



# Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Slater, chairman  
Cllrs Nutley, Giles, Irens, Baker, Hitchcock, Daw, Brewer, Khan, Dennis. Also Cllr Distin.

**In attendance:** The clerk and deputy clerk. Also one member of the public.

**001/16GP Apologies**

There were no apologies received.

**002/16GP 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.

**003/16GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**004/16GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 25 November 2015**

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

**005/16GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 25 November 2015**

There were no matters raised.

**006/16GP Three Communities Cycling Group discussion**

Cllr Nutley stated he had attended a meeting to bring a cycle route from Ashburton and South Brent. The proposal is currently in its infancy. They were looking at the amount of students who come from Buckfastleigh to the Academy and would be doing a survey of students who would use a cycle route. Funding would come from Sport England. The route would not be part of the National Cycle Network.

**007/16GP St John Ambulance Hall – letter of support update**

The clerk had forwarded a letter of support.

He had also been given an update on funding from Mrs Graymore. Viridor are looking favourably at giving £80,000, which is the lowest valuation of the property. There was also further possible funding from Garfield Western. St John want £150,000 but

Stephen Belli has told Kay that this is a hoped for figure. He also told her that the park would not allow it to be knocked down and houses built.

**008/16GP Correspondence**

- a. Temporary Prohibition of parking notice. This was for two road closures. One from 21 January to 10 February and one for 11 February to 21 July for the painting of yellow lines in North Street.
- b. Buckingham Palace Garden Party Nomination Form (Date 24 May 2016). Cllr Daw proposed that the town mayor be nominated. All in favour.

**009/16GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.**

- The clerk had forwarded an email regarding the disposal of a small corner of the Dolbeare Road car park. This was discussed in detail and Cllr Nutley stated that a condition should be that there is only a pedestrian access and no access for parking. Cllr Dennis gave details of the site and that it was of no use to any adjoining neighbours and was currently an eyesore. The clerk stated that the town council needs decide on a response at full council.
- Cllr Irens stated that there needs to be a meeting of the flood committee and that there is now a pot of money available to buy equipment. The clerk stated that the money had been applied for as discussed at the finance meeting. The items applied for included extra signs, gloves, waterproof protection etc. The clerk also stated that there is an emergency plan in place. The wardens keep an eye on certain areas and in an actual emergency Devon County Council and the emergency services take over. The clerk also stated that there is snow warden and that salt is stored at Parkers.
- Cllr Daw stated that the potholes in Chuley Road are a disgrace. The clerk stated that the road is also subsiding.
- Cllr Dennis stated that there is no sign on the Balland Lane noticeboard stating that it is Ashburton Town Council's noticeboard.
- Cllr Baker asked if the town council could ask Teignbridge District Council to change the camber of the road outside McCoys. Cllr Dennis said this would be the responsibility of Highways.
- Cllr Irens stated that the street light is still on in West Street. The clerk said he would forward the link to report this and other problems.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm.

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CHAIRMAN