

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 19th January 2016 7pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllr.Gilbert in the chair, Cllrs. Winser, Alford, Laing-Trengove, Gladstone, Laycock, Tyson. Calkin. Dist.Cllr.Kimber. the Clerk, no members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs.Trenaman and Stevens

MINUTES OF MEETING

294. The minutes of the meeting held 1st December 2015, having been duly distributed were signed by the chairman as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr. Calkin seconded Cllr.Tyson. All agreed

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

295. War Horse Signs (min.256 refers) two further quotes obtained for the installation of the two signs (*Cllr.Gilbert declared an interest and took no part in the debate or decision*)

a) Mr.R.Gilbert: £386.65 plus vat for installation of the two signs. £986 plus vat for work on South St. Mosaic

b) Mr.M.Wonnacott £750.00 for both installation of signs and work on South St. mosaic

Proposed Cllr.Laycock seconded Cllr.Laing-Trengove that Mr.Wonnacott's quote be accepted. Clerk to inform him and Cllr.Gilbert to contact with regard to commencement of the work.

296 Millennium Square plaque (min.257 refers) Cllr.Gilbert reported that Mr.Roberts was not able to give a firm quote for the work on the plaque as man hours could not be estimated and scaffolding would be required. As Mr.Roberts was the original potter for the mosaic and had in his possession all the broken pieces it was resolved that Cllr.Gilbert contact him again in February with a view to completing the work as soon as possible.

297. Weed spraying (min.258 refers) Agenda item next meeting with councillors formulating a planned approach for any extra work.

298. Belvedere monument (min.260 refers) e mail received from Mr.I Balsdon reporting that he would be closing the monument on 21st December 2015 due to lack of interest by the Council to resolve the matter. Cllr.Gilbert reported that he had since spoken to Mr.Balsdon who stated that he now wished to sell the monument which for insurance purposes was valued at £25,000 - £30,000. Resolved that Cllr.Gilbert would revisit Mr. Balsdon with a view to negotiating a figure (after we had obtained a valuation). A cheque for the back rent for the agreed sum of £150 was drawn and would be handed to Mr. Balsdon.

299, Tree bottom of South St (min.263 refers) still no progress. Situation to be monitored.

300. Maintenance course for play equipment (min.264 refers) Clerk still to ascertain information from DALC

301. School mosaic (min.266 refers) as reported in min.295 2 quotes received for the installation of the mosaic. Resolved to accept the quote of Mr.M.Wonnacott at £750 for both jobs

302. Community awards evening (min.267 refers) council resolved to cancel the event as only 3 nominations had been received from the public. However council felt that this type of event should be resurrected in the future.

303. Zip wire framework (in.274a refers) Cllr.Laycock supplied sample of suitable material the resolving the problem of the ramp being slippery. Resolved that Cllr.Alford obtain quote for the materials needed.

304. New bin lids Island Park (min.274c) Cllr.Tyson reported that the new lids were still awaited. A third bin lid had now broken.

305. Xmas celebrations (min.276 refers) both events had been successful. Cllr.Gilbert to count and bank the moneys from the collection boxes.

306. School crossing patrol (min.281 refers) Clerk had informed the school that the Town Council would support their endeavours to maintain the school crossing patrol.

307. Sanctuary lane drains (min.282 refers) these had been cleared.

308. Light by bank cash machine/bus shelter (min.283b refers) WDBC had reported that they were not in a financial position to improve the lighting at the bus shelter. Resolved that a letter be sent to the Bank reporting residents complaint that they felt unsafe using the cash machine with such poor lighting.

309. New school footpath (min.284b refers) .Cllr.McInnes reported that at a school governors meeting, the position was accepted in principle that the school would assume responsibility for the footway and path from the public road to the school. Detailed terms to be agreed

PLANNING MATTERS

310. Applications to consider:-

- a) Gill/Bowman Castle barn Arnolds Fishleigh cou barn to dwellinghouse
The council supported the application but commented that they have concerns regarding the historic fabric in so far as doorways have already been knocked through

