

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL
minutes of meeting held 9th June 2020 7.00pm
by zoom

Present: Cllr.Tyson in the chair, Cllrs.Laycock, Laing-Trengove, Gladstone, Back Lewis, Crockatt, Walters. Dist.Cllrs.Kimber and Kemp. County Councillor J.McInnes. The Clerk

Apologies: Cllr.Holwill

Declarations

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

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PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting code and password were given on the agenda. Meeting information also displayed on the Town Council website. No members of the public joined the meeting

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COVID 19 UPDATE/EMERGENCY MATTERS

488. The following matters were discussed:-

- Public toilet WDBC were looking to reopen public toilets. They would arrange to “flush through” the toilets. Mrs. Rewse agreed to carry out a deep clean at no extra costs. WDBC state toilets should be cleaned twice a day and have asked that there is a 15mins lapse between locking and entering the building to commence cleaning to let respiratory droplets disperse. Mrs.Rewse is willing to carry out extra duties. Resolved that Mrs.Rewse be paid for whatever extra hours are required which she should submit to the clerk

- Island Park – play area is taped off. Skatepark/picnic area is being used
- Cllr.Tyson had sent an article to Okehampton Times for an item they were printing on the reopening of town high streets
- Revised bus timetable received and would be displayed on council web site
- Cllr.Back reported that the Hatherleigh Volunteer Group was working well with a number of residents being supported.
- Tally Ho! and the George – use of The Square for a drinking area with restricted hours after lockdown eased. WDBC would send out a consultation on the idea
- Street Caretaker – Cllr.Tyson reported that Mr.Peters had started work and had been busy. It was resolved that with regard to the verge by the cricket pitch and benches that he should cut the whole area. With regard to the pavement on the opposite side of the road – he should cut a one metre strip only
- With regard to the cleaning out of the flood relief channel – this was considered a massive job. Resolved that Cllr.Laing-Trengove take photos which would be forwarded on to County Cllr.McInnes as the area was the responsibility of DCC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

489. The minutes of the meeting held 12th May 2020 having been duly circulated were signed by the chairman as a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Laing-Trengove seconded Cllr.Laycock. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

490. Mr.Barkell/Madewell (min.465 refers) Clerk had sent further letter to Mr.Barkwell but no further response received.

491. Toddlers play park (min.467 refers) cheque for balance of £6354.00 had been raised. Cllr.Lewis reported that the appearance of the area was already improving.

492. Grass verge Moor View (min.468 refers)

- Clerk had sent further letters to Quite Waters Farm Planning Consultancy and the residents of nos 40 – 46 Moor View but no responses received from either parties. The tapes/posts had not been removed as requested.
- Letter received from a Mr.M.T.Hooper on this matter but he did not give his address
- Mr.Fulford of 22 Moor View reported that the grass behind his property had been cut but not that in front
- Cllr.Tyson reported that all areas of grass owned by WDBC had now been cut.
- Following further discussion on the matter it was resolved that Clerk contact DALC for any legal advice they could give or the name of a solicitor that the council could use.

493. Climate Forum (min.437 refers) Cllr.Gladstone reported that a room at Hole Court could be hired for future meetings and events.

494. K. Watts/Biddicombe (min.476b refers) WDBC had sent copy of an email they had sent to Mr.Watts together with their covering email which the Clerk had forwarded to all councillors.

495. Strawbridge Stables (min.476c refers) this property was on the enforcement list issued by WDBC.

496. Cheque payment (min.479b refers) Clerk reported that although cheques could be paid in through the post to Kingsbridge Lloyds Bank branch this only applied to West Devon and not South Hams Council.

