbert check there were no contents in the box and then fill with expanding foam to prevent objects being put into the box.

416. New council graveyard - following complaints concerning the state of the new graveyard Cllr.Trenaman had inspected the area and confirmed it's poor state. Resolved that he would carry out some tractor work to tidy up the area and L & M Cole be asked to weed the path.

417. Island Park - Cllr.Tyson highlighted the following points:-

- a) few items arose from the RoSPA report
- b) Rocker see saw was falling too low to the ground. Resolved that she would check with the manufacturers if there was a problem.
- c) metal bin lid needs replacing
- d) suggested a Council site visit to ascertain what possible grass seeding was required
- e) Cllr.Gilbert confirmed that the wooden bridge had now been repaired.

418. Cllr.Gilbert reported on the bad condition of the new noticeboard in Millennium Square. Resolved that Cllr.Jones contact Mr.Bush as he made the original and repaired the same.

419. Noticeboard at Moor View - Cllr.Alford reported that the perspex cover needed cleaning which he would undertake to carry out.

BUS SHELTER BY CO-OPERATIVE STORE

420. Resolved that WDBC be asked to look at the damaged wall by the flower bed.

421. Cllr.Tyson commented on the poor and shabby appearance of the shelter. Resolved that Cllr.Tyson contact the Youth Club and then the Art Group to ascertain if they would be interested in "making over" the shelter.

COMMUNITY AWARDS EVENING

422. A general discussion took place on the subject and it was resolved that it be held on Sat. October 10th. Cllr.Gilbert to book the community centre. Various other ideas were suggested:

- town businesses be asked to sponsor the event in some way
- we would have three nominations for each category made by the public with the Town Council deciding on the winners, with certificates being awarded to all nominees.
- Past winners could also be invited.

ALLOTMENTS

423. Mrs.Barkwell has requested a site visit with the Town Council. Resolved that Cllr.Alford would contact Allotment Assoc.Chairman Mr.Forrester and then arrange a visit with Mr.Barkwell. Clerk to inform Mrs.Barkwell of this arrangement.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

424. No report available.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

425. Cllr.Tyson:-

a) Festival Committee - had been given a lottery award grant. Insurance in respect of the skateboard event has now been sorted. Fund raising events being organised.

b) Destination Okehampton - the northern route was still the preferred option. Feasability study from DCC awaited before local study started so as to avoid duplication. The Okehampton - Exeter Sunday Rover starts 24th May.

426. Cllr.Gilbert - attended the Fire Station to discuss the concerns over the future of the station. eg. use of light weight rapid response vehicle. Resolved that a strong letter to maintain the existing service at Hatherleigh be sent to Devon & Somerset Fire HQ local MP, Dist.Cllr. and the press. Cllr.Gilbert to draft letter and circulate it to other councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE

427. New PCSO - Daniel Walker to commence approx. 19th April.

428. Mrs. O'Brien complaint concerning bright light on the RGB Building. Resolved that clerk forward this letter to RGB.

429. Hatherleigh Carnival Committee request to use the toilets on carnival night. This was agreed and we would ask Mr.Leahy if he was willing to clean them after the event for a payment of £"50.00

430. Mayor invitations from Torrington, Northam and Barnstaple handed to Cllr.Gilbert.

DATES OF ANNUAL PARISH AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

431. The annual parish meeting would be held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 6.30pm (no guest speaker) followed by the Annual General meeting of the Council at 7pm. At the AGM the Clerk would bring the declaration of acceptance of office, and register of interests for all councillors to complete and sign. As there was no election with only 8 nomination papers registered, the Council would need to co-opt to fill the vacancies. The Clerk would display relevant notices. With regard to nomination papers Cllr.Trenaman reported that he had taken his papers down to Tavistock, to be told there were 10 nominations - so he did not register his papers in that way avoiding an election - but infact there were only 8 nomination papers. Clerk to ascertain why this happened.

432. Prior to the closure of the meeting , Cllrs.Jones and Bater who were standing down, wished the Council good luck for the future, thanked the Clerk for her hard work and both stated they had enjoyed working and being part of the Town Council. Cllr.Gilbert replied that they would both be sadly missed on the council.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

signed.....Chairman.....dated