

HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL



Notes from last meeting February 9th held via Zoom. Next meeting March 9th 2021 at 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, 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.

This month along with our usual District Councillors attendees we were joined by Devon County Councillor James McInnes: He brought updates on the successful vaccine roll out in care homes and the roll out of a third round of DCC emergency funding. We were also informed of a rise in children been taken into care and a rise in domestic violence highlighting pressures families are under.

Hatherleigh Primary School IT support: Cllr Kimber has been supporting the school in its bid to provide laptops for its children during lockdown and post-covid. Various avenues for donations have been investigated including the Town Council agreeing to donate £1k and the Mayor using her 'events' allowance to enhance our donation further.

Town Centre Boost Grant: as reported previously Hatherleigh received a grant of £2.5k from West Devon Borough Council to help support its town centre businesses. The results from our 'High St' survey are showing support for improved signage and a Hatherleigh website. More on this next month. All businesses who took part will receive correspondence on the results.

Maintenance Issues:

Road Safety issues: Following concerns raised again by residents of a) increased use of the road past Vicks Meadow into the market, and b) the narrow pavement outside the vets. We will seek a meeting with West Devon Borough Council and Devon Highways respectively, to investigate solutions to address these safety concerns.

Telephone Kiosk Bridge St: This has lately been used as a book swap location however this working phone box has become too inundated with unwanted books and other items. This is not the place to discard unwanted goods!

Due to coronavirus it was agreed the books should be removed and a more suitable book swap area be looked for in future.

Recycle Carton Bank removal: The carton bank in the carpark has been removed by WDBC with reasons that this service is now covered by the weekly recycling collections. Questions will be asked if the other banks are to remain and any prospect for cans/cardboard returning.

Christmas lights: In case you were still wondering, the lights will be removed from lampposts when lockdown restrictions are lifted.

Hatherleigh to Meeth Cycle Route: It was reported the planning application has stalled while an alternative route is investigated to avoid disturbing ancient woodland.

Hatherleigh Market: continues to operate successfully thru lockdown under covid guidelines with the police and covid officer occasionally visiting to offer support.

WINTER ISSUES:

Our Road & Snow Warden is ONLY responsible to clear certain pathways listed in our Extreme Weather Plan. 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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