

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting
February 27th 2018 (re-scheduled)
Next meeting March 13th

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<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.

Market plans update:

The Tuesday market stalls will be continuing to operate in the market area with the indoor stalls moving into the large sheep pens building. The fur/feather auction will temporarily move into the old Natwest bank building until further notice, selling eggs/poultry equipment, plants & produce, and other items (no animals as a temporary measure). Ruby Country will manage the market stalls. Contact Charles Dumbleton for more information (01837 811808). There will be a catering unit onsite and refreshments are still available as usual at the Old Schools & Methodist Church coffee mornings, and town café.

Kingswood Homes (KH) and the working group met again to discuss transitional arrangements. Meeting notes will be available to view on the Town Council website. KH have stressed they are keen to ensure the market continues. KH have not yet submitted their planning application. When they do there will be further opportunities to submit your comments.

Car park: The Town Council have received a breakdown of some costs associated with maintenance/repair of the car park and adjacent road infrastructure. We are now in a position to forward our proposal to WDBC suggesting they retain ownership and the Town Council compensates any revenue loss associated with car park ticketing charges.

Air Ambulance night landing site: Following delays to the logistics of using the cricket club we will investigate the potential use of the football field. The fundraiser quiz night organised by Mrs Munn was well supported. **Next fundraiser is a Coffee Morning and Cake sale at Old Schools – date tbc.** Mrs Munn works in the Paper Shop and is helping collect donations. Cheques should be written out to Hatherleigh Town Council and will be 'ring-fenced'.

Maintenance issues: The Town Council discussed the continued excellent work carried out by our Road & Snow Warden Stefan Farley. A letter of thanks will be sent.

Quotes are still awaited on the decision to take on pollarding works to the trees lining the road at the

cricket field. Council discussion highlighted that as these trees were the responsibility of DCC and not the Town Council, we cannot take on large costs associated with their maintenance.

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. In an Emergency Only please call Road Warden Stefan Farley on 07825 232331.

Snow Warden: Our Road Warden has volunteered to also take on this duty. If anyone is interested in helping Stefan grit pathways in snow/ice conditions please contact our Clerk or the above number.

Grit Bins: please also check the Grit Bins in your vicinity and report to us any bins that need topping up. Grit bins do not get automatically filled.

Pot holes: a reminder that pot holes and other highway issues can be reported online directly to Devon County Council using their 'REPORT A PROBLEM' website. This is a straightforward system and easy to use.

OkeRail coffee morning proved very popular and the group are organising a trip to Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon. The visitor centre in Market St are collecting contact details for interested people.

Dist.Cllr.Patrick Kimber reported that WDBC has now set its budget for 2018/19. The Okehampton office will close but some local support grants will be issued. They are considering raising car parking fees.

Churchyard War Memorial: Historic England have listed this as Grade II having a 'special architectural historic interest'.

Registering historic Footpaths: It was reported that there will be a 'cut off' date (1st January 2026) to record all unrecorded footpaths and bridleways created before 1949 on the *Definitive Rights of Way map*.

Space is short here. A full account of meetings are available in the minutes, these are available on the notice board at Millennium Square or the Town Council website at
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