

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting November 12th

Next meeting December 10th 2019
7pm in Community Centre

For more information see our website
www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/

Your 10 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Jeff Newman, Kay Walters, Netty Holwill, Donna Lewis, Iain Crockatt.

Street Caretaker position: We have received 2 expressions of interest. The person chosen will be invited to start following our January meeting.

Hatherleigh First Responder: people may not be aware that this service has been withdrawn due to service cuts. Reports from recent incidents show that individuals have suffered waiting for distant ambulances to attend. The council is highlighting these incidents as evidence to request the First Responder service is reinstated.

CHANGES TO RECYCLING: Everyone should now have received information/new stickers/new sack about forthcoming changes to the way we can recycle. Check those WDBC envelopes! It all begins December 2nd!

Rats/Food Waste: Rats sightings are still being reported around town. Please ensure that food waste is stored properly in suitable containers between refuse collections to ensure there are no opportunities for rats to feed.

Climate Emergency: Discussion took place on this issue and how the town council can act in response. It was agreed to bring together ideas for the development of an action plan for the start of 2020. **If you would like to contribute ideas on what environmental actions you think your Town Council should be engaging in then please send them in to us.**

In support of the the **Toilet Twinning Scheme** Hatherleigh toilets are now twinned with a latrine in Carazo, Nicaragua.

Maintenance issues:

Ash trees: Please be aware that there are a couple of trees in Island Park that are suffering from ash die-back disease. Due to safety concerns these trees sadly have to be taken down.

The Buddle Spring has now been registered on the Historic Environment Register.

The clerk read out a **police crime report** for Hatherleigh – details are in the minutes.

The **benches** outside the school and Co-op are to be repaired.

Grass verge Moor View: a lengthy discussion took place again on how to resolve this situation. Further advice is being sought before a decision is reached.

WINTER ISSUES:

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

Sandbags: If residents need sandbags during bad weather they are available from the Community Centre during office hours 9-12 midday weekdays (01837 810329). Sandbags are not pre-filled and are for self-filling. Sand is available at the Community Centre.

Snow Warden: If anyone is interested in helping Stefan grit a small number of pathways in snow/ice conditions please contact our Clerk.

Grit Bins: please check Grit Bins in your vicinity and report to us any bins that need topping up. Grit bins don't get automatically filled.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

Monday December 2nd is Christmas Lights Switch On at 7.15pm! Accompanied by Hatherleigh Silver Band and Late Night Shopping. Come and see Santa in Old Schools! And hear our Town Criers 'Oyezing!'

On Christmas Eve, join us in the Square at 7pm as we host the Carol Service accompanied by Hatherleigh Silver Band. Followed by mince pies and mulled cider in Old Schools.

Please look out for donation boxes to support the Christmas Lights Fund in shops in town.

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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