



# Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs Irens, Vogel, Nutley, Major, Baker, Giles, Distin, Parker-Khan

**In attendance:** The clerk and deputy clerk and members of Ashburton Fire Service

**051/19GP Apologies**

There will be no apologies received.

**052/19GP 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.

**053/19GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**054/19GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 22 May 2019**

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

**055/19GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 22 May 2019**

There were no matters arising.

**056/19GP Discussion re possible fire station closure**

There was a presentation by Ashburton Fire Station:

Details included:

**Ashburton Risk Profile.**

- Population :- 7754.
- 85.75 Sq Kilometres . (33 Sq Miles) .
- Ashburton Fire Appliance is one of a few MRP's local to the area with CAFFS and full dedicated RTC Cutting equipment . PPV, LPP,135 Ladder, 4 BA Sets,
- 5 Schools plus Pre Schools/Nurseries .
- Residential Home/Monitored housing.

- A38 one of the busiest road in the whole of the two counties.
- Glendinning's Quarry. Explosives
- Martins Newsagents. Carry up to 250kgs Explosives/Fireworks
- 33 Acre Solar Farm.
- 2 Large Self-Storage complexes which includes a great number of caravans/motorhomes & vehicles.
- A number of large Forest/Woodland areas (Ausewell belong to the National Trust and in the near future will be opened to the public (Fir Plantation 341 .53 Acres) .
- 5 Medium size Industrial estates.
- High number of Agricultural holdings.
- Open Moorland.
- 1 Petrol station.
- River Dart the fastest rising and falling rivers in the country and one of the most dangerous. (20,000 descents a season. People often do more than one a day) . Autumn & Winter weekends. Upper Dart main hazard is between Dartmeet and Newbridge.
- 5 Large Camping and Holiday complexes.
- Police Station is a major crime investigation centre. Very sensitive information, modelling ,murder and paedophile info. Also Camdon Networks (Linhay Park) .
- 237 Grade 1&2 Listed properties in the town alone. [Britishlistedbuildings.co.uk](http://Britishlistedbuildings.co.uk).
- 35 Bickington
- 31 Buckland in the moor.
- 64 Dartmoor Forest.
- 75 Ilisington. ?
- 142 Widecombe.
- 10 Woodland.
- Thatch properties :- HOW MANY ?
- Long house at Pounds Gate has more historical value than Exeter Cathedral. See SSR I for info.

### **Ashburton Risk Profile. People Numbers/ Life Risk.**

- Schools :- Ashburton county town schools : -1280. Pre Schools. Nurseries :-
- Sand School :- 90.
- Residential Homes :-
- Glendinnings Quarry :- 100 through the day. 20 office block . Dartmoor Lodge :-
- Parkers Holiday complexes :- 400/650. Water Leat Caravans :-
- Age UK :- 250.
- Cookery School both campus plus sleeping :- 60/80.
- River Dart Country Park I Holne House :- 50/60 using the conference rooms/suits. 130 Residential in the house. 285 pitches = 1200 camping and up to 1000 visitors a day. See Email RDCP
- Up to 800 vehicle movements in to the town centre.

## **Ashburton Risk Profile.**

- Ashburton to Buckfastleigh 5.7 miles 10 mins + Turnout time.
- Mortenhampsted to Chagford 4.4 miles 12mins + Turnout time.
- Ashburton to Poundsgate 4.5miles 7mins + Turnout time.
- Buckfastleigh to Poundsgate 6.1 miles 10 mins + Turnout time.
- Bovey Tracey to Poundsgate 13.Smiles 20mins + Turnout time.
- Bovey Tracey to Ashburton 8.9miles 15mins + Turnout.
- Bovey Tracey to Ilsington 4miles 1 1 mins + Turnout time.
- Ashburton to Ilsington 6.4miles 13mins + Turnout time.
- Newton Abbot to Ilsington 7.2miles 1 7mins + Turnout time.
- Morten to Ilsington 10miles 22mins + Turnout time.
- RISK :- There will always be a risk (Thatch, RTC, Fire, Accident) .
- LIKLYHOOD :- This can be reduced through Fire safety, Fire Extinguisher, Safety equipment and Education.
- TIME :- Time is of the essence when an emergency or crisis occurs. We have a certain amount of time at present ! Whilst Fire engines are close to risks !
- SEVERTY :- The amount of damage or extent of injury. Reduced at present.

## **Ashburton Risk Profile.**

### **Taken from the Local Risk Profile. Fires in our station grounds .**

- 2016/2017.
- Ashburton :- 3 Fires where people live. 12 Fires where people work. 6 Outdoor fires.
- Buckfastleigh :- 5 Fires where people live. 10 Fires where people work. 7 Outdoor fires.
- Bovey Tracey :- 2 Fires where people live. 6 Fires where people work . 5 Outdoor fires.
- Chagford :- 3 Fires where people live. 1 Fire where people work. 3 Outdoor fires.
- Mortonhampsted :- 4 Fires where people live. 2 Fires where people work . 7 Outdoor fires.

## **Ashburton Fire Station**

### **Availability. April 2016 to March 2017.**

- Crew of 13.
- 1 1 Full Cover.
- 2 Part Cover | Day cover
- Ashburton unavailable:- 521 .5 hours. Available 943 . 55 Fire Calls.
- Buckfastleigh unavailable:- 795.75 hours . Available 90.93 . 91 Fire Calls.
- Mortenhampsted unavailable :- 862.5 hours . Available 90.23 . 78 Fire Calls.
- Bovey Tracey unavailable :- 1548 hours . Available 82.33 . 101 Fire Calls.

**Ashburton Fire Station  
Availability. June 21 2018 to June 21 2019.**

- 10 Crew.
- 7 Full Cover.
- 3 Part/Day Cover.
- Hours unavailable 1573 Hours 15 Mins. = 65.5 days. 82.053 on the run. 17.953 off.
- 815 hours 15 mins Due to C&C.
- 344 hours 45 mins Due to Driver.
- 1159 hours due to lack of skills.
- 3 Drivers 3 Command and Control.

**Future Planning for Ashburton.**

- Premier Inn (Linhay Park} . 80 Beds plus day trade.
- Dolbeare 10 year Plan . PP 400 Houses plus amenities ?
- Industrial Pear Tree.
- Tuckers new development and Chuley Road.
- Planning at top of Balland Park Lousdon Cross. 15 Houses.
- PP Mead.

Cllr Vogel asked whether the information given by Devon and Somerset Fire Authority as being generated by a computer.

Cllr Parker-Khan asked how the many unpaid hours would be covered.

It was pointed out that the number of shouts listed does not include those for neighbouring parishes. There was £39 million in reserves but this cannot be used for wages. An underspend last year of £4.5m had gone into reserves.

There would be a three month consultation period.

The clerk was asked to send an email to all neighbouring/local parishes to gain their support. The town council would organise a public meeting. People must be encouraged to write to the Authority.

**057/19GP Possible new spaces in graveyard.**

The town council is awaiting further information re removal of hedges.

**058/19GP Discussion re replacement of street furniture**

This agenda item was postponed.

**059/19GP Correspondence**

- i. Road closure 14 July to 18 July. Hooks Cross to Caton Cross
- ii. Road closure 13 July to 17 July. Halshanger Cross to North Street.

**060/19GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 22 May 2019**

- Cllr Parker-Khan brought up the problems of graffiti at the East End of town. Cllr Nutley had contacted TDC and would be coming out in the next 24 hours.
- Cllr Parker-Khan asked for Woodland Road parking near the primary school to be placed on an agenda.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.07pm.

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CHAIRMAN