497. Hatherleigh Lockdown book (min.479b refers) Cllr.Lewis informed the meeting that the paperback edition of 178 pages would cost £21.50 – with 50p for each copy sold going to Devon Air Ambulance. Confirmed cost of £2,400 with £1,000 grant made by County Cllr.McInnes. ***Cllr.Lewis left the meeting whilst council discussed the question of a grant being made*** It was resolved that a £500.00 grant be given towards the project. ***Cllr.Lewis rejoined the meeting***

PLANNING MATTERS

498 Applications to consider:-

a) 1437/20/FUL Mr.Bowman Oak Tree Cottage Erection of 2 dwellings

Cllr.Tyson declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or vote.

Comment submitted to WDBC: The Town Council by a vote of 4 to 2 support this application but have concerns about parking. Parking is deemed to be adequate for 2 cars but with no room for 3rd or 4th cars or visitors to the site. These vehicles would be forced to park on the road and this would become a serious issue.

499 Permissions granted:-

a) 0820/20 Mr.Hartnett 8 Pound Meadow tree works
b) 3698/20/ARC Kingswood Homes Hatherleigh market discharge of
cons. 26,28,29,30,34,35

- c) 1159/20/TCA The Rectory tree works
d) 1237/20/TCA 19 Park Road tree works

500. Refusals advised none

501. Any other planning matters:-

- a) Cllr.Laycock – field by Methodist cemetery – last 2/3 weeks more work has been carried out. Clerk to confirm if this is on the enforcement list if not to inform Enforcement Officer
b) It has been brought to the attention of the Council that The Cabin at Lake Lodge was being used for a holiday let. Had planning permission been obtained for the cabin? Clerk to contact WDBC.

502. Hatherleigh Market – the market had opened again 2nd June. At the market today 9th June councillors reported social distancing was being observed and there was a wonderful atmosphere.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

503. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:

a) Rev.Winsbury	Covid 19 volunteer group expenses	£ 600.00
b) WDBC	election recharge costs	£ 74.77
c) Mr.C.Peters	street caretaker work (80%)	£ 167.42
d) Mrs.J.Rewe	toilet cleaning (80%)	£ 195.32
e) Broxap	bal.play equipment Comm.Centre	£6354.00
f) Mrs.R.Lock	clerks wages	£ 366.43

Proposed Cllr.Lewis seconded Cllr.Walters that accounts be paid. Cheques signed by Cllr.Laing-Trengove and Back.

504. Moneys received:

a) Covid 19	donation for volunteer group	£ 40.00
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505. Any other financial matters:-

- a) Clerk had submitted vat return for year ending 31st March 2020 in the sum of £3339.82

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

506. Cllrs.Kemp and Kimber had nothing to report.

507. DCC Cllr.McInnes reported as follows:-

- The R rate for the area had been skewed by Weston Hospital figures
- 40% of primary school children in Devon had returned to school
- He hoped that things could get back to normal as soon as possible with all sensible precautions in place.

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

508. Hanging baskets – these were looking good and Cllr.Laycock would continue to monitor the watering of all the baskets.

509. Railings outside Post Office – volunteers had kindly offered to repaint these railings. Cllr.Crockatt would liaise with persons concerned on how they envisaged carrying out the task in view of social distancing outside the Post Office.

510. Cllr.Laycock – dying ash trees – she would take photos of the trees in question and submit them to DCC on their website “diseased/dying trees” section.

511. Graveyard path – Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported that Mr.Peters had done an excellent job in repairing the stile. In time all stiles would be replaced by gates. The landowner Mr.Vick was looking to repair his fence.

512. Cllr.Walters - reported that the rubbish/dog poo bin by the tennis courts was smelling and not being emptied and could another bin be placed at the football field. Cllr.Tyson reported that The Sportsfield Committee emptied the offending bin and she would look into the matter. Furthermore there was a litter bin at the football pitch but may have been dismantled whilst building work going on – again she would investigate.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

513. No meetings attended

CORRESPONDENCE

514. All emails forwarded to all councillors

ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

515. Cllr.Crockatt – agenda item “Farmers monthly markets”

516. Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th July

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Signed.....Chairman.....dated