

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11th FEBRUARY 2020
7.00pm IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Cllr.Tyson in the chair, Cllrs. Walters, Crockatt, Laing-Trengove, Gladstone, Back, Holwill (7.40pm). Dist.Cllr. Kimber, the Clerk and one member of the public

Apologies: Cllrs.Laycock and Lewis

Declarations

of interest: Cllr.Tyson – employee of West Devon Borough Council

.....

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr.T.Reynolds, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service spoke as follows:-

- he is the Watch Manager for the area
- Hatherleigh Fire Station is a safe station – not affected by the recent cuts
- Government funding of £2.3million granted to Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service
- There are 8 firefighters in Hatherleigh. Each one cost approx £10,000 - £11,000 to train
- From paging to out of door Hatherleigh has the fastest response time in Devon
- The service is working on “A Safer together” programme
- There is a recruitment drive – Hatherleigh would benefit from 4,5 or 6 more firemen
- You do not have to be available all the time. You can go on a 30hour contract for example
- Various literature/information forms were left for distribution

Cllr.Tyson thanked him for his attendance and information given.

.....

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

347. The minutes of the meeting held 21st Jan.2020 having been duly circulated were signed by the Chair as being a true and correct record with one amendment – min.314 to read “between hours of 9am – 1pm” Proposed Cllr.Walters seconded Cllr. Gladstone. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

348. Toddlers play park (min.310 refers) Cllr.Lewis via e.mail reported as follows:-

- The Community Centre would pay over the grants received from The National Lottery fund and the Moor Management Committee to the Town Council in order that invoices from Broxap and G.Shacklock could be paid. It was resolved that such invoices would not be paid until these funds had been received.

349. Grass verge Moor View (min.311 refers) resolved that the Council reply to letter received from Quiet Waters on this matter.

350. Car park/Tuesday mornings (min.314 refers) West Devon Borough Council had agreed that the Town Council could reimburse them in the sum of £55.00 per week to enable free parking between the hours of 9am – 1pm. This to commence 11th Feb and be

reviewed in three months time. Notices had been displayed in the car park this morning ie. 11th February and many positive comments received by councillors from members of the public.

351. Town Council vacancy (min.316 refers) statutory 14 days notice to request an election expires 12th February after which we can co-opt to fill the vacancy.

352. Steps in The Square (min.317 refers) Carnival Committee would discuss this matter at their AGM on March 18th. The Festival Committee had requested details of the accidents as nothing had been reported to them. Resolved that Council reply that we had received three reports of incidents of people tripping/falling over but had no names.

353. War Horse sign (min.318 refers) this had now been reinstalled.

354. Zip wire (min.319 refer) Cllr.Laing-Trengove would ask that a deadline of 31st March 2020 be agreed for the work to be completed.

355. Hatherleigh Market (min.325 refers) Cllr.Tyson reported as follows:-

- Market Manager reported that the stalls had moved
- Kingswood Homes site manager was aware of the difficulties caused by the bad weather
- With regard to "the old market gates" they hoped to erect these somewhere on the site when the project is completed.

356. Precept considerations (min.328 refers) Clerk had received confirmation of submitted form for the sum of £25,000 (twenty five thousand pounds).

357. Town Plan/Dist.Cllr. Kemp (min.330 refers) Cllr.Tyson reminded Council that the Hatherleigh Community Plan which expires in 2026 gives the town some protection as does the new Joint Local Development plan adopted by WDBC 26th March 2019 which is valid until 2034.

358. Xmas light damage (min.332 refers) sum of £141 had been received in respect of damaged lights and receipt has been issued.

359. Footpaths (min.334 refers) Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported that with regard to footpath no.3 by the cricket club, the land owner had agreed to fence off the dangerous section.

360. Blocked drain by the Garage (min.335 refers) Cllr.Tyson reported that this had now been cleared.

361.Graveyard footpath (min.337 refers) Cllr.Laing-Trengove would contact Mr.J.Baker and ask for a new gate to replace the stile.

362. Climate Control (min.338 refers) following a discussion it was resolved that

- the words "bio diversity" be added to our emergency declaration
- Councillors were encouraged to attend the Environmental meeting on 25th Feb.

363. Street Cleaner |(min.339 refers) reported as follows:-

- Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported that the Community Centre were charged by weight for clearance of their waste

41

• Mr Peters had begun clearing weeds from footpaths and taken over the Play Park inspection from Cllr.Tyson

- Agreed to look at pay rates after 1st April
- Clerk to chase up Elizabeth Rose to book a training course for play inspection.

