

## HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting

June 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

Next meeting July 11<sup>th</sup>

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

Your 9 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Ian Trenaman, Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Keith Kingstone, Ben Bailey, Andrea Kimber.

This month we welcomed Cathy Aubertin from West Devon Borough Council to discuss possible lease and purchase options for the car park. Resident parking permits were also considered. Costs were more than anticipated and we are looking into our options and gathering further information.

Following our working group meeting we have compiled a list of requests from community feedback on suggestions/demands to relieve the town's parking problems (see copy on website). The map which Devon Highways asked us to create will now be returned for their review. To repeat from previous notes - we are dependent on DCC and WDBC for any changes to the current parking situation being implemented.

The repair to the Millennium Plaque on the wall at Millennium Corner has finally been worked out and the cost agreed. The work will be carried out by the original ceramic artist John Roberts.

Following the refurbishment of the town's toilets it was reported that they have also received a complete cleansing makeover and are looking in great condition.

Also reported was news that the Hatherleigh Festival preparations are going well and the programme will be in print soon. The Council agreed to donate £100 in response to a sponsorship request.

District Councillor Kimber's report included news that the Business Information point BIP in Okehampton has extra funding to distribute for small businesses.

**Maintenance issues reported were:** overhanging hedge at the electricity station; road sign at Victoria road damaged; style on footpath needs attention; Jubilee footpath grass still to be cleared; the road signs have been cleaned this time by Cllr. Back.

Can we remind people to once again please adopt a hanging basket to water over the summer months. Thank you to those who have already started.

**Rubbish left on streets:** we have all noticed the black bags of discarded rubbish in numerous places left on the streets creating an eyesore and health hazard. PLEASE can people check their assigned waste collection weeks. If for whatever reason your rubbish fails to be collected don't leave it out for another 2 weeks. Ring and report it to WDBC!

The cans and food tins recycle bank has been removed by WDBC and is unlikely to return due to lack of use making it financially unviable. Some people are continuing to leave bags of cans, these will be added to litter bin refuse and end up in landfill so please use your green recycle box for cans/tins.

### **Hatherleigh's 1<sup>st</sup> Weed Pull Day!**

Following the appeal last month to 'Keep Hatherleigh Tidy' we are aware that some areas of town have improved and we thank those people who help.

Weed killing is a problem because of reductions in council budgets and the growing concern of using toxic chemicals in public places. Weeds continue to remain a problem and spurred by a newcomer to town offering his services we thought we'd give this a try - let's team up to look after our streets and get together for a weed pulling session. Bring a bucket, a pair of gloves and trowel. We welcome all support! **Meet at the defibrillator on the Coop wall weds 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.**

**Tarka Trail:** Are people aware that there is an online petition to Devon County Council asking for the missing link of the off-road section of the Tarka Trail to be connected between Meeth and Hatherleigh. Currently cyclists have to encounter a dangerous section of road as they approach Hatherleigh. If you would like to add your name to the petition search online Tarka Trail petition.

**Finally,** although the Mayor urged everyone to shop in the Coop store last Pump, what was meant was to choose the Hatherleigh store over other supermarkets. Of course first and foremost buy your products from our local independent family businesses! Shop local, think global!

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

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