

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 16th January 2018 7pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllr.Tyson chair, Cllrs.Laycock, Laing-Trengove, Kimber, Trenaman, Gladstone, Back.
Dist.Cllr.Kimber. The Clerk. 4 members of the public

Apologies: None

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr.S.Blakeman: planning app no 4106/2017 Millers Cottage, Buddle Lane – alterations and extensions

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

273. The minutes of the meeting held 5th December 2017, having been duly circulated, were signed by the chair as being a true and correct record with one amendment – min.266 to read “open/closure mechanism on front door is being replaced”. Proposed Cllr.Gladstone seconded Cllr.Laycock. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

274. Car park working group(min.238) further information received from WDBC concerning repair/maintenance costs as follows: 2014/2015 = £407.44. 2015/2016 = £411.56. 2016/2017 = £1,484.68. 2017/208 = £2,201.56. Clerk to ascertain if pothole repairs are for the actual carpark area or for roads upto The George and by the roundabout.. Clerk reported that WDBC had also asked if we had given any further consideration to the asset transfer to enable them to set their increased carpark fees throughout the district. Resolved that Clerk inform WDBC that until further information is received, in response to letter dated Oct.2017 the Council were not in a position to proceed.

275. Devon Air Ambulance night landing site (min.239) Cllr.Back reported that he cannot approach BT or Western Power for quotes for any necessary work without permission/further information from the Cricket Club. Cllr.Tyson reported that Mrs.Munn had organised two fund raising events a quiz in Tally Ho! on 25th Feb. and a coffee morning in Old Schools on 17th March.

276. Jubilee footpath (min.240) no contact from Mr.Edwards.

277. Tree Sanctuary Lane (min.242) Darryl Jagger of DCC reported that he was in contact with the landowner as to the way forward.

278. Hedge Tricity House (min.243) Western Power had been given the postcode to enable any works to be carried out.

279. Dead tree in car park (min.244) WDBC assets team were obtaining a quote for any necessary works.

280. Church Lane light (min.245) Cllrs.Laycock, Laing-Trengove, Trenaman could see no problem with the street light.

281. Seat by school (min.247) awaiting a quote for repairs from M.Wonnacott.

282. Xmas Eve celebrations (min.250) Councillors reported an enjoyable evening. Moneys collected were as follows:

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a) collecting boxes in shops	£167.82
b) Old Schools box xmas eve	£ 37.07

The Chair requested that Cllr.Trenaman pass onto the Light Committee the thanks of the Town Council for their excellent work every year in erecting the xmas lights.

283. CPRE membership (min.251) £36.00 per annum membership. Decision deferred until Feb. meeting

284. Drains Red Lane (min.260) Clerk had received 2 calls from residents of Red Lane reporting that the drains had been cleared. Cllr.Tyson reported that Mr.Farley had also carried out work on drains in Park Rd/ Victoria Rd.

285. Street light car park (min.263a) Cllr.Tyson had once again reported this to WDBC.

286. Noise at abattoir (min.263c) no further complaint had been received – the original complaint was concerning noise during normal working hours.

287. WDBC training events of Code of Conduct (min.269) WDBC were not able to offer a useable electronic version of these training sessions.

288. Okehampton Rail Consultation (min.271) Cllr.Tyson reported how complicated the government consultation link was to complete. She was notified of a "Travel Watch" workshop to learn more and would pass on information when received.

PLANNING MATTERS

289. Applications to consider:-

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| a) Mr.McDonald | Garden Cottage (LBC) | replacement windows
<i>Council supported the application</i> |
| b) Mr.Beresford (Hancock) | plot adj.Keir Hatherleigh Industrial estate | industrial building
<i>Council supported the application in principle but concern over number of parking spaces ie.10</i> |
| c) Mr.R.Cobb | Millers Cottage Buddle Lane | extensions and alterations
<i>Council supported the application now that the parking problems have been resolved</i> |

Applications considered during December:

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| a) Mr.I.Crockatt | Reed Farm | Agric.storage barn
<i>No comments made</i> |
| b) Mr.N.Walker | Fishleigh Down Farm | 2 bay garage
<i>Council supported the application</i> |

290. Permissions granted:-

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| a) Mr.N.Laing-Taylor | Red Lane | detached bungalow |
| b) Mr.R.Luckhurst | Vicks Meadow | tree works |
| c) Mrs.Moyse | Hole Park | 10k ground mounted solar panels |

291. Refusals advised: None

292. Hatherleigh Market – Cllr.Tyson reported that Kingswood would present a “vision document” by the end of Jan/beginning of February and a meeting with them to be arranged to discuss the same.

