

## HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting

December 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

Next meeting January 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

(Note week later than usual)

For more information see our website

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

Your 8 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Ian Trenaman, Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Ben Bailey, Andrea Kimber.

### **THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT TIME FOR OUR MARKET TOWN OF HATHERLEIGH AND WE HAVE TWO VACANCIES!**

One expression of interest was received, more on this next month.

**Public Session:** Charles Dumbleton came to speak about the Ruby Country Partnership and how they may be able to help the future of Tuesday markets. Discussion focused on insurances, employment structures for a future manager, and the need to find fund raising options to support such things as staff and gazebos.

**Air Ambulance:** Discussion was had on the frustration of the slow progress of forwarding Hatherleigh's air ambulance site. A meeting had once again taken place with reps from DAAT and the Cricket Club. There was though welcome news that Caroline Munn wishes to lead a community fundraise campaign.

**Road Warden:** blocked drains were reported to Council and were forwarded for our volunteer Road Wardens' attention. At the time of writing I can update that Mr Farley has dealt with the issues speedily and efficiently.

**Maintenance issues:** Overhanging trees/hedges and faulty street lights were to be reported again to relevant bodies.

It was reported that the Allotment Association had replaced 13 of its allotment sheds.

A number of complaints had been reported to councillors using social media about noise through the night from the abattoir. This was forwarded to WDBC and is being investigated.

**Market plans update:** See above for discussion with Ruby Country Market. Confirmation has been received that following the cessation of trading for Vicks Market Ltd at the end of February, the Tuesday market produce stalls can continue to use the area as usual through the month of March, with the exception that all auctions must cease.

We are still awaiting a further meeting with Kingswood Homes to confirm the use of a building for the indoor market and auctions once they take ownership.

## **WINTER ISSUES:**

**Sandbags:** If any resident requires any sandbags during bad weather these are available from Hatherleigh Community Centre between office hours 9am to 12 midday weekdays (office number is 01837 810329). Please note the sandbags are not pre-filled and are for self-filling. For Emergencies Only call Stefan Farley on 07825 232331.

**Snow Warden:** We are investigating whether our Road Warden can take on this duty but he would still need help. If anyone is interested in helping with this scheme please contact our Clerk.

**Grit Bins:** please also check the Grit Bins in your vicinity and report to us any bins that need topping up. We have been notified that the Grit bins will not get automatically filled.

**Weeds/Leaves:** The Town Council again wishes to thank all those residents who take the time to keep the street and areas that border their property tidy and weed and leaf free.

**Meetings attended:** Councillors reported back from two AGM's. The Moor Management Committee AGM was well attended by potboilers and the committee were re-elected en bloc. The Festival AGM had new member support and were happy to support the Carnival Committee's idea of investigating the purchase of a marquee for the Town Square.

Don't forget! **On Christmas Eve**, join us in the Square at 7pm as we host the Carol Service accompanied by the Silver Band. Followed by mince pies and mulled cider in Old Schools.

Please look out for donation boxes to support the Christmas Lights Fund in shops in town.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

*Finally, please note that the jumbled layout of text in the council notes in the December Parish Pump issue was the error of the Parish Pump editor.*

Space is short here. 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

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