



Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Cllr Nutley, deputy chairman
Cllrs Posner, Khan, Hitchcock, Brewer, Daw and Slater.

In attendance: The clerk, deputy clerk and two members of the public

010/15GP Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hyslop and Distin who had work commitments, Cllr Baker who was on annual leave and Cllr Pugh who was unwell, Acceptance of these apologies was proposed by Cllr Posner, seconded by Cllr Hitchcock. All in favour.

011/15GP 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 member of the public wished to speak.

012/15GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

013/15GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 28 January 2015

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

014/15GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 28 January 2015

There were no matters raised.

015/15GP St John Ambulance Hall – Discussions re community asset

Cllr Posner stated that St John had indicated its intentions to sell the building. The clerk had written to St John but to date had had no reply. The question the town council needed to decide is whether or not to apply for the building to be listed as a community asset. The clerk read some of the details needed to apply for listing. He had had no formal request from a group for the town council to apply for the listing. Councillors discussed this in detail. Cllr Nutley suspended standing orders for a resident to speak. The resident stated she would like to take responsibility for submitting a request to list the St John Ambulance Hall as a community asset and would fill in the necessary forms. She also stated that perhaps the Ashburton Community Enterprise Group may wish to get involved. Cllr Nutley reinstated standing orders.

The clerk stated that he would liaise with the resident. Cllr Posner proposed that the town council support the resident in submitting a proposal to list the St John Ambulance Hall as a community asset. This was seconded by Cllr Hitchcock. All in favour.

RECOMMEND: CLERK TO PROVIDE FORMS AND ASSISTANCE ON THE ABOVE.

016/15GP General discussion re Lloyds Bank opening times

The clerk stated that Lloyds Bank would be changing its opening times in June to 10am to 3pm. Cllr Posner stated that the town council could write asking if this was a precursor to the bank closing. Cllr Hitchcock stated that the manager had stated to him that they would not be closing at present.

017/15GP Bus stop opposite East End Terrace/flyover

The clerk stated that he had received a letter from the contractor stating he was still prepared to fix the shelter with Perspex sheeting. The contractor pointed out that the shelter had originally been built with grey brick and not breeze blocks.

Councillors discussed this in detail and whether the contractor would contribute towards the cost of infilling the present structure with grey brick. Cllr Khan stated that it was time to get on with it. Cllr Hitchcock asked whether the town council would need to put in a new planning application for the bus stop. The clerk stated he would look at the original application to see what had been approved on 0523/11. It was proposed by Cllr Khan that the clerk write to Mr Palk to see if he would contribute. This was seconded by Cllr Posner. All in favour.

RECOMMEND: CLERK TO WRITE TO THE CONTRACTOR.

018/15GP Stapledon Lane youth club

The clerk had written to Mr Poole asking for an update but had received no reply.

019/15GP Correspondence

- i. Road closure notice (road past Southbrook Farm, Buckland in the Moor).

020/15GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.

- Cllr Brewer stated that there was a lot of dog mess in the recreation ground including the play area and the owners, TDC, should be asked to do something about it.
- Cllr Daw said that there was a lot of dog mess at Balland Park/Roborough Lane.

This would be placed on the next GP agenda for discussion.

- Cllr Daw stated that the potholes in Chuley Road are horrendous.
- Cllr Posner said the potholes are also bad on Whistley Hill.

- Cllr Nutley stated that the A38 was in a bad state Plymouth bound near the Newton Abbot turn off.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm.

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CHAIRMAN