

**HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11TH JULY 2023**  
**7pm IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present** Cllr,Laycock in the chair, Cllrs. Walters, Lewis, Burrow, Southwick,Entwistle. Dist.Cllrs.Kimber & Wakeham, The Clerk, 2 members of the public

**Apologies** Cllrs.Reddaway, Alford and Laing-Trengove

**Declaration of interests:** None

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**PUBLIC SESSION**

- a) Neighbourhood Police Officer Wakeham attended the meeting at the request of the Town Council regarding problems concerning drugs both the supply of and taking. Question and answer session took place with main points to arise
- a) public confidence in the police needs to be restored
  - b) within the district they have only 2 special constables and two neighbourhood officers
  - c) visits are driven by number of complaints received and he urged members of the public to report incidents/concerns either through 101 or on line
  - d) He would visit community events to try and have a higher police profile around the town
  - e) He would also arrange to attend the primary school
  - f) Cllr.Laycock thanked him for his attendance and input to the meeting
- b) Clare Tyson – registered a formal complaint and challenge on behalf of herself and Dist.Cllr.Kimber on the holding of part Two meetings

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**APPROVAL OF MNUTES**

78. The minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 having been duly circulated were signed by the chair as a true and correct record with one amendment – min.51 to read “community centre benches”. Proposed Cllr.Burrow seconded Cllr.Laycock. All agreed

79. The minutes of the part two meeting held June 2023 having been duly circulated were signed by the Chair as a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr,Laycock seconded Cllr.Burrow

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

80. Co-option (min.44 refers) following the June meeting Cllr.Holland

tendered her resignation Clerk informed WDBC and the notice of vacancy prepared and published with the request for an election by ten electors ending on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Thereafter if no election requested then vacancy can be advertised and filled by co-option, Letter of thanks to be sent to Cllr.Holland

81. 20 is plenty (min.48 refers) Cllr.Alford had registered to attend a webinar on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

82. Visit Hatherleigh Website (min.49 refers) no updates

83 Co-op bus shelter (min.50 refers) quote received from A.Cranleigh

a) full replacement of roof £7,100

b) to clean roof both sides, carry out repairs on hack of roof. Replace all damaged slates hack and front. |No scaffolding or skip required. Labour and materials £755.00

Resolved that council accept the quote of £755. Clerk to inform Mr.Cranleigh

84. School entrance/Bridge Garage (min.52 refers) no further update

85. Unoccupied property bottom of South St (min.69 refers)

Cllr.Entwistle reported that EPO from WDBC had attended and reported there was no action they could take. Cllr.Laycock commented that with the removal of a parked trailer and no birds being fed in the area the problem should cease

86. Community Well Being Event at Merton (min.73 refers) no councillors had attended

#### ***MATTERS ARISING FROM PART TWO OF JUNE 13TH MEETING***

87 None

#### ***HATHERLEIGH MARKET***

88, Clerk reported on the receipt of formal complaint /challenge from C.Tyson and Dist,Cllr.Kimber that had been sent to the clerk, Cllrs,Reddaway and Laycock.Cllr.Reddaway reported to the clerk that he had spoken to C.Tyson and reported to her that “the council note your concerns regarding holding part 2 meetings and will take them onboard moving forward”

89. Cllr,Burrow reported as follows:-

a) a successful first meeting of the working group had taken place and minutes had been circulated to all councillors

- b) reported on subsequent email sent to P.Jones/Kingswood Homes and the response received (only just prior to this meeting) All details will be forwarded to all councillors
- c) stressed that everything must be strictly scrutinised moving forward
- d) reported that Mrs D.Kimber was willing to put forward £10,000 for upfront costs
- e) Clerk would provide financial figures from 1<sup>st</sup> April – end of July 2023
- f) should the Council wish to instruct valuers then any such costs would have to be factored in- being over and above the estimated £16,855
- g) on the signing of a finance agreement for the fit out the town council would need to pay £10,000 down payment
- h) next working group meeting date not yet fixed
- i) Cllr,Walters emphasised the need for a public meeting/presentation. Cllr. Burrow considered this could be organised by end of August
- j) Resolved that a town council meeting would be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August to receive any important updates

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **90. Applications to consider:**

- a) 1723/23/VAR Kingswood Homes var.of cond.1 of 4416/21 roofing materials  
*Council had no objections*
- b) 2267/23/TEX Giles-Shaw 3 Pearce Close tree works  
*Council had no objections*

91, Approvals None

92. Refusals None

#### **93. Withdrawals**

- a) 0456/23/FUL Madders Turnpike – garage/annexe
- b) 1311/23/CLP Booth 1 Market St. front windows and doors

94. Any other planning matters none

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **95.Clerk presented the following accounts for payment**

- a) Mrs.J.Rewse toilets 14.06-8.08 £1031.96
- b) Mrs. R.Lock wages £ 366.43
- c) L & M Cole P3 work 75.00  
maintenance 1460.42 £1535.42
- d) Pynto Ltd website £ 81.00
- e) HMRC clerks tax £ 182.60

f) Hath.Com.Centre hire	<u>£ 16.40</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£3213.81</u></b>

proposed Cllr.Southwick seconded Cllr,Laycock that the above accounts be paid. Cheques signed by Cllrs.Walters and Lewis

**96. Moneys received:-**

a) WDBC	1st precept payment	£17,500.00
b) Mrs.Munn	defib. funds	£ 450.00
c) Mr.Tucker	community orchard	£ 766.10
d) HMRC	vat refund	£ 6.520.70
e) N. Lock & Son	funeral Sanders	<u>£ 325.00</u>
<b>total</b>		<b><u>£25,661.80</u></b>

**97. Any other financial matters:-**

a) Xmas light fund stood at £281.35 as advised to R.Jones who asked about money from xmas collection boxes. Clerk reported amount collected was £220.78. Resolved this sum also be added to the light fund

b) Cllr.Lewis handed over Community Centre cheque for sum of £5,522 for the toddler play park

***DEFIBRILLATOR***

98. Clerk circulated financial resume of funds remaining in the fund in the sum of £745.97. Cllr.Lewis to ask Mr.G.Brooks from the Fire Service to submit report to the Moor Management committee about replacement costs for a new defibrillator,

***DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS***

**99, Dist Cllr Wakeham**

a) new mayor of WDBC is Cllr.Lyn Daniels and her chosen charity is Devon Wildlife Trust

b) Leadership team had won a prestigious award

c) Working on 10 year plan to take cars off the road

**100. Dist.Cllr. Kimber**

a) bank account opened for Friends of Hatherleigh Market

b) council are making affordable housing a priority

c) looking into Community Land Trusts

d) looking into creating more cycleways/footpaths to take more cars off the road

***TRAFFIC/MAINTENANCE ISSUES***

101. DCC Highways – road closure for carnival received

**102. Cllr,Entwistle reported traffic accident had resulted in damaged bollards by 12 Market Street**

**103. Cllr. Walters – reiterated the poor bus services for Hatherleigh and she would continue to lobby all relevant bodies to get an improved service**

***CORRESPONDENCE***

**104. Action for Children/Devon Children Centre – information email forwarded to all councillors**

***MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCLLORS***

**105. None**

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

**106. None**

***DATE OF NEXT MEETING***

**107. As agreed elsewhere in these minutes meeting to be held Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 7pm**

***EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC***

**108. There were no part 2 items**

**There being no further business, the chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm**

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