

282. Island Park large bush (min.249 refers)

Cllr.Tyson had spoken with Mr Cole and explained reasons. Overgrown bushes in Island Park and Millennium Corner will be trimmed in February after winter flowering over.

283. XMAS Celebrations (min.251 refers)

A Successful evening.

- Coop kindly donated the mince pies.

- Mr Iain Crockett & Mr Richard Tidball provided the mulled cider

- Thank you to the Reverend Leigh Winsbury and Hatherleigh Silver Band.

- We ran out of Carol Sheets and mince pies very early so it was agreed to double the quantities next year.

- Cllr.Reddaway reported that the Christmas lights PAT test is valid for 2 years. Further supplies of fixings would be needed. Damage to one light to be repaired. Asked to purchase these in readiness and be reimbursed next month.

284. Mrs Rewse – Public Liability (min.260 refers)

Mrs Rewse had taken out insurance with R.Tidballs. Cllr.Tyson paid the balance on behalf of HTC, cheque to be drawn this month.

285. Snow Warden (min.265 refers)

Cllr.Tyson had advertised the position on facebook Community page and council website. As yet no interest received. It was agreed to readvertise.

286. Rural Towns Market Group (min.269 refers)

It was agreed to move this forward as agenda item next month

PLANNING MATTERS

287. Applications to consider:-

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| a) 4120/22/FUL | Courtier | Bridge Inn | siting of two milk dispensers
<i>(Cllr.Reddaway declared an interest).
Council support with comments that an increase in street litter has been noticed from users of this dispenser machine and request that a litter pick rota is accompanied with any approval.</i> |
| b) 4117/22/FUL | Bonass/Whitehead | Land at | Low Impact Campsite
<i>Council support the application</i> |
| c) 4370/22/VAR | Beavis | Essworthy | Variation of condition 2
<i>Council have no Comment to make</i> |

288. Applications granted: none

289. Refusals advised:

a) 3603/22/TPO Barkwell Bridge St (Lesser works allowed)

b) 2135/22/FUL Sharpe Fishleigh House

ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

3071/22 FUL Madders Turnpike House
Oakfield Road

Garage and annexe

Neighbours complained to Cllrs that they had not received notifications, though they have now submitted Objections.

Application now withdrawn

FINANCIAL MATTERS

290. Cllr.Tyson presented the following accounts for payment:-

a) We Raise Digital	Visit Hatherleigh website	£ 60.00
b) J Tagg	street caretaker	£ 161.95
c) Janet Rewse	Toilet and bus stops cleaning	£ 646.00
d) Clare Tyson for: Mrs Rewse Public Liability	- £171.12	
e) Clare Tyson for: Xmas buffet drinks	- 44.50 cheque total	£215.62
f) L&M Cole	P3 works	£625
g) HMRC	statement Qtr 3 2022/23	£274.80

TOTAL £1,983.37

Proposed Cllr.Orbidans seconded Cllr.Holland that the above accounts be paid. Cllrs.Laycock and Lewis signed the cheques.

291. Precept setting for 2023/24

Clerk had provided Councillors with up to date financial data for the last three years for consideration. Cllr.Tyson has emailed all Councillors with a breakdown of housekeeping items for consideration.

Main points discussed:

1. rising costs of everything including min wage increase, April from £9.50 - £10.42
2. Precept held same level for 3 years despite inflation.
3. Housekeeping spends reached approx £29k last year without any extra purchases.
4. Headline inflation rate 11%
5. Contractors rise in costs
6. 102 extra new build properties
7. We have had a deficit budget for the last few years.
8. Visitor Centre will require £4000 to maintain if supported this year
9. We should stop paying for free Car Parking on Tuesdays, it was only supposed to be temporary and the cost has increased exponentially. When the market opens they will rely on income from the car parking fees.

Resolved that precept be raised by £10,000 (ten thousand) to £35,000 (thirty five thousand).

Proposed by Cllr.Entwistle seconded by Cllr.Orbidans. The vote was unanimous.

Cllr.Tyson to submit information to WDBC.

292. Any other financial matters:-

a) Moneys received: £220.79 Xmas lights donations. Cllr.Laing-Trengove to pay into bank.

b) L&M Cole Landscapes Contract for 2023. There would be an increase in prices of 5%, total of £4,400.50 (2022 total price £4,190.97) increase of £209.50 per annum.

It was resolved to agree the new contract prices.

ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

293. Cllr.Tyson reported:

a) has reviewed all HTC website links and updated some pages.

b) informed council of new Parish Biodiversity Audit produced by Jo Pullin/Devon Wildlife trust.

c) WDBC Mayoral nominations scheme open – local nominees requested for next meeting.

294. Dist.Cllr.Kimber reported: The Joint Local Plan is for review and a Call for Sites planned by West Devon Borough Council this year. Which adds wait to a Hatherleigh Neighbourhood Plan being in place.

295. Future Agenda Items

– Play Park works – review jobs needed for March annual safety inspection

- Neighbourhood Plan

- Kings Coronation

- Visitor Centre

- Rural Towns Market Group

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

296. Tuesday 21st February 2023 7pm Community Centre

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.45 pm.

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