PLANNING MATTERS

364. Applications to consider: None

365. Permissions granted:

a) 3810/19/HHO Mr.Bowman Oakfield Cottage erection of garage

366. Refusals advised:-

a) 2178/19/FUL Mr.Bowman Oakfield Cottage erection of 2 dwellings

367. Any other planning matters:-

a) Concerns raised about whether change of use had been granted for the Old Doctors Surgery/Pipers Meadow to residential use now known as Tumbleweed. Clerk to make enquiries with WDBC planning department

b) The access to the school was again brought to the attention of the Council. Cllr.Lewis would be advised to contact County Cllr.James McInnes on the matter

368. Hatherleigh market – Cllr.Tyson reported that following our request to Devon Highways for new road signs – our request would be added to their list but priority is given to end of life directional signs and not amending/erecting new signs.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

369. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Mrs. Rewse	toilets 22.1 – 11.2. 2020 21 days	£ 180.62
b) Mrs. Lock	wages	£ 366.48
c) L & M Cole Landscape	P3 work	£ 595.00
d) Hatherleigh Comm.Centre	hire	£ 16.40
e) T. Cook Ltd.	Xmas lights	£ 16.80
f) Broxap	play equipment	£10407.38
g) G Shacklock	fencing Community Centre	£ 1103.68

Proposed Cllr.Gladstone seconded Cllr.Walters that the above accounts be paid. Cllrs. Back and Laing-Trengove signed the cheques.

370. Moneys received T.Oates – xmas lights £ 141.00

371. Any other financial matters:-

a) Hatherleigh Cricket Club – request for further funding of £250 to sponsor a pillar on the verandah. Resolved that Town Council have already granted on behalf of the community the sum of £500.00 and are unable to grant any further funds. Clerk to ask if £250 from our previous donation could be used to sponsor a pillar.

b) Clerk asked if Cllr.Back could order 2 new cheque books.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

372. Cllr.Kimber reported:-

a) WDBC were working on a “Well being” scheme

b) a 3 week black bag collection was being trialled in certain areas but not Hatherleigh

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

373. DCC Drainage responsibilities – email forwarded to all councillors.

374. Cllr. Gladstone would continue to report the serious potholes at the top of Higher Street.

375. Cllr. Crockatt – drain above the bungalow in Sanctuary Lane blocked. Cllr.Tyson to refer to S. Farley to investigate. He would undertake to clean the war memorial.

376. Cllr.Tyson reported:-

- a) Mr.Peters had started work on the path at Island Park
- b) Football pitch – still “No parking” signs for the gateways for DAA. Cllr.Back to follow up
- c) Ambergate leylandii hedge – she would deal with this problem through WDBC
- d) Request from a resident for a disabled ramp into the mens toilet. Clerk to contact WDBC
- e) Following complaint about rubbish being tipped/left in Millennium Corner – she would enquire as to what suitable signage could be displayed.

WEST DEVON MAYORAL AWARDS

377. Following a discussion it was resolved that Cllr.Crockatt would liaise with Dist.Cllr.Kimber concerning a possible nomination.

TOWN BUSINESS INITIATIVES

378. Cllr.Crockatt gave a brief resume of his ideas/thoughts as follows:-

- this was a long term project
- would try to make Hatherleigh “a go to place” and bring in employment/investment
- We must make full use of the new market building when it is up and running.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

379. Cllr. Walters reported that Dartmoor Railway had gone into liquidation and the lease on the line was still to be sorted out.

380. Cllr.Crockatt – Ash dieback and hedgerow meeting – reported that 95% of ash trees were expected to be infected with dieback. Devon had the best hedges in Europe.

381. Cllr.Back – Moor Management.

382. Cllr.Laing-Trengove – Community Centre – window at gable end had been installed.

383. Cllr.Tyson – Sportsfield Committee – were working with DCC to register the Passaford Lane/Lovers Walk footpath.

CORRESPONDENCE

384. All information emails had been forwarded to all councillors

ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

385. Cllr.Walters encouraged councillors to complete the online “Church Survey” to enable Hatherleigh Church to apply for grants.

43

386. Cllr.Gladstone – leaflets available concerning North Devon Biosphere.

387. Date of next meeting Tuesday 10th March 2020 7pm.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.35pm

Signed.....chair.....dated

44