

**HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPT. 2021**  
**7.00pm IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:** Cllr.Tyson in the chair, Cllrs. Laycock, Lewis, Walters, Bolland, Back, Laing-Trengove, Holland, Dist.Cllrs.Kemp and Kimber, the Clerk. One member of the public

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Entwistle and Gladstone. County Cllr.McInnes

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

Before the meeting commenced a minutes silence was held in memory of the late Norman Moorcroft.

**COVID 19/EMERGENCY MATTERS**

116. Nothing to report on this matter.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

117. The minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 having been duly circulated were signed by the chairman as being a true and correct record with one amendment: Minute 102 to read “total £2419.60” Proposed Cllr.Lewis seconded Cllr.Walters. All agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

118. Zip wire (min.87 refers) Cllrs.Lewis and Tyson reported on the meeting with Rhino Play who also said that the zip wire had reached its end of life. They gave a quote for replacement and swing options which had been circulated to all councillors. It was resolved that Cllr.Lewis would draw up a consultation paper asking the public what equipment they would like to see at Island Park. This would be placed on council's website and in the parish pump. When the consultation has ended Council would then decide the best way forward for the equipment required and the funding required.

119. Town Business survey (min. 89 refers) a successful meeting was held with the new business group – details to be circulated via email from Cllr.Entwistle. Devon Communities Together are requesting an update following the Build Back Better meeting.

120. Bench outside school (min.89 refers) Resolved that this bench could be removed as it has been agreed that plans for the new British Legion bench could be sited there.

121. Millennium plaque (min.91 refers) work by Ironside had not yet been started – payment of invoice would therefore be delayed.

122. Blocked drains Red Lane (min.93 refers) Cllr.Lewis reported that Mr Peters had spent a total of 9 hours unblocking the drains removing bags of soil. Cllr.Tyson had transferred them to be used at the Sportsfield. Dist.Cllr.Kimber reported that the residents were very happy with the work carried out. Cllr.Tyson also continued to encourage councillors to take photos of problem drains and then submit to DCC website.

123. Moor View Entrance (min.94a refers) Cllr.Tyson had contacted both DCC and J. Pullin. The cutting of the wild flower area is a matter for J.Pullin to work with DCC highways.

124. Co-op parking (min.94c refers) WDBC had reported that the Co-op store did not wish to participate in the refund parking voucher scheme. Mrs.N.Holwill's petition regarding speeding traffic at Top Moor Road now had many signatures.

125. Beating of the Bounds (min.105 refers) Cllr.Laing-Trengove reported on a successful day with approx. 200 people taking part. A risk assessment had been completed. This event would next take place in 2028.

126. Moor Monument inscription (min.110 refers) Cllr.Laing-Trengove would liaise with the History Society as to whether they had been able to find out details of the inscription.

127. British Legion Remembrance day parade (min.112 refers) Cllr.Tyson reported:

- a) Royal British Legion wishes the parade to return to its normal route – risk assessment compiled
- b) Mr.A.Gilbert was willing to help in anyway – Chapter 8 qualified
- c) She would apply for the necessary road closure giving details of relevant information.

### **PLANNING MATTER**

128. Applications to consider:-

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| a) 2599/21 | Madewell      | Carols barn - fire escape door<br><i>Council supported the application</i>            |
| b) 2761/21 | R.Winearls    | Retention of timber chalet<br><i>Council supported the application</i>                |
| c) 2481/21 | Mr.Wonnacott  | Suncrest Victoria Rd – double garage/shed<br><i>Council supported the application</i> |
| d) 2704/21 | Western Power | Relocation of substation<br><i>Council supported the application</i>                  |
| e) 3143/21 | Mr. Mills     | Lower Lower – barn to dwellinghouse<br><i>Council supported the application</i>       |

129. Permissions granted:-

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| a) 2704/21 | Western Power   | relocation of substation                 |
| b) 1836/21 | Kingswood Homes | Hatherleigh market discharge conds. 9/10 |
| c) 4073/21 | Kingswood Homes | Realignment of road layout               |

130. Refusals advised: None

131. Any other planning matters:

- a) Mr. & Mrs.Bradley letter of objection received on app no 3162/21/PDM for barn conversion at Higher Stockbeare Farm Jacobstowe which Clerk had forwarded to all councillors. Clerk reported that WDBC state “no statutory consultation requirement – sent for information only” regarding this application
- b) Mr. K.Watts – email received and circulated to all councillors concerning planning application no 0629/20/ARM for Biddicombe. This property has now been sold and this would potentially affect the visibility splays which were a condition of the permission.

