

**HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2023
7pm IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Cllr. Laycock in the chair, Cllrs. Laing-Trengove,
Lewis Walters, Burrow, Harrison Dist.Cllr Kimber,
The Clerk, 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs. Harrison, Reddaway

Declarations of Interest: None

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

211. Clare Kemp and Angela Capon signed their declaration of acceptance of office duly witnessed by the Clerk and were handed their register of interests to be completed. The Chair duly welcomed them to the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

212. The minutes of the meeting held 14th November 2023 having been duly circulated were signed by the chair as a true and correct record with one amendment to the minute and page number ending minute no 210 and page no 40, Proposed Cllr. Lewis seconded Cllr. Walters. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

213. Hatherleigh Medical Centre (174) – Clerk would confirm that Lesley Source would attend the January meeting.

214. Co-op bus shelter (178) ongoing.

215. Rhino Play (179 Cllr. Lewis reported work had started, new benches and gate installed and fence for zip wire.

216. Railings 181) on going

217. Millennium Corner (184) land registry search is to be undertaken to verify ownership.

218, TENS notices for The Square (185) 2 Xmas notices received.

219, Xmas lights (186) the town council would pay for any electric invoice received.

220. Moneys received (195) £10 handed to Cllr. Lewis for the Parish Pump & £10 to Cllr. Laing-Trengove for Community Centre.

221. Skatepark repairs (196) all materials had been purchased and work would be carried out when weather is suitable. New closed signs and tape had been erected but once again had been torn down.

222. 2nd school entrance (197) County Cllr. McInnes had replied that he was given to understand that the school did not want this second entrance. Cllrs. extremely concerned with safety issues at the main gate and it was resolved that we invite the new head Alan Monger to the Feb. meeting to discuss the situation. There was an active enforcement case no 027051 which states “in discussions with landowners”.

223.Xmas celebrations (202) Late night shopping and turning on of the lights was a good event. All arrangements were in order for Xmas eve.

PLANNING MATTERS

224. Applications to consider

**a) 3658/23/FULL Cockwill Castle Barn – garage to annexe
Council had no objections**

b) 3670/23/CLE Thompson The Cabin – no comments mad

225. Permissions granted:

- a) 3486/23/COM Airband Reed Farm
- b) 3192/23/FUL Booth 1 Market St. bay windows/roof
- c) 3441/23/ARC Rockett 45 Market St windows/doors
discharge of condition

226. Refusals advised none

227. Any other planning matters none

HATHERLEIGH MARKET

228. Cllr. Burrow gave the following updates

- a) Pledges received so far £53,000 this has now slowed down
- b) Letter sent to Kingswood Homes confirming the council agreed to the additional fit out costs for new market site
- c) This was sent on the understanding that the asking price for the market remains fixed at £1million during the 5 years from practical completion of the building
- d) Solicitors had sent a bill for their costs up to date which Cllr. Burrow was not expecting in sum of £4250. Cllr. Burrow had responded to Tozers and they stated the invoice would have to be issued by Xmas.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

229 The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment

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| a) Mrs Rewse | toilet cleaning | £ 419.07 |
| b) RTIS | ins.Mrs Rewse | £ 179.95 |
| c) Pynto Ltd | website updates | £ 216.00 |
| d) M.Reddawy | TENS licences | £ 42.00 |
| e) RGB | skate park | £ 112.42 |
| f) Mrs R.Lock | wages | £ 366.43 |
| g) L & M Cole | grounds main. | £1396.42 |
| h) Royal British Legion | poppy wreath | <u>£ 17.00</u> |
| Total | | <u>£2749.29</u> |

230 Moneys received – Moor Management cheque for the sum of £4308 has now been banked

ANY OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

231. Resolved that grant of £200 be given to our Town Crier Roz Chard

232 Cllr. Burrow raised the matter of raising the precept to take the market project forward. Councillors pointed out that we raised it last year as we had kept it the same for 4 years. WDBC yet to send the precept forms showing what percentage increases there would be on any amounts raised. Councillors stated that the precept had to cover many areas and responsibilities that the council had for the town. The precept would be discussed and agreed at the January meeting

TRAFFIC/MAINTENANCE ISSUES

233. Cllr. Laycock urged all councillors to continue to report pot holes to DCC

234 Cllr. Laing-Trengove reported that many of the towns street named signs were in a poor condition. Dist. Cllr. Kimber to take the matter to WDBC.

DISTRICT COUNCILORS REPORT

235. Cllr. Kimber reported that WDBC were looking into setting up Community Land Trusts and to this end were carrying out a local needs housing survey.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

236. Cllrs. Laycock, Walters and Lewis – Moor Management AGM

Token payments were being distributed on 6th December

237 Cllr. Burrow – zoom meeting with WDBC concerning funding for electric charge points at the market.

CORRESPONDENCE

238 WDBC circulated details of free car parking running up to the Xmas period.

239. Madewell – had obtained funding to set up a “ community warm space” which they would like to hold on a Tuesday and Friday and asked the question “did it clash with anything that the Town Council had organised. Clerk to reply no.

240. South Devon & Dartmoor Safety partnership action day for violence against women. Cllr. Burrow to make contact with them before putting on council website.

ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

241. None

242. Date of next meeting – due to the unavailability of the clerk for the scheduled Jan. meeting it was resolved that the meeting would be held Tuesday 23rd January 7pm. The Community centre was available.

There being no further business the chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed.....chairman.....dated