



Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY 2018 AT 7.45PM IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllrs Baker Ashford, Brewer, Dennis, Daw, Giles, Nutley, Slater, Vogel.

In attendance: The clerk and deputy clerk.

055/18GP Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Irens, Distin and Parker-Khan who had a previous engagement. Acceptance of the apologies was proposed by Cllr Baker. This was seconded by Cllr Nutley. All in favour.

056/18GP 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.

057/18GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

058/18GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 27 June 2018

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

059/18GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 27 June 2018

Cllr Baker asked whether the pot hole on the A38 Slip road had been fixed. The clerk confirmed that it had not and was being chased.

060/18GP Discussion re painting of yellow lines opposite Kenwyn

The Clerk confirmed that the residents of the houses in western road did not want to lose all the parking in that area as this helped to slow traffic down but visibility was an issue. The Councillors discussed the issue and decided that the yellow lines would not benefit this area, and questioned who had asked the double yellow lines as this was not the residents.

Cllr Daw proposed that the town council were not in favour of the double yellow lines. This was seconded by Cllr Dennis. All in favour.

Clerk to pass decision on to Cllr Barker.

061/18GP Review of Police Consultation

The clerk said there are two parts to this, the first part is the merger between Devon and Cornwall and Dorset forces, for which there is an online consultation that can be completed.

Cllr Dennis raised the point that in the main statement of the proposal it says that the merger will save money but in the detail says it will cost residents £1 to £3 per month.

The second part is the forming of the councillor advocate scheme Cllr Nutley and Vogel had attended TALC were they were given a talk on the councillor advocate scheme. The scheme will be run by the police who will feed back to the police and Crime Commissioners office (PCC). The PCC do not have powers to change policing particularly in the local area. The councillors were concerned that the idea will be costly to run both financially and in terms of policing resource. The council need to make a strong statement about Policing in the area.

Clerk to write to PCC outlining Councils objection

062/18GP St John Ambulance Compensation Claim

A resident had been due to attend the meeting and had not been able to attend. The clerk was asked to contact the resident and report back at full council

063/18GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.

- Cllr Brewer asked if any progress had been made in changes to the town diary
- Cllr Brewer had been told that the Sign post at Peartree would be taken away and stored as Devon highways did not have the correct posts to replace it with.
- St Lawrence lane has a pot hole opposite the chapel and there is also a curb stone that is loose and needs fixing.
- Councillors asked who had supplied the picnic benches on Cleder Place. Clerk confirmed that it was Teignbridge District Council.
- At the bottom of Roborough Lane the weeds need some attention.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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CHAIRMAN