

**HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2025
7pm IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present Cllr. Reddaway in the chair, Cllrs. Laycock, Walters, Lewis Turner, Laing-Trengove, Dist. Cllrs Kimber & Wakeham
Cllr. Mandy Ewing leader of WDBC. The Clerk.

Apologies Cllrs. Barr, Harrison, Kemp and Burrow

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PUBLIC SESSION
No members of the public present
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396. Cllr. Mandy Ewings leader of WDBC gave a presentation on the English Devolution White Paper concentrating on the various imposed timelines and the submission by WDBC and other local authorities. This was followed by a question and answer session. Cllr. Reddaway thanked Cllr. Ewings for her attendance and input to the meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

397. The minutes of the meeting held 11th March 2025 having been duly circulated were signed as being a true and correct record with the following two amendments

- a) min.392 to read Allotment Association AGM appointed new chair and secretary. Community Centre meeting charges will be going up
- b) min,396 to read meeting dates 13th May 2025

Proposed Cllr. Laycock seconded Cllr. Lewis. All agreed

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

398. Millennium Corner (min,354 refers) no further updates from DCC

399. Hanging baskets (min.355 refers) quote awaited for 20 new brackets for next years baskets

400.Litter bin Island Park (min.356 refers) Resolved that Cllr. Laing-Trengove ascertain what base will new litter bin sit on before final order is placed

401. Late night toilet opening (min 357 refers) invoice for £10 sent to the band in respect of late night opening, Cllr. Lewis requested

late night opening for toilets on 7th June

402. Street caretaker (min.359 refers) Mr.I. Lancaster reported that he was no longer interested in the position. Resolved that we readvertise

403. School meeting (min.360 refers) Cllr. Kimber had circulated notes from meeting held on 27th March. Resolved that the Town Council were up to date with what actions they could do and the School needed to put future plans in place

404. Moor View bus shelter (min.361 refers) new seat had been fitted. Resolved that letter of thanks be sent to Mr. A. Cranleigh for his work on this project

405. Speed watch (min.363 refers) nothing further heard from the Police Speed watch team. Clerk reported no response from Mr.I. Wilkenson as to whether he would join the town's group

406. Island Park bridge (min.364 refers) Cllr Barr had obtained quote for £1,750 plus vat for softwood tanalised bridge with handrails plus fixings. Difficult to get quote for hardwood because of the bridge length. Following discussion, it was resolved that:

a) that History Society take away any historic art work which formed the original scheme

b) the entire bridge would be dismantled and removed and further discussion to be had on its future

407. Island Park RoSPA report (min. 365 refers) on inspection councillors considered play equipment was safe

408. Play bark Island Park (min.366 refers) this had been delivered and spread by Cllr. Barr

409. Bus shelter Co-op (min.367 refers) Councillors had inspected the shelter and acknowledged that some remedial work was required to area around the shelter which was owned by WDBC

410. Devon Wildlife Trust(min. 376 refers) invoice for £618.30 sent

411. Bricks school bench (min.385 refers) these had been repaired by Cllr .Barr

412. Dog bin new market (min.386 refers) WDBC still to confirm their emptying capacity for new bins

413. Skatejam (min.387 refers) Cllr. Laycock confirmed this would be on 8th June and Skate Warehouse would have their own insurance

414. Defib. Agreement for Co-op (min.388 refers) further form sent by South West Ambulance Trust which was duly signed by Cllr. Reddaway

415. Pavement Vicks Meadow (min.389 refers) Cllr. Laing-Trengove reported on productive site meeting with Mr.G.Priest Principal Building and Facilities Officer of WDBC. With more parking spaces available at the market, the marked ones on the road could be removed and replaced by a pavement

416. Visit Hatherleigh website (min.389b refers) Cllr. Lewis reported she was still not able to advertise town events on the site.

