

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting 10th November held via Zoom. Next meeting 8th December 2020 7pm. For more information see our website

www.hatherleightowncouncil.org/

Your 10 Councillors are Clare Tyson (Chair/Mayor), Rachel Laycock (Deputy), Deb Laing-Trengove, Claire Gladstone, Peter Back, Kay Walters, Donna Lewis. **This month we welcomed 3 new councillors: Paul Bolland, Callum Entwistle and Ellie Holland.**

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.

Hatherleigh Covid-19 Volunteer Group: the group continues to offer support and help to the vulnerable members of this community. If you wish to volunteer or seek help then please contact: WDBC Cllrs.

Clare Kemp 07563 154 245 / 01837 811 784
Patrick Kimber 01837 810 057 / 07840 538 357
Or Rev Leigh Winsbury Tel: 01837 810 680

Covid Restrictions have forced us to close the Skate park. However the play parks in Island Park and the Community Centre remain open and we continue to monitor the situation.

There are links on the Town Council website for accessing Government Business Support Grants and Okehampton Library services.

Town Centre Boost Grant: we received welcome news this month that Hatherleigh has received a grant from West Devon Borough Council to help support our town centre businesses. In order to ensure we make the best use of this grant of £2,500 we intend to carry out a small 'High St' survey of shops and businesses in town.

Free parking: thanks to a request by Cllr. Kimber WDBC are also offering free parking in the Town Car Park after 3pm on Thurs & Fridays in the run up to Christmas.

Maintenance Issues:

The **swing seats** in the toddler park have been removed over safety concerns, new seats are on order.

The **flood relief channel** at the bypass bridge has now been cleared by Devon County Council.

The wooden posts at **Millennium Corner** are deteriorating. If you have new ideas on how we could replace this feature let us know.

Tar Barrel Run: it was reported that there was a rogue run of the tar barrels thru town. The Chair of the Carnival Committee has stressed to the Council this was nothing to do with their Committee, and that this was unacceptable behaviour which potentially could threaten the legitimacy of future carnivals.

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING 7th December: At the time of writing we do not know what announcement awaits us regards relaxation of covid restrictions after December 2nd. However we hope that ALL shops and businesses can open in the run up to Christmas and with that in mind we continue to promote late night shopping on Monday 7th Dec. The Christmas lights and tree as usual will be brightening up the town, thanks to the lights team.

Buy local for Christmas!

Support your local shops and businesses!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Unfortunately we will not be organising the usual Christmas social events. However we will monitor the situation for any relaxation of Govt guidelines and if anything is able to go ahead we will spread the word!

WINTER ISSUES:

In an Emergency Only please call Road Warden Stefan Farley on 07825 232331.

Sandbags: If residents need sandbags during bad weather they are available from the Community Centre during office hours 9-12 midday weekdays (01837 810329). Sandbags are not pre-filled and are for self-filling. Sand is available at the Community Centre.

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.

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