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Council had the same concerns and would contact WDBC.

c) Plans for West Devon – details of online meeting 1st Sept circulated to all councillors. No councillor had made a response to the survey

132. Hatherleigh Market – Cllr.Tyson reported:-

- a) The Town Council would be unable to work with or use the Kingswood Home architects

- b) Funding bids to date had been unsuccessful
- c) She had contacted Chris Hodgson Engineers and they had replied they are fully booked until after Xmas
- d) She had contacted NABMA with a view of asking a representative to attend a meeting to advise best steps forward. To date no reply received
- e) Following a long discussion (informal meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> August) it was resolved:-
  - to wait until Kingswood Homes had erected the new market pavilion and then when we knew exactly what was needed quotes could be obtained
  - the Town Council would look towards taking on a long term lease eg. 99 years for the building.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

a) Ironside	replacement chq. Millennium plaque	£1,200.00
b) Mrs. R. Lock	wages	£ 366.43
c) Hatherleigh Com. Centre	hire	£ 32.53
d) PKF Littlejohn	external audit fee	£ 360.00
e) C. Peters	41.5 hours labour (2 months)	£ 369.77
f) Rawle Gammon & Baker	refuse bags	£ 6.29
total		£2,335.02

Proposed Cllr. Back seconded Cllr. Lewis that the above accounts be paid. Cllrs. Laycock and Laing-Trengove signed the cheques

134. Moneys received:-

a) H/M. Customs & Vat	vat repayment	£4,093.52
b) N. Lock & Sons	burial fee	£ 650.00

135. Any other financial matters:-

- a) External Auditor report – had signed off the accounts with no further actions needed
- b) Clerk would report at the next meeting whether the late Mr. N. Moorcroft was owed any moneys in respect of his Island Park duties.

### **TRAFFIC/MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

136. DCC Highways postponed event 26<sup>th</sup> April – circulated to all councillors. The feedback survey was not completed because of internet link difficulties. Clerk to respond directly to DCC stating parking, signage, speed limits, potholes as priorities.

137. Cllr. Tyson:-

- a) litter at Island Park – following a discussion it was resolved that following the death of Mr. Moorcroft, councillors would monitor the situation with regard to litter
- b) Island Park graffiti attack – 3 volunteers had used high pressure hoses to remove some of the graffiti. Repeat work required to remove all.

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- c) Chapter 8 Training – asked Clerk to ascertain dates and place where training could take place for Mr. Peters
- d) Highlighted the response from WDBC regarding the road entrance to the market – email forwarded to all councillors on 22<sup>nd</sup> July
- e) Town Clock – Mr. Munn, antiques restorer, had cleaned the clock, it was in situ in the window of the office in the Community Centre.

138. Cllr. Laing-Trengove – raised concerns about the cycle racks outside the school which children were playing on and asked if they should be removed. Cllr. Laycock reported that

they are very well used by cyclists using the cycle route through the town. Cllr.Lewis confirmed children did use them for swinging on. Resolved that the situation be monitored.

139. Cllr.Laycock – received complaints that certain streets had not had their refuse collected. Dist.Cllr.Kemp responded that there was a shortage of waste contract drivers at WDBC.

### ***DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT***

140. Cllr.Kemp -WDBC were working on a reshuffle and new initiatives.

141. Cllr.Kimber –

a)WDBC/Gvt were working on a new broadband service between Hatherleigh and Northlew.

b) Mr.M.Iron had reported to him that the 5a bus would not call at the new station at Okehampton. Cllr.Walters would investigate.

### ***MEETINGS ATTENDED***

142. Cllrs.Laycock, Back and Gladstone – Moor Management:-

a) AGM to be held in the Church on 16<sup>th</sup> September

b) Pot Boilers Token payments to be made Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> September

143. Cllr.Walters – Okehampton Rail – notes circulated to all councillors – included details of Okehampton Railways 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### ***CORRESPONDENCE***

144. Hatherleigh Cricket Club open day 12<sup>th</sup> September – Cllr.Tyson would attend.

### ***ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS***

145. Cllr.Walters would share the link for the survey concerning Sampford Courtenay station.

146. Cllr.Laing-Trengove – asked the question has any progress had been made with regard to the cycle route at Madewell?

147. Cllr.Back – tendered his resignation as he had been accepted as a member of the Exeter Symphony orchestra and their practice night was a Tuesday. The Council wished him well in his new venture. He would remain as a councillor until a new bank signatory is in place.

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148. Date of next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October

There being no other business the Chair thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.20pm

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