

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes January 21st

Next meeting February 11th 2020
7pm in Community Centre

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www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/

Your 9 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Kay Walters, Netty Holwill, Donna Lewis, Iain Crockatt.

We now have a Councillor vacancy, details are on the Town Council noticeboard and website or contact the clerk at the address below.

Street Caretaker position: We are pleased to report that Hatherleigh's new Street Caretaker, Chris Peters, will begin on Feb 1st. This is a new venture for the council and one that will evolve over time. He will work a few hours a month on general maintenance tasks around town.

Precept: It was resolved to maintain the precept at the current level of £25k. There will be no Council Tax Support Grant this year meaning there will be a slight increase in the town precept to compensate for this Govt. reduction.

Hatherleigh Market: Due to restrictions in parking space as the build progresses and to help encourage a continuation of visitors to the town on Tuesday, the council have agreed a financial arrangement with WDBC to allow free parking between 9am-1pm on Tuesday mornings.

Toddler Playpark: Good news was reported that the National Lottery application was successful. Funds are steadily increasing and some equipment can now be put on order.

Maintenance Issues:

Please note there will be **drainage works** in the vicinity of the Market Square, public toilets and Hole Court commencing between March 13th–26th.

The flower bed next to the phone box will undergo a revamp.

Damage caused to the Christmas tree and lights has been paid for by the culprit.

The Stagecoach bus company are consulting on proposal to make changes on some bus routes – visit their website for details.

Numerous public footpaths needing attention have been reported to DCC footpath officer,

including the repair of a stile at the graveyard to keep sheep out.

Grass verge Moor View: It was agreed the Town Council will take on responsibility for the grass cutting of this public open area and a letter has been sent to residents requesting they remove their rope so this can resume.

Climate Emergency: Discussion took place on this agenda item and it was resolved to declare a 'Climate Emergency' in line with other councils showing a commitment to act where it can.

Both Devon County and West Devon Councils are producing a local strategy and we await the results of these with interest.

Councillors have been and continue to attend local groups in Hatherleigh and Okehampton as reps for this Council and we hope to produce an 'action plan' to encourage positive changes.

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.

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.

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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