

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 10th November 2020
7.00pm by zoom

Present: Cllr.Tyson in the chair, Cllrs. Gladstone, Back, Walters, Laycock, Lewis, Laing-Trengove. Dist.Cllrs. Kimber and Kemp. Mr.P.Bolland, Mr.C. Entwistle, Miss E.Holland. One member of the public. The Clerk

Apologies: none

Declarations of interest Cllr.Tyson – employee of WDBC

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PUBLIC SESSION

no members of the public wished to speak
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DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

617. The Chair welcomed Paul Bolland, Callum Entwistle and Ellie Holland to the meeting. Declaration of Acceptance of office and register of interests received from Miss Holland. Messrs.Bolland and Entwistle would complete and return to Clerk. Following the co-option a vote was taken by Cllrs.Tyson, Laycock, Laing-Trengove, Gladstone Back, Walters and Lewis that the declaration of acceptance of office by the newly appointed councillors can be signed at a later date and that they can take part in the remainder of the meeting. All agreed.

COVID 19 UPDATE/EMERGENCY MATTERS

618. Cllr.Tyson reported that following the second lockdown

- DALC newsletter circulated that skateparks should close. Mr.D.Holwill would be asked to print off signs for display. Playparks and toilets could stay open
- With regard to Mr.Peters and Mr. Moorcroft it was agreed that they could carry on with their work but closely observe social distancing.

619. Cllr.Entwistle enquired if there was a food bank in Hatherleigh. Cllr.Back reported that during the first lockdown take up of the food bank held in Old Schools was low and had ceased. Any queries concerning food banks should be addressed to Rev. Winsbury or Okehampton Food Bank.

620. Cllr.Back reported that the Volunteer Group were meeting weekly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

621. The minutes of the meeting held 13th October having been duly circulated were signed by the chair as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Walters seconded Cllr.Lewis. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

622. Remembrance Day parade (min.586 refers) Cllr.Tyson reported there were clear guidelines from the Gvt/DALC/British Legion concerning road closures for parades. This lay with the local authority. Cllr.Gladstone pointed out that the Festival and Carnival Committees apply for their own road closures to DCC who issued them. Councillors also concerned that as the Royal British Legion organised the event, they should do their own risk assessments.

623. Grass verge Moor View (min.589 refers) no further update since the matter passed to Enforcement Officer at WDBC.

624. Island Park zip wire (min.591 refers) on going matter.

625. Parking/Pyles Auctions (min.595 refers) no further communications received.

626. Town Council website/Pynto (min.608b refers) resolved that we have quarterly updates at cost of £160.00 per annum plus the hosting charge of £80.00 Clerk to inform Pynto.

627. Mr.Moorcroft (min 608c refers) Cllr.Tyson reported that Mr.Moorcroft only had 4 days off sick.

628. Car park bottle bank (min.609 refers) WDBC were not removing the bottle bank.

629. Runnon Moor Lane footpath (min.609d refers) Dist.Cllr.Kimber reported that the section of the path running along rear of Glascott Close – some residents had erected sheds. Resolved that we further investigate ownership of the footpath. Cllr.Kimber to supply a map.

630. 2020 Carnival (min 610 refers) Cllr.Tyson reported that blazing tar barrels were pulled through the streets on Wed. 4th November at 5am. Chair of the Carnival Committee wants it on record they disassociate themselves from this act and had asked the Town Council to name and shame those involved who are endangering future carnivals taking place. Resolved that this was not for the Town Council to do. The Carnival Committee do not officially know who the pullers were as they wore masks.

631. Northern Links Committee (min.611 refers) Cllr.Tyson had circulated minutes to all councillors which included details of the Town Centre Boost grant. Clerk confirmed that we had received £2,500 in respect of this grant.

632. Community Centre (min.612 refers) Cllr.Laing-Trengrove would speak to the manager concerning payments from the Town Council for use of the centre.

633. Doing what matters DCC Highways (min.614 refers) Mr.D.Jagger still considered that a zoom meeting with councillors to discuss aspects of highway management and requirements from Hatherleigh is the best way forward. Resolved that Clerk obtain some dates from Mr.Jagger.

