

**HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2020**  
**HELD BY ZOOM**

**Present:** Cllr.Tyson in the chair, Cllrs. Laycock, Laing-Trengove, Gladstone, Back Walters, Lewis. Dist.Cllrs. Kemp and Kimber. The Clerk. No members of the public present

**Apologies:** Cllr.Holwill

**Declarations**

**of interest:** Cllr.Tyson – employee of WDBC

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**PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public present via zoom

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***COVID 19 UPDATE/EMERGENCY MATTERS***

547. The following matters were discussed:

- a) Cllr.Tyson thanked Cllr.Holwill for replacing and erecting the temporary signs relating to covid 19 at the play parks. Resolved we monitor durability before obtaining more permanent signs. Further reported that Mr.C.Peters is recovering well from this accident
- b) Cllr.Back reported that the Emergency Committee were meeting fortnightly and the data base was readily available should any future need arise.

***CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS***

548. Clerk reported that we now had three applicants for two places – Messrs P.Bolland, N. Perring and G. Alford. Resolved that a zoom meeting be held Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October to interview all interested parties. Clerk to inform those concerned.

***SIX MONTHLY DISPENSATION RULE***

549. Resolved by all seven councillors present that in view of Cllr.Holwill's sensitive work situation and the use of the zoom application, that her further absence from virtual meetings be allowed to continue.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

550. The minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 having been duly circulated were signed by the chair as being a true and correct record. All agreed.

***MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES***

551. Grass verge Moor View (min.520 refers) no reply received from Quiet Waters Consultancy to our letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> July. The rope within the highway zone now removed following visit by DCC Highways. WDBC cutting contract now started on grass that is accessible. Resolved that we now report this matter to WDBC as an enforcement case of "unauthorised land grab".

552. Hatherleigh Lockdown book (min.523 refers) Cllr. Lewis reported items were still being submitted with deadline being November.

553. Post Office railings (min.526 refers) Cllr Tyson reported that Mr.Southwick was willing to help Mr. Peters as and when the work was to be carried out.

554. Skatepark (min.538 refer) quote received from MTF Fencing as follows:-

- to erect total of 16 metres of picket fencing £540.00
- to erect total of 23 metres of picket fencing £750.00
- to erect total of 33 metres of picket fencing £1050.00

Following a discussion it was resolved to accept the quote for 23 metres of fencing. Cllr.Tyson to inform MTF Fencing.

555. Island Park play area (min.538 refers) it was resolved to purchase 2 chain protectors for the zip wire at a cost of approx £80.00.

556. Toddler play park (min.538 refers) Mr. Hill had fitted the self closing return spring onto the gate.

557. Hedges (min.538 refers) Cllr.Tyson reported that the hedge opposite Tricity House had been cut by the landowner and the path cleared by DCC. The hedge along Oakfield Road is still waiting landowner action. Cllr.Laing-Trengrove reported that the hedge at the Care Home would be cut as soon as possible.

558. Mrs.Forrester (min.539 refers) letter of thanks had been sent.

559. Victoria footpath fencing (min540 refers) Cllr.Laing-Trengrove reported that John Baker, Footpath Officer had confirmed that £6,000 funding was available for this work if the Town Council could match fund – he has estimated the cost to be approx.£10,000 then council could fund the difference. Resolved that Council match fund whichever sum is required as a new metal fence would last many years.

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

560. Applications to consider:-

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| a) 2301/20/HHO | Mr.Bennett | 28 Oldham Rod.    | Conservatory.<br><i>Council support</i> |
| b) 2153/20/TCA | Mr.Thomas  | Hatherleigh Place | Tree works<br><i>Council support</i>    |

561. Applications granted:-

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| a) 1655/20/ARC | Kingswood Homes      | market          | dis.cond no 4     |
| b) 2223/20     | Mr.Denham            | 23 South Street | tree works        |
| c) 2196/20     | Hatherleigh school   |                 | tree works        |
| d) 70416       | Kier Unit (Hancocks) | Ind. Estate     | dis.conds 3 and 4 |

562. Refusals advised:

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| a) 1437/20/FUL | Mr.Bowan | Oak Tree Cottage | 2 dwellings |
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Any other planning matters:-

563. Strawbridge Stables – two residents had written in with their concerns over this building. Informed that there were 2 enforcement notices issued by WDBC in respect of this property.

564. 12 Oakfield Road – enforcement no 022458 – breach had ceased Case now closed.

565. WDBC diversion of footpath no. 1. Clerk to respond that Town Council had no objections to this diversion.

566. Cllr. Gladstone – asked that the Clerk ascertain from WDBC if change of use is required to change a commercial premises eg. Shop into bed and breakfast accommodation.

