

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting 14th July held via Zoom. No Meeting August. Next meeting 8th September 2020 7pm.
For more information see our website www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/

Your 8 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Kay Walters, Netty Holwill, Donna Lewis.

Resignation received pre-meeting from Iain Crockatt after which he was thanked for his service to Council.

Due to current restrictions meetings are held using Zoom, a remote meeting platform. The meeting and Public Session remain available. Check our website 'minutes page' for details of the Zoom link, code and password. Alternatively see the agenda on the notice board.

Public Session: Mr & Mrs Watts both gave presentations on their objections to the Biddecombe planning application.

Hatherleigh Covid-19 Volunteer Group: Update was received and the group continues to offer support and help to the vulnerable members of this community. Thanks were expressed to all those involved.

Hatherleigh Market is now fully open and sees the return of the auctions. Reports from visitors are all positive with covid safety measures being strictly adhered to. Free parking in the town car park remains in place between 9-1pm.

Hatherleigh 'Lockdown Memories' book: it was reported that submissions for the book will be extended until November to enable entries on the ongoing disruption to our 2020 events.

Toddler Park: We are delighted to report that its refurbishment is completed and is looking great! This park along with Island Park playpark are now both open. Please bear in mind social distance rules and ensure hand sanitiser is used for yourself and your family. Please read the guideline signs placed on fences.

The Annual Inspections of equipment was late due to covid but this has now been completed.

Maintenance Issues: Thanks were expressed to the ladies who are voluntarily keeping the Market Square and Millennium Corner looking pretty with flowering plants.

Hanging baskets are now up so please keep an eye on them and water frequently.

Discussion took place on the diseased ash trees around Island Park. Some have now been marked by Devon Highways for removal. The ash tree in the playpark will be removed this winter.

A number of highway hedges have been reported to Devon County for attention, these are expected to receive attention in autumn.

The Town Council website has been updated to include an **Equality and Diversity statement:**

Hatherleigh Town Council represents all members of the Hatherleigh Community. It welcomes and respects the opinions of all individuals and groups and attaches the utmost importance to the creation and maintenance of a community where equality for all is achieved, and diversity is respected and valued.

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 to take in their recycle boxes once emptied and not leave them out on pavements.

We keep saying it! Hatherleigh Town Council again say "**Thank You**" to everyone in this parish helping to keep everyone safe and well and sticking to the Coronavirus guidelines.

If you have concerns or need help on your financial situation there is lots of information and help links on West Devon Borough Council and Devon County Council websites.

As lockdown measures are easing please be considerate of others. There will be some understandably anxious of venturing out. So please be mindful of this and take care of each other. Remember this is not over and localised lockdowns could happen!

Space is short here. A full account of meetings are available in the minutes on the Town Council website and notice board in Millennium Corner. www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/

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