417. VE celebrations (min.390 refers) following discussion it was resolved

- a) readers required for the church service – Cllrs to make enquiries
- b) light refreshments to be served in Old Schools after the church concert. Again volunteer bakers and helpers required
- c) Cllr Lewis to create poster and circulate
- d) Meeting for 29th April 7pm Clerk to book community centre

PLANNING MATTERS

418, Applications to consider:-

- a) 0649/25/HHO A.Izzard 2 Farmers Market – new window
Council supports
- b) 0727/24/FUL R.Roberts 6 Market Street -cou comm-residential
*Council objected a) loss of another
Commercial business in the town b)
Concerns over parking at property*

419. Applications approved:-

- a) 3851/24/HHO Ms Catt 3 Market St. new windows/doors
- b) 0029/25/OPA Brown Martin dwelling Red Lane
- c) 1384/24/OPA Flowers 2 dwellings Park Road

420. Refusals advised: **None**

421 Any other planning matters:-

- a) G.Case Sheldon Farm certificate of lawfulness appeal allowed
- b) Notification from WDBC that AMP Clean Energy application for installation of battery electricity storage system at Hatchmoor Industrial estate will be heard at committee meeting on 15th April

HATHERLEIGH MARKET

422. No updates submitted

FINANCIAL MATTERS

423 Clerk presented the following accounts for payment

a) WDBC	26 weeks bin emptying	£702.00
b) We Raise Digital	Visit Hatherleigh website	£ 90.00
c) Community Centre	hire	£ 49.20
d) Mrs J. Rewse	toilets	£495.44
e) Mrs R.Lock	wages	£485.27
f) Pynto Ltd	website	£ 96.00
g) HMRC	clerks tax	£ 3.60
h) HMRC	clerks tax	£364.00
i) DALC	membership	£634.14
k) SW Ambulance	defib. Fee for Co-op defib	<u>£600.00</u>

total £3519.65

Proposed Cllr. Walters seconded Cllr. Turner that the above accounts be paid. Cheques signed by Cllrs. Laycock and Laing-Trengove

424. Moneys received **none**

425 Any other financial matters:-

- a) Nat West transfer of funds from reserve account to current account has still not gone through as bank did not recognise Cllr. Burrow's signature. New forms printed off and signed by two other signatories
- b) South West Fixings – account successfully opened with limit of £500
- c) cheque for £600 for agreed option 2 plan for defibrillator outside the Co-op submitted together with 2nd signed form
- d) SSE Energy – information on changes to billing for xmas lights

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

426 Dist. Cllr Kimber reported on numerous complaints about emptying of dog poo bins

TRAFFIC/MAINTENANCE ISSUES

427 Mrs Bampton email circulated on request for dog poo bin at Martins Close. Resolved that Clerk respond saying that Martins Close is a private estate and therefore the management company would be responsible for the placement of a dog poo bin not the council

428 Mobility scooter drivers this was a concern of Cllr. Kemp. This was not a town council matter and users should be directed to various websites/links on usage and parts of the highway code

429 Changes to Devon bus services – email information circulated to all councillors. Cllr. Lewis was constantly emailing the bus company with regard to the college buses

430 Cllr. Laycock;-

a) sheep statue – the Art Group were looking into cleaning the sheep statue

b) there was fresh graffiti on the co-op bus shelter some of which she had managed to remove

431 WDBC emptying of dog and litter bins – Clerk reported that WDBC emptied one dog bin at Runnon Moor Lane opposite North Waterhouse Farm and 3 litter bins in Island Park and 1 litter bin by the Fire Station on a fortnightly basis

432. Cllr Reddaway – the railings in Market Street still required painting

RED PHONE BOX SOUTH STREET

433 Cllr. Laycock suggested this box be used as an “Events Calendar” for the town with any adverts being submitted to either herself or Cllr. Lewis to put on display. The box would have to be padlocked and this could be achieved by a padlocked chain at the bottom of the kiosk. Resolved this was an excellent idea.

HATHERLEIGH MEDICAL CENTRE

434 Cllr. Walters had circulated to all councillors a draft letter regarding the operation/running of Hatherleigh Medical Centre. Resolved that this letter be sent to various people/organisations eg. Integrated Care Board, the Ombudsman, and Mel Stride.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

435 Second meeting with the school reported elsewhere in these minutes

436 Cllr. Lewis – AGM of Parish Pump. They were looking for a new Advertising Officer

CORRESPONDENCE

437. Cllr. McInnes members bulletin circulated

438 Exeter Covid walk in centre – details circulated. Resolved that this be placed on the council’s website

ITEMS OF INTEREST/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

439 None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

440 Tuesday 13th May 6.30pm Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual General meeting of the Council at 7pm

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.35pm

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