567. Hatherleigh Market – Cllr.Tyson reported:-

- information concerning the National Association of British Markets. It was resolved that we join this organisation for one year at a cost of £358.00
- The Mayor and some councillors had attended a photo shoot for the opening of show homes. Councillors were disappointed that there was not a senior director from Kingswood Homes present
- Road between Bridge Street and market entrance is owned by WDBC. Dist.Cllr.Kimber had been asked to enquire the position of adoption of this road, installation of pavements and street lighting. Dist.Cllr.Kimber responded he was waiting for a reply
- The working group were drawing up plans as to how they wanted the new market building to evolve and what sources of funding there would be for the Town Council to tap into.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

568. The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) Mrs.Rewse	toilet cleaning 56 days	£732.48
b) Mrs. R.Lock	wages – 2 months	£732.86
c) Mr. C.Peters	street caretaker July 18 hrs	£156.96
d) Mr.C.Peters	street caretaker Aug. 5 hrs	£ 43.60

Proposed Cllr.Gladstone 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr.Lewis that the above accounts be paid. Cllrs.Back & Laing-Trengove signed the cheques.

569. Moneys received HM Customs – vat reclaimed £3,339.82

570. Any other financial matters:-

- a) WDBC had recommenced parking charges to the Town Council for the carpark on Tuesday mornings for the market
- b) South Hams – direct debit had now been set up for payment of any invoices
- c) Okehampton & District Community Transport Group – request for grant. Following a discussion it was resolved to give a grant of £200.00 (cheque to be drawn next month).

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

571. Cllrs.Kemp and Kimber reported they had attended a meeting to discuss the Govts consultation on their white paper for reform of the planning system in England.

### **TODDLERS PLAY PARK**

572. Cllr.Lewis reported a donation of £10,000 from Dubia West Devon (Dawn Meats) This would be used for surfacing around the play equipment and gateway. The purchase of recycled plastic benches and interactive playboards.

### **MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES**

573. Cllr.Tyson reported as follows:-

- The play equipment was inspected regularly
- BT phone box at Moor view consultation – it was resolved that we make the same comments as for the last consultation – that the phone box should not be removed.

- Recent Bridge St roadworks – the Community Centre had kindly let residents use their car park during the works

- Pledge for Nature – it was resolved that we post this on Council's website

574. Cllr. Gladstone:-

- reported that footpath from market gate to the churchyard was muddy particularly on the incline at the gateway. Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported that the whole of this footpath was muddy, but would report to John Baker
- Phillip Pyle – parking incident which was now a police matter. Resolved that the Clerk ask our PCSO to visit Mr Pyle to discuss the matter. It was further reported that his forklift truck may not be roadworthy ie. did not have a bleeper or a number plate.
- Graffiti under the bypass bridge – Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported that this was being removed and the Art Club had a project in mind for the area.

575. Cllr. Walters – litter bins were not being emptied enough and were overflowing. She had reported this to WDBC and the situation had improved.

576. Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported:-

- smells from the abattoir had been recorded lately. Situation to be monitored
- hedge between new graveyard and the church graveyard – 3 elm trees needed taking down If it is the Church hedge they have asked if the Council would contribute towards the cost involved approx £300.00. The Church to contact Top Cut for a quote to remove the trees.
- it had been reported that Art of Hair had been dumping their rubbish bags in Millennium Square. Cllr.Gladstone would talk to them.

577. Cllr Back – following recent heavy storms and the flooding of a house in High Street he was concerned about the old sewage system in place and cracked drains.

578. Cllr.Laycock – concern about vehicles parking on double yellow lines down from The George. Cllr.Tyson advised reporting this on DCC website under “street enforcement”.

**MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS**

579. Cllr. Tyson attended Mayors/Clerks meeting and reported as follows:-

- covid response working well
- recovery plan – unemployment rate forecast for Devon is 30%
- important to keep communication going with parish/towns
- DCC and WDBC local management plan in place if there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> spike

580. Cllr. Walters – Oke Rail. - working with Mr.Ireland on supporting a better rail connection to Okehampton. Resolved that Cllr.Walters send letter of support to GWR and Network Rail expressing support of the Town Council for a regular passenger service.

581. Cllr.Laing-Trengove – Community Centre – things were gradually returning to normal.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 582. Hatherleigh Carnival had been cancelled due to covid 19 restrictions
- 583. Northern Links zoom meeting 17<sup>th</sup> September
- 584. Cllr.Gladstone reported that the Eco Shop should be open by Xmas
- 585. Date of next meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.40pm

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

