



Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllrs Nutley, Baker, Parker-Khan, Giles, Irens, Distin, Daw, Brewer, Ashford, Dennis

In attendance: The clerk and deputy clerk.

024/19GP Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Vogel (previous engagement). Acceptance of these apologies was proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Giles. All in favour.

025/19GP 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.

026/19GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

027/19GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 27 February 2019

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

028/19GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 27 February 2019

There were no matters arising.

029/19GP Teignbridge capital expenditure in Ashburton

The clerk distributed details of capital expenditure by TDC in Ashburton over the last five years. Comments made by councillors included:

- Cllr Baker - The town council is not getting much help from TDC unlike other towns. There are fantastic playparks in Dawlish and Ashburton's are very run down. Cllr Nutley said that TDC did not have any input into these. Cllr Dennis stated that capital expenditure should be discussed with Cllr Barker.
- Cllr Parker-Khan - the flower displays at Bovey Tracey were paid for by the town council from Community Infrastructure Levy money received. Unfortunately, this is not received by DNPA.
- Cllr Baker – TDC get CIL for new houses and the money could be distributed to all towns.

- Expenditure on disabled facilities had been £72,000 and this had reduced significantly. Councillors wished to know what these disabled facilities are.
- It was pointed out that the town council should request the playparks to be upgraded.
- The clerk stated that the town council could not apply for the Future High Street fund as this is decided by the district council and they had nominated Newton Abbot.
- Cllr Baker – she felt that Ashburton is the being left out. Cllr Dennis stated that other towns also feel this including Bovey Tracey, Chudleigh etc.
- Cllr Ashford stated that TDC make a large profit from the car park and felt that the car park should be free for the first half hour. Cllr Parker-Khan stated that the Chamber of Trade are in negotiations about this but TDC have to find a way to apply it and not have to do it in all car parks in the district.
- Cllr Irens asked what watercourses meant in the expenditure.
- Cllr Dennis stated he would find out about watercourses and Cllr Nutley stated he would find out about the disabled facilities.
- Councillors would like to see comparisons of other towns.

030/19GP Declare a climate emergency discussion

The clerk stated that at the Full Council meeting the town council had resolved to declare a climate emergency. Councillors discussed setting up a group for this and it was decided that people who are passionate about this and young people may be interested in joining this group. It was decided to hold an open meeting in the town hall on 11 April to get input from local people about setting up a group.

031/19GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.

- Cllr Irens stated that one of the wooden posts outside Spar had been damaged and could cause an accident.
- Cllr Dennis enquired if the town council knew the colour of the paint at the East End Terrace bus stop as he would like to paint over the graffiti. It was suggested that perhaps the Bank Youth Project might like to do a mural and this may discourage further graffiti.
- Cllr Daw stated he was disappointed by the number of councillors who attended the Neighbourhood Plan meeting.
- Cllr Daw asked what had happened to the brown sign at Peartree. Cllr Dennis stated that it had been taken away.
- Cllr Baker had received another leaflet from Pharmacy2U. The clerk had reported this to trading standards and they are now advertising on the television.
- Cllr Irens stated that you can now put your name on a list at Lloyds Chemist so you do not receive your prescriptions in plastic bags.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

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CHAIRMAN