Following a lengthy discussion on the subject of the development and future of the market the main bullet points to arise were as follows:-

- Cllr.Tyson to contact Kingswood Homes with a reminder about the “vision document” and the meeting
- Many questions could not be answered until the Council had seen this document especially in relation to any future market building - whether the freehold would be given to the council or whether it would be on a 99year lease with a peppercorn rent
- Possible funding source is Greater Dartmoor LEAF/LAG and it was agreed that Cllr.Tyson should

- register the Council's interest in a possible funding bid should the freehold be an option
- Legal position with regard to the “market charter” needs to be clarified
- Mr.Dumpleton (Ruby Country Partnership) had advertised the position of market manager and had received 3 replies. Advert to be placed on Council's website. All applicants should apply to Ruby Country Partnership not the town council. Discussion took place on the actual interview process.
- The Carnival Committee need to submit their needs/concerns direct to Kingswood Homes.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

293. The clerk presented the following account for payment:-

a) L & M Cole Landscapes	grounds maint. £1244.57)	
	Island park bridge £ 30.00)	£1274.57
b) Mrs.Rewse	toilet cleaning	£ 315.00
c) Mrs.R.Lock	wages	£ 154.60
d) Mrs.R.Lock	expenses	£ 44.80
e) Hatherleigh Comm.centre	hire	£ 16.40
f) HMRC	clerks tax	£ 115.80
g) Nat.Allotment Soc.	Membership	£ 66.00
h) N.Moorcroft	Island park 25 weeks to 10.12.2017	£ 750.00
l) Laing Taylor Ltd.	Xmas eve expenses	£ 36.48
j) Vicks	photocopying carol sheets	£ 72.00
k) C.Tyson	expenses xmas buffet £135.20)	
	xmas expenses £ 6.50)	£ 141.70

Proposed by Cllr.Laycock seconded Cllr.Kimber that the above accounts be paid. Cheques were signed by Cllrs.Trenaman and Laing-Trengove.

294. Moneys received Xmas boxes/xmas eve £204.89

295. Precept for 2018/2019 – resolved that the precept remain the same ie. £25000.00 (twenty five thousand pounds) made up as to precept expenses of £23,580 and council tax support grant of £1,420.00. Clerk to complete and submit relevant forms.

296. L & M Cole Landscape 2018 contract – resolved that council accept the rise of 1.5% making a grounds maintenance charge of £3,984.68 (includes grass cutting in new graveyard) Hanging basket £440.43 Hatherleigh sportsfield 13 cuts £627.86 (includes strimming around obstacles) extra cuts £46. The ground maintenance tender would have to be advertised for 2019/2020.

297. HMRC – notification of changes for reclaiming vat for councils.

298. DALC Transparency fund – resolved that we had a good website which published all necessary and relevant information and Clerk was content with the way the paperwork was undertaken and presented.

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299. J.McInnes locality budget grant of £800 for the cycle racks had not been received. Clerk to notify Cllr.McInnes.

COUNCIL VACANCIES

300. WDBC had confirmed that no election had been called for so that the vacancies could be filled by co-option. Clerk reported two expressions of interest received – Mrs. K.Madders and Mr.J. Newman. Resolved that both parties be invited to the next council meeting on February 13th.

TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE ISSUES

301. Cllr.Tyson:-

a) trees by cricket field – on going issue

- b) BT phone box at Moor View had been cleaned and repaired
- c) Availability of sand/sandbags was available on the website
- d) Mr.S.Farley now registered with DCC as our snow warden. He had drafted up an emergency snow plan. Council agreed to adopt this plan with suggested amendments. Once completed will be placed on HTC website
- e) Play inspection fee – resolved to continue with Elizabeth Rose again this year

302. Cllr.Laycock – encouraged everyone to continue to report potholes online to DCC.

303. Cllr.Kimber – had reported blocked drain by Oslo House.

304. Cllr.Gladstone – War Memorial – reported that the memorial had general settlement cracks only and that the condition should be monitored.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

305. Cllr.Kimber reported that WDBC now had a budget gap of £2million. Looking into further savings eg. Closing of Okehampton office, cutting various grants. Council tax rise could be 2.99%

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

306. Cllr.Tyson:-

- a) Super Links meeting – DCC video on budgetary challenges. John Hart leader of DCC also present
- b) Festival committee – themed plans for July celebrating 100years of change in Hatherleigh to mark 100th anniversary of WW1. Fund raising event in May
- c) Carnival Committee - update & discussion on market situation

CORRESPONDENCE

307. DALC – Royal Garden party nominations – no names put forward.

308. WDBC change of command – Executive Director for Strategy and Commissioning is leaving the post and will not be replaced.

309. Mayors invites for Barnstaple Charity ball 24th March and Bideford fund raising dinner 2nd March.

310. WDBC Mayoral awards – nominations to be submitted b 28th Feb. Agenda item next meeting.

ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

311. Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported that Mr.John Roberts is still working on repairs to the millennium mosaic.

312. Okehampton Rail holding coffee morning in Old Schools on Tuesday 30th January.

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313. Cllr.Tyson attending a “Councils together” meeting arranged by Okehampton Town Council.

314. Cllr.Laycock gave her apologies for the February meeting.

315. Date of next meeting Tuesday Feb.13th 7pm.

There being no further business, the chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

Signed.....chairman.....dated