



Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllrs Baker, Irens, Parker-Khan, Giles, Distin, Vogel, Major, Nutley, Crook, Pickvance and Hogbin

In attendance: The clerk and deputy clerk

061/19GP Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Pugh who had a previous engagement. Acceptance of these apologies was proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Irens. All in favour.

062/19GP 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.

063/19GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

064/19GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 26 June 2019

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

065/19GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 26 June 2019

There were no matters arising.

066/19GP Discussion Whistley Hill A38 Junction

Cllr Irens reported:

Whistley Hill suggested closure and potential alternative access via Pear tree.

1. Contact SAFE A38 group. This is a group of cross party councillors and MP's who presented an "A38 Case for Action " report to Chris Grayling /transport secretary, June 2018. This was a joint study by Cornwall and Plymouth Council hoping to access the potential £30 billion government budget for restructuring of the roads by Highways England. (Torbay Council we're represented but as far as I could see Teignbridge were not).

2. Sheryll Murray MP / Chair of SAFE A38 contact details: sheryll@sheryllmurray.com 01579 344428
3. To locate the Chuley Road Master Plan's suggested route for the link to the A38 via the Peartree access.
4. To a certain public opinion on closing Whistley Hill and finding an alternative route.
5. If a positive result is obtained on all these points. With the backing of SAFE A38, to contact Mel Stride to petition Chris Grayling and Highways England for the carrying out of these works.

The clerk gave details of incidents at the junction in the last 25 years.

Cllr Irens stated that Highways England is keen to close the junction but there is no budget or evidence to close it.

Cllr Irens stated that the town council should apply to the Road Investment Strategy to get the Bulliver's Way junction.

Cllr Baker stated that the town council should discuss with the Chamber of Trade.

The clerk stated that there is a meeting with train enthusiasts on 16 September.

Cllr Baker stated that DNP have no remit over the junction.

Cllr Irens asked if she could contact Sheryll Murry. Councillors were in favour of this.

067/19GP Walk round town

Councillors went to Cleder Place to discuss the application to take over Cleder Place.

060/19GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.

- Cllr Parker-Khan gave details of the Fire Service open day at St Lawrence Chapel. She stated that the Fire Chief was sought out and left the building. She stated that the town council needs to make a formal response. This will be taken to full council. Cllr Distin stated that the town council should think about having a closed meeting as they would not attend the open meeting and the town council needs to keep talking to them.
- Cllr Irens stated she had had her handbag stolen on the Moor and had received a terrible reception from the DNP rangers. She had complained and received a letter from Neil Wright and he has informed reception that they need to know where the hotspots are.

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

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CHAIRMAN