



Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllr Brewer vice-chairman. Cllrs Irens, Vogel, Dennis, Giles, Nutley and Ashford

In attendance: The clerk, and one member of the public

001/18GP Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Parker-Khan, Baker, Distin and Slater. Acceptance of the apologies was proposed by Cllr Giles. This was seconded by Cllr Nutley. All in favour.

002/18GP 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.

One member of the public stated: he was not sure about the process but was concerned with the pot holes on the road at Ausewell by the water turn. Advised to log this with Devon Highways . He also mentioned that he was setting up a community interest company providing community shared work space.

003/18GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

004/18GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 22 November 2017

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

005/18GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 22 November 2017

- The Clerk noted that he had not written to the Fire Service, but had taken the opportunity during the flooding issue on the 3rd of January to ask the attending fire officer the process for keeping stations open. He explained that they use a software programme that has had 10 years of call out data and other factors uploaded and they use this to assign stations to be kept on the run.
- The Community Land Trust Meeting will be on the 15th February at 10am in the town hall with Amy Luxton, Teignbridge Council, and Alan Jones, community land trust consultant.

- The Clerk apologised that he had not written to the Police Commissioner Cllr Brewer noted that the situation was untenable, he had contacted the Police on behalf of the BYP who in the past had regular visits from the Police to interact with those using the BYP and this no longer happens. The Police said that they do not have the resource to provide regular visits and that representation should be made to those that fund the police. Cllrs Nutley and Vogel will raise this with the Teignbridge Association of Local Councils and the clerk will write to the Police and Crime Commissioner making sure that the local MP is copied in.

006/17GP Boundary Marking - Issue raised by resident

The council received a letter from a resident who holds the position of the inspector of the boundaries, asking if the town council will support by writing to the parish councils that have connecting parish boundaries so that he can discuss the boundary with them. Cllr Dennis proposed and this was seconded by Cllr Nutley. All in favour.

The Clerk to write to all parish councils bordering Ashburton

007/18GP Steward to the Courts – resignation and proposals for a new steward

The clerk informed the committee that he had received a letter of resignation from the Steward to the Courts. The councillors discussed the situation and firstly wanted to thank the steward for his service. The committee agreed that it would be a good idea for the clerk with the support of the deputy to take over the roll. This was proposed by Cllr Dennis and seconded by Cllr Giles. All in favour.

008/18GP Stapledon Lane Youth Club Update

The Clerk noted that he had been given the conveyance document confirming that the Youth Club in Stapledon Lane was sold to the Trustees. The clerk had discussed the issue with a local solicitor. The next steps will be for the clerk to go through the documents of the youth club to make sure that there are no further documents that relate to ownership. Following that the town council may have to brief a barrister so that we can find a solution to the legal issues of ownership. This is likely to be an expensive process. The committee felt that the Town Council should follow this up so that this issue can be resolved.

The clerk to place on finance agenda.

009/18GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.

The clerk mentioned that he had received nominations for community awards and was not sure of the process. Cllr Brewer advised that this would need to go on to the full council agenda.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

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CHAIRMAN