311. Permissions granted: None

312. Refusals advised: None

313. Any other planning matters: None

FINANCIAL MATTERS

314. The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Mrs.Leahy	toilets 2/12/15 - 19/1/16	£ 375.20
b) Mrs.Lock	wages	£ 154.60
c) Mr.Lock	expenses	£ 49.95
d) Vicks	xmas carol sheets	£ 24.00
e) L & M Cole Landscapes	grounds maint. £1244.57	
	graveyard work 58.00	£1302.57
f) Hatherleigh Comm.Centre	hire	£ 16.40
g) National Allotment Assoc.	membership renewal	£ 66.00
h) R.Gill	xmas tree	£ 50.00
i) N.Moorcroft	Island Park 26/7/15-10/1/16	£ 502.50
j) Mark Wonnacott Joinery	xmas lights	£ 18.35
k) R.Tidball	xmas lights	£ 279.08
l) A.Beaman	school mosaic	£ 111.45
m) A.Gilbert	mayors expenses	£ 94.64
n) Mayor Bideford Charity fund	mayors expenses	£ 58.00
o) Laing-taylor	xmas	£ 32.98
p) Brotox	zip wire repairs	£1248.00
q) I.Balsdon	back rent Belvedere	£ 150.00

Proposed Cllr,Alford seconded Cllr.Calkin that the above accounts be paid Cllrs.Laing-Trengove and Laycock signed the cheques

325. Moneys received:-

- a) Hatherleigh Rotary Club xmas light donation £ 70.87

316. Precept setting 2016/2017 - Clerk produced financial statement on moneys held as at todays date (including payments tonight) and discussion took place on increased pressures on Councils finances and possible projects. Proposed Cllr.Winser seconded Cllr.Laycock that the precept be increased by £1,500 to make precept of £25,500 (twenty five thousand five hundred pounds) made up as to £1,700 council tax support grant and precept of £23,790. All agreed.

COMMUNITY AWARDS EVENING

317. As reported under min. no 302 this event had been cancelled.

SPORTSFIELD

318. Cllr.Tyson supplied further information on sportsfield/charity commission which was placed in the reading file. Resolved that Sportsfield be an agenda item next month as Councillors had monetary concerns if the Council took over the Sportsfield and the Clerk will obtain advise from DALC.

ISLAND PARK

319. Cllr.Tyson had nothing report on Island Park

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

320. Cllr.Laycock reported loose bricks on steps in The Square. Dist.Cllr.Kimber to report as a matter of urgency to WDBC. The bricks as an interim measure would be removed for safety reasons.

321. Cllr.Alford - Mr.Leahy repeatedly complains about the lighting in the toilets. Resolved that Clerk contacts WDBC and confirm that lighting is required in the toilet block 7am-9am and 4.30pm-7.30pm and the Council require access to the timer switch.

322 Cllr.Winser - blocked drains in Buddle Lane.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

323. Cllr.Kimber reported:-

a) Hatherleigh Car park - he would obtain details from WDBC on ticket sales and revenue per week. Before he attends a further Strategic WDBC car park meeting he will require strong arguments on why the Town Council wish to take over the running of the carpark. Agenda item next meeting.

b) WDBC have raised their precept by 1.9%

c) Ongoing debate concerning devolution

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

324. Cllr.Gladstone - attended a further Destination Okehampton meeting - information in reading file. Main points to arise:-

- timetable had been drawn up
- £168,000 per year required for 2 car train
- Chinese investment had been discussed

CORRESPONDENCE

325. Post Office - written details received from PO concerning the proposal to move Hatherleigh Post Office from its current location to the Paper Shop in Bridge Street. Correspondence on the matter also received from Mr. & Mrs.Taylor and Mr.Connell. The Town Council discussed the matter in great detail and it was resolved that the following response on the public consultation be sent to the Post Office "Hatherleigh Town Council regret that should the proposed relocation of Hatherleigh Post Office proceed, then the town will lose yet another business. However if the proposal to relocate the Post Office to the Paper Shop at 6 Bridge Street does take place, then the Town Council strongly feel that a "designated parking bay" for post office vehicles (as enjoyed at the present site) should be made available opposite the Paper Shop in Bridge St. Should this involve obtaining a traffic order, then the cost of this must be borne by the Post Office"

ITEMS OF INTEREST BROUGHT FORWARD FOR INFORMATION ONLY/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

326. Cllr.Gilbert reported that the 100 returned traffic surveys had been analysed - results to be circulated to all Councillors. Agenda item next meeting to finalise next steps in the process.

327. Queen's 90th birthday celebrations agenda item

328. Date of next meeting Tuesday 9th February 2016

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.20pm