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HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

**Notes from last meeting
June 14th 2016**

Next meeting July 12th

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<http://www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/>

Your 10 Councillors are:
Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor)
Rachel Laycock (Deputy)
Andy Gilbert
Ian Trenaman
Graham Alford
Chris Calkin
Deb Laing-Trengove
Claire Gladstone
2 Vacancies

Two applications were received to fill the Council vacancies, more information on this next month.

Cllr. Laycock reported on the War Horse Way Walk. There was a good turn out with 40 walkers from Hatherleigh enjoying the lovely day which ended with a nice meal and a visit to the War horse museum. The time capsule has now being reburied, with the 2016 version having had a few extra items put in – including some newspapers, poems and a pot noodle!

The Council would like to pass on its thanks to the handful of residents who turned out for another Town Clear Up day. And thanks are also expressed for those people who stop and pick litter when out walking, and who help clear weeds from outside their properties and sections around town.

Cllr. Gilbert came straight from a meeting at the Fire Station and reported that the new community defibrillator is now installed on the Coop wall. This is available for anyone to use in an emergency. Free training will be available and given by the ambulance crews in August (dates to be confirmed). A big thank you must go to Hatherleigh's fire team who fundraised for this.

There will at last be a new bollard installed on the corner footpath at the Coop entrance, look out for this next week. A common bugbear for many pedestrians can now take delight in seeing drivers having to walk a few extra paces to the shop!

The issue of the overgrown Sportsfield path was raised again. As Devon County Highways have stated this is a low priority in light of their lower budget. The difficulty for the Town Council in getting this resolved is the safety issue surrounding any volunteer approach. Another request will be sent to Devon Highways.

A letter from Natwest Bank has been received following our complaint at their decision to close the bank. They stated that due to an increase of online users there has been a reduction of 33% at this branch. Apparently most of the banking transactions will still be able to be done from the Post Office, and there is a cash point machine in the Coop.

Following the public meeting on the traffic/parking issues, at which there was a respectable turnout, residents had the opportunity to share their frustrations and question the Town, Borough and County Councils, it was agreed we further investigate the viability of a Traffic Order and continue discussions with West Devon Borough Council on the issue of the car park. We have also followed up comments raised at the meeting and reported that the yellow lines outside the School and Fire Station need repainting.

Our Mayor had her first opportunity of presenting medals at the recent National Cycling Team Trial Championships hosted here. Cllr. Laycock presented medals and judged the crown and fancy dress competitions at the Carnival Committees' Queen's birthday celebrations. And Cllr. Alford stepped in to present medals at the Ruby Run. Well done to all involved.

A full account of the meetings are available in the minutes, these are available on the notice board at Millennium Square or on the Town Council website at <http://www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/>
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