

## HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting  
May 8<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Next meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>

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Your 10 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Ian Trenaman, Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Ben Bailey, Andrea Kimber, Kariss Madders. And this month we welcome Jeff Newman to the Council team.

Firstly a brief mention of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held at 6.30pm** which preceded the Council AGM. The chair/mayor read her report, a brief review of what the Council has focused on through the year, this included thank yous to many individuals, groups and committees in the Town. A copy is on the website. We also listened to Mr Conner who was concerned about the weed situation in the streets, particularly around the Square and discussion ensued on the problems in trying to alleviate the situation.

**The Town Council AGM** followed at 7pm. All Councillors agreed to continue in their current positions as chair/mayor, deputy and as representatives on various town committees. The annual accounts having been prepared by the clerk were adopted and will now be sent to an external auditor.

**The 'Royal Oke' special train excursion** organised by OkeRail was reported on. It was revealed from a survey on the train that nearly 40 Hatherleigh residents enjoyed the day trip. More on the excursion elsewhere in this Parish Pump. Considering the wide local support for the line reinstatement, the Council agreed to join *Connect Bude*, a partnership group to OkeRail, to show further support to this campaign. Look out for the 2018 timetable of the Sunday Rover train.

**Runnon Moor Ruby Trail bench and dog bin:** further discussion took place now the track ownership has been established. We are able to proceed with the project if we maintain the items. Quotes will now be sought for a bench and its location to be decided. WDBC now need to be contacted over costs/siting for emptying the dog bin.

**The closure of Natwest Bank in Okehampton** caused concern over what would happen to

Council documents held with them for safe custody. These had been collected and will be transferred to a local reputable solicitor.

**Market:** It was reported that the Tuesday pannier market was working well under the new management of Ruby country, and the poultry auction in full swing. The Town Council, Parish Pump and DCC Cllr MCInnes worked together in purchasing the market table tops, donations have now been gratefully received.

**Maintenance issues:** We agreed to proceed with the repair of the bench by the school gate following a quote received from Mr Wonnacott.

**The school flower bed and Millennium Corner** maintenance came under discussion. The flower bed by the school is to be part of an exciting project between Beaford Arts and the primary school. And comments have resurfaced again about the oversized bushes in the wall of Millennium corner hiding the area. It was agreed it was time to take these out and replant with something more suitable.

**Hanging baskets:** Please adopt a basket and ensure it gets regular water in dry spells, they are a lovely addition to the town in summer. We're aware a couple of properties don't want baskets on their walls and there are comments some are too high. We will try comply with requests but be aware that the height is beyond our control and is set by safety policy.

And finally, before the meeting was closed we invited Mr Moorcroft in to receive a certificate of appreciation and a small hamper of goodies. He does an exceptional job in his litter picking duties going above and beyond what is expected.

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