



Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25 APRIL 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllrs Brewer, Vogel, Irens, Giles, Ashford, Nutley, Slater, Dennis, Parker-Khan and Distin.

In attendance: The clerk and deputy clerk.

023/18GP Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Baker who was on holiday. Acceptance of the apologies was proposed by Cllr Giles. This was seconded by Cllr Distin. All in favour.

024/18GP Public comments/statements. The public may speak for a maximum of 10 minutes on items on the agenda or items that may be considered for a future agenda at the chairman's discretion.

No members of the public wished to speak.

025/18GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

026/18GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 24 March 2018

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

027/18GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 24 March 2018

There were no matters arising.

028/17GP Discussion ref: New General Data Protection Regulation policies

The clerk stated that the National Association of Local Councils has provided some template documents, which he has changed to reflect the town council's needs. He would email to all councillors and they will be adopted at the AGM.

Cllr Nutley asked if the councillors will be getting their own emails. The clerk stated they would when the new website was up and running.

The clerk stated that the town council would need a Data Protection Officer and this cannot be the clerk. He was hoping that Teignbridge Council will appoint one to work for all town and parish councils.

029/18GP Resolution to write a letter to the NHS supporting Ashburton Community Care
The clerk stated that he had been informed that the funding for Ashburton Community Care will hopefully be retained and therefore a letter is not required at present.

031/18GP Discussion and installing more litter bins in town
Cllr Irens had been asked by a resident about this. The clerk stated that the current bins take cans and plastic bottles but the signs need changing to make this clear. The bin in St Lawrence Lane is not very big and perhaps this could be changed for a larger one. Cllr Dennis stated that extra bins were needed at the junction of Balland Lane/Eastern Road and also Terrace Cottages. Cllr Giles stated that the bin by the Primary School is in a bad stated.

Cllr Brewer asked if the councillors who are TDC representatives would make enquiries.

030/18GP Correspondence

- i. Request from a resident asking the council support the plastic-free group's application for plastic-free status with Surfers for Sewage. The clerk stated there are three things needed. 1) a resolution where the town council supports plastic free, 2) a councillor is represented on the Plastic-Free Group, 3) all council properties, ie the town hall, do not use single use plastic and that has been implemented as far as possible. Cllr Parker-Khan proposed the town council supports plastic-free status for Ashburton, this was seconded by Cllr Irens. All in favour.
- ii. Invitation to Community Safety Forum May 2018. The clerk and Cllr Irens will attend.

031/18GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.

- Cllr Irens stated that the paving slab outside the newsagent had not been repaired.
- Cllr Vogel asked if there will be a town litter pick in the near future.
- Cllr Parker-Khan stated that there is a large pot hole on the slip road and she had seen a lorry blow a tyre and the town council needs to raise concerns.
- Cllr Brewer stated that there had been repainting of lines in the town and the give way lines in Kingsbridge Lane need repainting . There also needs to be another no-entry sign.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

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CHAIRMAN