

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting

May 9th 2017

Next meeting June 13th

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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.

The Annual Parish meeting was held at 6.30pm prior to our Council meeting. The meeting began with a presentation award to ex-Councillor Dennis Bater. Dennis has served this Community as Town Councillor for nearly 40 years and we felt this should be recognised. He was handed a plate made by local potter Jane Payne described with his long service achievement. Continuing on with the meeting a number of the public attended and issues raised included how to encourage residents to take more pride in the town - more on this by the Mayor elsewhere in the pump. The Mayor gave her annual review report, which included thanks and recognition to the many individuals and committees that make this Town what it is. A copy of this is on the website.

The Town Council AGM then followed at 7pm where new Councillor Andrea Kimber was welcomed through co-option. All Councillors agreed to continue in their current positions as chair/mayor, deputy and as representatives on various town committees. Additions were that Cllrs. Kingstone and Kimber would attend Community Centre meetings. The annual accounts having been prepared by the clerk were adopted and will now be sent to an external auditor. It was noted that Devon County Cllr. James McInnes retains his seat in this ward division following the County elections.

Island Park seating was again discussed following a further kind donation to the Skate Park Group from the Moor Management Committee towards two concrete picnic benches. The Council appreciate the fantastic financial support given to this recreation area. Options were looked at and an order was agreed. The granite box seats also on order are awaiting delivery and ground preparation.

Other small maintenance issues include: a description plaque for the time-capsule has been purchased and placed under the flowerbed mosaic, thanks to Andy Gilbert's help; works are continuing on the graveyard path; works to the toilets are continuing, and as reported last month Mrs Rewse will now take over as toilet cleaner. The dead tree in the car park will be reported again! The tree-ring charting historic events, once displayed in Buddle Lane has re-surfaced from storage thanks to Dennis Bater. Following discussions between the Council and the Community Centre on finding it a

home it was agreed that the cabinet surround receives some treatment before it is placed sited.

Runnon Moor planning leaflet:

It was reported that a housing development leaflet from Walsingham Planning was posted to households in Hatherleigh. It should be noted this is only speculative on their part and does not guarantee that this will go ahead. No formal planning application has been submitted as far as the Council is aware. We therefore will not offer comment on this at this stage and will submit comments in the usual procedural way if a formal proposal appears. If anyone does reply to the leaflet we ask you also send comments to this Town Council as we would like to understand all comments.

Joint Local Plan consultation: As reported last month the Town Council submitted its response to this and also submitted a revised Settlement Boundary map. It should also be noted that Kingswood Homes, the company interested in the market development has submitted a letter to the consultation asking for a revision and more flexible approach over housing numbers, employment space and renewable energy criteria to the current outline planning permission.

Parking review: A concern was raised that elements of this review has been decided. This is not the case and is still ongoing. We are in the process of listing the parking measures the community wants to see. Devon Highways will then review and feedback what is/isn't feasible. WDBC are valuing the car park. At the June meeting we hope to understand what options are available for any possible purchase or lease. Please be aware that our review is only a REQUEST to the higher authorities. We are dependent on DCC and WDBC for any changes to the current situation being implemented.

Finally, the Mayor urged everyone to shop in the Hatherleigh Coop store and support this great business model whereby a percentage of locally generated profits go towards community causes. The sum of £5,272 was awarded to the Community Centre, Pre and Primary School.

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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