

## HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April held via Zoom. Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 7pm using Zoom.

For more information see our website

[www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/](http://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.

**Due to the current restrictions concerning the Covid19 virus our meetings will be held using Zoom, a remote meeting platform. To enable meetings to remain public and our Public Session available for residents to speak please check our minutes page on the website prior to meeting for details of the Zoom link, code and password.**

THERE WILL BE NO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OR AGM IN MAY.

Our Agenda items and matters for attention are obviously much reduced at this time however we are still continuing to operate and will attend to the matters we are able to.

**Hatherleigh Covid 19 Volunteer Group:** we can report this group is doing an excellent job providing support and help with food and medicine supplies to those that are vulnerable and shielding.

Contact details for the group are available on our main website page.

Help/support letters had been sent to all residents.

There are 81 volunteers, helping 31 residents.

Group very active on facebook

An application to Devon County Council Prompt Action fund awarded a sum of £495.00.

The group had received some generous donations.

Volunteers were collecting shopping, medicines, and offering support calls.

A food bank scheme was also running to offer support.

### **Maintenance Issues:**

In line with Govt advice 'Closed' signs were displayed around the playpark and skatepark.

Thanks were expressed to Top Cut Tree Services for removing the tree suffering with Ash Dieback disease, and also for removing the limbs that were leaning into the road at the bridge.

**Financial Issues:** It was considered that future payments to the people that carry out our maintenance work keeping our park, streets and toilets clean should be paid 80% of their fee in line with the national furlough scheme.

Emergency regulations have come into force regarding the auditing of accounts allowing the publications to be much later in the year.

**WDBC Cllrs report:** Cllr.Kimber passed on a complaint received about inconsiderate lighting of garden bonfires. Council offices were shut but officers were working from home, and planning applications were still going ahead with applicants displaying their own notices.

### **Can we please remind residents:**

NOT to leave their rubbish bags by litter bins outside of collection times, this is fly tipping; to clear up adjoining pathways after they have trimmed their hedges and trees; and to take in their recycle boxes once emptied and not leave them out cluttering the pavements.

**Parish Pump:** this report usually appears in the monthly magazine. This month's edition is to be reduced and our contribution is to express thanks to our key workers and residents.....

Hatherleigh Town Councillors would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You! To the many working individuals living within our parish – from the Emergency and Critical workers, to Key workers, to the food producers and suppliers, and to those involved with Hatherleigh Covid19 Volunteer group - we salute you!

We are also grateful to every single resident doing their best to follow Government advice, we know it's not easy but we'll bounce back and return to enjoying the things we're all missing and with it our learned knowledge that we've become a more connected community!

**Space is short here. A full account of meetings are available in the minutes on the Town Council website [temporarily not on noticeboard]**

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