

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Notes from last meeting October 11th 2016 Next meeting Nov 8th

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Your 8 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Ian Trenaman, Andy Gilbert, Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Roger Lapthorn. **Two Vacancies.**

Items arising from this months Town Council agenda were :-

Charles Dumpleton spoke in the public session giving an update on the towns Visitor Information Centre. This has proved to be extremely popular this year following its move to Market Street and provides all sorts of help to visitors and locals alike. So far since January nearly a 1000 people have been through its door. The Centre is staffed voluntarily for sixteen hours a week and they are looking for extra volunteers, if you are interested contact the Centre direct.

The Council were informed of resignations from two Councillors, we would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for their time and commitment over their period of office. This means that there are now two vacancies. Is there anybody who would be prepared to fill these positions and help try to make a difference in the town? If so please contact our Clerk.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Coop staff for painting the bus shelter and to RGB for donating the materials.

The Town Council is still looking into bike racks being installed around the town, as it involves the County Council and following certain criteria this is proving more complicated that envisaged. Hopefully this should be resolved soon.

Our new website is being updated and will go live very soon, it will be mobile user friendly and we hope informative.

As winter approaches we are in need of a Snow Warden, this is a voluntary position and would provide an important service to the community. If

anyone is interested, please contact our Clerk who can provide a full job description and answer any questions you may have. Also elsewhere in this months Pump, we have a broader appeal and information links about other Community Selfhelp Schemes.

We have been notified that the Grit bins will not get automatically filled. With winter approaching please check any in your vicinity and report to us any bins that need topping up.

The Town Council has once more received complaints about dog fouling, please if you are a dog owner clear it up, no one wants it outside their house, on their shoes or on the wheels of their prams. And please do not hide it in the street Grit Bins, if there are no dog waste bins then you just have to take it home. The dog is your responsibility!

Our County Councillor James McInnes, reported on the worrying news about a ward closure at Okehampton District Hospital, to support the opposition to this please email or write direct to our MP Mel Stride mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk

After our discussion last month about the fly posters and unauthorised adverts on the bridge and our subsequent enquiry to West Devon District Council we triggered their 'remove everything' policy. Permanent adverts require planning permission. We are at present trying to confirm any temporary policy for charity/local events for posting such notices because obviously the bridge is a good place to advertise events that are happening in Hatherleigh.

We are also looking into getting a larger community notice board for the Coop wall.

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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