PLANNING MATTERS

634. Applications to consider:-

a) 3197/20/ARM	Wonnacott	dwelling Reed Down <i>Council supported the application (Cllr. Tyson declared an interest and took no part in discussion or decision)</i>
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635. Applications granted:-

a) 3235/20	St.Johns Baptist Church	Tree works
b) 2846/20	Mr.Capon – Elmsfield	Tree works
c) 3299/20	Kingswood Homes	discharge cond.11

d) 2894/20 Mr.Derham 23 South St Tree works
636. Refusals none advised

637. Any other planning matters:-

a) Confirmation of diversion of Footpath no. 1 Hatherleigh Market order dated 27th October 2020

638. Hatherleigh Market

a) Cllr.Tyson reported that Kingswood Homes had postponed the arranged meeting as they required more time to answer all questions put to them

b) Resolved that we would not join The rural Services Network at this present time.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

639. Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) WDBC	6 weeks market day car park charges	£330.00
b) Mrs.J.Rewse	toilet cleaning	£374.96
c) Mrs.Lock	wages	£366.43
d) N.Moorcroft	Island Park caretaker	£872.00
e) S.L.C.C.	Yearly membership	£109.00
f) Poppy Appeal	remembrance wreath	<u>£ 17.00</u>
		<u>£2069.39</u>

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

640. Moneys received:-

a) DCC	P3 grant	£2500.00
b) WDBC	Town Centre boost grant	£2500.00
c) Mrs.Munn	donations defibrillator	£ 255.00

641. Any other financial matters:-

a) Mrs. Munn asked if the Town Council would fund a short fall of £51.85 to enable a further defibrillator to be purchased. Resolved that Clerk inform Mrs.Munn to proceed with the purchase and they will fund the difference

b) Precept – this would have to be discussed/set in Dec/Jan – actual date and forms awaited from WDBC

c) PKF Littlejohns – queried what specific amounts the Council have set aside for the future of the toilets and the new market building. Council resolved that clerk inform the auditors that these are absolute unknown figures - will entirely depend on which way outside bodies decide to move forward eg. Purchase of freehold of toilet building will be determined by WDBC and the new market building will depend on size and design of the building – yet to be determined by the developers – and how much funding the developers will put into the project. Council need to keep open mind on the reserves for each project

d) Town Centre boost grant – Cllr.Tyson suggested carrying out a small business survey or local shops (which she is prepared to draw up) to see their particular concerns and ideas for the way forward. Cllr.Gladstone considered that the town needed a new vibrant website to attract people. Councillors would contact each other and discuss ideas.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

642. Dist.Cllr.Kimber reported:-

- recovery was in response mode

- council concerned over economy and were contacting groups of businesses

car parks free from 3pm-6pm in Tavistock and Okehampton – actual dates not known. Councillors asked if Hatherleigh could be included in this scheme?

- He was involved in working on link ups with the Tarka Trail.

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

643. Mrs.Rewse reported that drying facilities were still awaited in the toilets after removal of the hand washing wall unit.

644. Cllr.Tyson reported that the flood relief channel had been cleared.

645. Cllr.Back – were the old white posts in Millennium Corner serving any purpose? Resolved councillors each take a look and discuss next meeting.

646. Cllr.Laing-Trengove had forwarded all the DCC P3 forms to Mr.M.Cole.

XMAS CELEBRATIONS

647. Cllr.Tyson confirmed that Santa in Old Schools, Councillors xmas buffet and Xmas Eve carol service in the Square will need to be cancelled.

648. Xmas lights/tree

- advice received from DALC on the erection of tree and lights which had been forwarded to Richard Jones
- Cllr.Tyson reported that the lights team were ready to proceed with erection of lights
- Following a discussion it was resolved that the council would “contract out” this work but that those involved would be responsible for drawing up their own risk assessment.
- Resolved that a decision about the turning on of the xmas tree lights and any public countdown be given on facebook following the Govt. update post on 2nd Dec.
- Late night shopping 7th Dec. – The Council would promote this event but shops would have to decide how and when they would operate if 2nd lockdown is still in force. Cllr.Lewis reported the Town Crier would not be announcing this event. Cllr.Holland talked about a “loyalty card scheme” for shops that was operating in Okehampton – she was not aware of how many of Hatherleigh shops had joined.
- Xmas Eve event – decision yet to be determined await Govt update on 2nd Dec. Cllr. Gladstone suggested we can quickly respond/revise any plans if restrictions relax.

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAY SPEEDS

649. Resolved that this matter be discussed at the zoom meeting with Mr.Jagger.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

650. None

CORRESPONDENCE

651. All information emails forwarded to councillors

ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

652. Cllr. Laycock would look into details of the Fishleigh Cross Permaculture project.

653. Cllr.Bolland – brought to the attention of the Council the loss of ancient footpaths and would provide a link for Councillors to peruse. Cllr. Laing-Trengove reported that she had looked into this matter and did not consider this would affect any Hatherleigh footpaths.

654. Cllr.Back – reminder for new councillors to supply photo and details of themselves for the council's website.

655. Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th December

There being no further business, the chair thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.22pm

Signed.....dated.....2020