



# Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Baker chairman. Cllrs Ashford, Dennis, Irens, Distin, Nutley and Daw

**In attendance:** The clerk and deputy clerk.

**010/18GP Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brewer, Vogel and Giles. Acceptance of the apologies was proposed by Cllr Parker-Khan. This was seconded by Cllr Nutley. All in favour.

**011/18GP 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.

**012/18GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**013/18GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 24 January 2018**

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

**014/18GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 24 January 2018**

Cllr Baker asked if there was any news on the youth club in Stapledon Lane. Cllr Dennis stated he would report at the Finance meeting as there may be costs involved.

**015/17GP New snow warden required**

The clerk stated that the snow warden is retiring and a new one is needed. Cllr Dennis stated that whoever does it needs a 4 wheel drive vehicle.

The clerk was asked to advertise for a new one.

The clerk also asked if a mop-up meeting of snow wardens should be held.

The clerk was requested to set this up.

**016/18GP Pop up banks (Cllr Baker)**

Cllr Baker gave details of pop up banks in the United States, these are made out of shipping containers. She stated these may be needed in the long-term.

Councillors discussed the merits of this in detail and Cllr Baker was requested to circulate the details to councillors. Most councillors believed that marketing the post off to ensure its future would be a better option.

Cllr Dennis left the meeting at 7.55pm.

**017/18GP Benches at Bovey memorial**

The clerk stated that these had been removed by himself and Cllr Dennis and would be replaced in the near future. One by a resident who had won a bench and did not have a garden and the other in memory of a family member.

**018/18GP Allotments (Cllr Baker)**

Councillors discussed previous attempts to find land for allotments. The clerk suggested to pieces of land owned by residents and it was decided that a new plea for land should come from the Community Land Trust when it is set up.

**019/18GP Request from the Royal British Legion to place Silent Soldier on flat roof**

The clerk informed the councillors that these silhouettes of WW1 soldiers were being placed all over the country during 2018 in remembrance of those who had given their lives. Cllr Irens stated that some residents may not like it. Cllr Ashford proposed that the town council give permission for the Silent Soldier to be placed on the town hall entrance flat roof as soon as possible, this was seconded by Cllr Nutley. All in favour.

**020/18GP Letter from resident regarding signs all over pavements**

The letter had been circulated to councillors. It was suggested the clerk talk to the chairman of the Chamber of Trade. Cllr Ashford stated that this should be enforced where the pavement is not wide enough. Cllr Irens said perhaps an alternative could be suggested such as putting on the walls outside shops.

Recommend: It was proposed by Cllr Irens and seconded by Cllr Ashford that a letter was written to those shops that have boards requesting that if they do not have a clear metre to allow pushchairs, wheelchairs etc to get past that they remove their boards as Highways could enforce this and all boards would be removed. All in favour.

**021/18GP Correspondence**

- i. Road closure Place Lane, 29 May to 1 June. Laying of underground electricity cable. Noted

**022/18GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.**

- A resident had requested that more litter bins are placed around town. This would be placed on next GP agenda for discussion.

- Cllr Nutley asked when would the lights be coming down. The clerk stated he had not had any luck to date with the resident with the cherry picker and would be speaking to another resident to see if they can help.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

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CHAIRMAN