



Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllr Baker, chairman; Cllrs Nutley, Giles, Slater, Ashford, Dennis, Parker-Khan and Irens. Also Cllr Daw

In attendance: The clerk

045/17GP Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Brewer who was on annual leave. Cllr Parker-Khan proposed acceptance of these apologies, this was seconded by Cllr Ashford. All in favour.

046/17GP 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 Public Statements

047/17GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

048/17GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 24 May 2017

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

049/17GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 24 May 2017

There were no matters raised.

050/17GP Discussion on the issues of parking and loading outside the post office

Councillors discussed in detail the problems experienced by the Post Office but also by residents of St Lawrence Lane as some people do park for a long time and also with engines running. The road can become gridlocked if people park irresponsibly or if there is a diversion due to problems on the A38. Councillors also discussed the Post Office's proposal to park its van outside at busy times for excess parcels. Councillors discussed the time allowed to park on double yellow lines before a ticket is issued.

The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the Enforcement Team

051/17GP Proposal for an electric Car-as-a-service scheme for Ashburton

This proposal had been attached to a planning application for North Street. A slightly different version of the proposal had been sent to the town council to comment on. Councillors discussed in detail including where charging points would be, who would pay for this. The proposer was suggesting a collaboration between several parties.

The clerk had spoken to the proposer and following this discussion he had put it in with his planning application for North Street stating that the town council agreed, which was totally untrue. The application had subsequently been withdrawn. The clerk had told him that the town council would look at the proposal to see if they believed it was a good idea but the town council would not be in a position to contribute funds to such a scheme and he would need to contact larger agencies. The clerk stated that the town council needs to be very specific in what they say in response. The clerk stated that perhaps the town council should write back stating that as it appears to be for a private business, the town council supports electric cars and renewable energy but difficult for the town council to support a private business. Cllr Vogel stated that the government has requested that all petrol stations have a charging point and that would be better than using car parking spaces in the car park. Councillors asked that the clerk also point this out when replying.

Clerk to reply as requested

052/17GP Review of the terms of reference for the Traffic Management Committee

The clerk supplied a proposal for the sub-committee:

- The sub-committee will be known as the Traffic Management Sub-Committee (TMSC)
- This will be a sub-committee of the General Purposes Committee reporting directly to that committee which, will in turn report to the Full Town Council.
- The sub-committee shall elect a chairman and deputy chairman and secretary from within its membership.
- The TMSC will be empowered to call upon advice from outside the committee membership and make use of the facilities of the clerk's Office.
- Any financial implications relating to the TMSC shall be placed before the Finance & Town Hall Buildings Committee.
- The TMSC will set up a number of public forums to understand the traffic issues within the bounds of Ashburton, and identify ideas to resolve those issues.

The clerk would try and arrange the meeting regarding St Lawrence Lane with Enforcement before the meeting of the sub-committee on 19 July.

Cllr Baker proposed that the committee accept the terms of reference, this was seconded by Cllr Irens. All in favour.

053/17GP Correspondence

- i. Seafarers UK – request for us to fly the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day on 3 September. The clerk would be able to acquire a Red Ensign. The committee agreed that the town council should fly the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day.

054/17GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.

- Cllr Daw asked what had happened to the proposed cycle path. Cllr Parker-Khan stated that a viability study is being done. The League of Friends has given £500 towards this, Cllr Nutley gave from his fund, and Buckfastleigh Town Council had contributed. They wish to extend the path between Buckfastleigh and Ashburton. If the viability study is favourable they can then apply for funding.
- Cllr Baker had received an email from a resident about the gas works in Stapledon Lane as they had stopped work for a period of time. A resident had phoned Wales and West and asked where they were and been told that they were on holiday, another resident rang and was told they didn't know where the workmen were. The clerk had also requested what was happening and had not had a reply to date. The clerk was also chasing the removal of Wales and West's cabin on Cleder Place before the carnival. Cllr Baker stated that some residents had had their gas cut off without them being informed as Wales and West did not have a record of them having gas.
- Cllr Daw stated that one of the paving slabs on the pavement outside Martins, the papershop was coming up. The clerk stated he had reported it but would chase that up as well as the drain cover that is missing.
- Cllr Irens stated that an old dog rose has fallen down by the Royal British Legion.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.06pm.

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CHAIRMAN