

**HATHERLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 7pm  
In the Community Centre**

**Present** Cllr.Reddaway in the chair, Cllrs. Laycock,Walters  
Turner ,Burrow, Gibbs Dist.Cllrs.Kimber,Wakeham  
County Cllr.Davies, the Clerk, 1 member of public

**Apologies** Cllr.Lewis, Laing-Trengove

**Declaration**

**Of interest** Cllr.Burrow – new council website

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**PUBLIC SESSION**

**No speakers**  
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**316.** The minutes of the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 having been duly circulated were signed by the Chair as being a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr.Walters seconded Cllr.Gibbs. All agreed

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**317** School/20 is Plenty (min.282 refers) Cllr.Reddaway reported that the meeting with the school and DCC Highways had to be rearranged due to DCC Highways officer not being able to attend

**318** PROW (min.285 refer) Clerk had sent further email regarding payment of outstanding grant on 25<sup>th</sup> January but todote no further reply received. Resolved Clerk send copy email to Cllr.Davies

**319** See saw seats (min.286 refers) ongoing

**320** On line banking (min.288 refers) Cllr.Walters and Clerk to meet to take the matter forward

**321** Allotment sign (min.290 refers) Cllr.Burrow was working on the art work for the new signage

**322** Tele. kiosk (min.291 refers) Cllr Turner to source suitable lock  
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**323 New council website (min.293 refers) Councillors went through the website brief document. Resolved that Cllr Laycock and the Clerk locate suitable website designers for this work.**

**324 Pavement Vicks Meadow (min.307 refers) Clerk had sent email to Mr Priest of WDBC on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 but no response received. Resolved that Clerk send a further email**

**325 Royal Gardn party (min.310 refers) Cllr.Lang-Trengove had withdrawn her request to attend**

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

**326 Applications to consider:-**

**a) 0239/26/TCA 22 Vicks Meadow Tree works – *no objections***

**b) Permissions granted: None**

**c) Refusals advised:**

**3533/25/PAA Essworthy calf building**

**d) Any other planning matters none**

### **HATHERLEIGH MARKET**

**327 Cllr Burrow reported as follows:-**

- Steps/safety upgrades -following inspection by EHO of WDBC Advised that both sets of back carpark access were not compliant with Public Access building regulations-they should be 1200mm wide with safety handrails. Kingswood agreed to undertake remedial work, correct as a priority at their expense. Steps to be cordoned off until work is complete.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> toilet cubicle- working party painted new cubicle, exterior walls of office and kitchen area. Fixtures and fittings for new toilet ordered. Completion works booked to complete works end of February**
- Kitchen upgrades – hygienic washable splash backs installed Requested quote for installing modular T&G panelling across front of counter to improve safety**
- Dog waste bin – North Park vets to sponsor purchase and installation costs of new bin for market square. WDBC to be advised to add to emptying list**

- Market signposting -Cllr Davies reported do not qualify for brown tourist information signs. Therefore proposing to use Council grant money of £405 for signs to be installed at the Dunbia road junction
- Widening use of site – had enquiries from Sustainable Hatherleigh, Pink Ladies Fundraiser, CBT Motorcycle training for varying uses for site

**Financial matters:**

- New financial forecast for share issue – N.Jury completed work on 2 and 25 year forecasts to support business plan required for the share issue
- £15K share issue development grant – in process of submitting an expression of interest application for upto £15k share issue development grant. Funding to be allocated to more time with share development practitioner and remainder towards marketing share scheme when launched in summer
- Outline position by end of year – by end of year best scenario HCML outstanding balance with Kingswood Homes of £10k worst case scenario £60k
- January trading figures not yet available

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

328 Clerk presented the following accounts for payment

a)	CAB	grant	£250.00
b)	Mrs Rewse	toilets	£402.91
c)	Mrs R Lock	wages	£485.91
d)	S.Whitehead	street caretaker	£300.61
e)	Hatherleigh Comm.Centre	hire	<u>£ 18.00</u>

**total** £1,457.43

Proposed Cllr Burrow seconded Cllr Turner that the above accounts be paid, Cheques signed by Cllrs.Laycock and Walters

329. Moneys received none

330. Any other financial matters

a) At the request of Cllr Burrow, councillors discussed the matter of future grant payments to HCML. Resolved that the payments of £10,000 for 2026 and 2067 respectively be used for repayment of the capital loan for the building. Regarding grant

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payment for year 2028 Cllr Burrow stated the sum of £10,000 could be used as match funding for green energy projects – councillors resolved that this grant be reviewed in 2028

#### **COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILORS REPORTS**

329 Cllr. Davies had circulated her report which clerk had forwarded to all councillors

330 Dist. Cllr Wakeham highlighted the library service consultation that was out for responses

331 Dist. Cllr Kimber

- a) highlighted the consultation response papers that were out concerning the LGR and encouraged people to respond
- b) complaints received concerning removal of recycling banks in the car park – these had been removed as much of the materials for these bins can be placed in individual household recycling containers

#### **TRAFFIC/MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

332 Cllr Laycock – Co-op bus shelter seat – reported that the tree stump had been ground down but the metal spikes were still there

333 Sheep statue – Cllr. Burrow reported that Cllr.Laing-Trengove had no further updates

334 Dog fouling – email received from K. Sluggett concerning dog fouling around the town and in the churchyard. Resolved that Cllr. Walters would ask the church to put up more signs in the churchyard and Councillors would be looking at ways they could further tackle the problem around the town e.g. Spray paints

335 Cllr Reddaway:-

- a) hanging basket brackets still not available
- b) would have to find another person to take on the job of replacing the footbridge at Island Park

#### **THE PARISH PUMP**

336 Cllr Walters in the absence of Cllr. Lewis reported further on the best way to publish and print future editions. Following a discussion councillors resolved to grant the sum of £3,000 for this project.

