



Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Cllr Slater, chairman
Cllrs Hitchcock, Nutley, Brewer, Baker, Giles. Also Cllr Khan.

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

021/15GP Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Daws and Dennis who had a previous engagement and Cllr Distin who had a work commitment. Acceptance of these apologies was proposed by Cllr Nutley, seconded by Cllr Nutley. All in favour.

022/15GP Election of chairman

Cllr Nutley proposed Cllr Slater as chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Hitchcock. All in favour

023/15GP Election of deputy chairman

Cllr Nutley proposed Cllr Hitchcock as deputy chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour.

024/15GP 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.

A resident stated he did not believe that the Masterplan debate and consultation had not been conducted thoroughly enough. Cllr Kahn stated that the town council had had the full documents to study and details were not new to the town council. The resident asked how many additional parking spaces had actually been provided in the Masterplan. Cllr Khan stated that DNP had said there would be 73.

The resident stated that DNPA policy was for 50% affordable housing and this was down to 25% in the Masterplan. Cllr Baker stated that national policy has changed and that 25% is generous compared to national policy.

Cllr Brewer stated that costs of flooding etc had to be paid by developers and that this is a development plan and not a planning application. Cllr Khan stated that if the goals for affordable housing are set too high development won't happen.

The clerk pointed out that council had had several meetings with DNPA on the Masterplan.

025/15GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

026/15GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 25 March 2015

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

027/15GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 25 March 2015

There were no matters raised.

028/15GP St John Ambulance Hall – Update

There had been several emails, which had been circulated to councillors. Teignbridge Council would be deciding on 4 June whether to list the St John Ambulance Hall as a community asset.

029/15GP Dog fouling

Cllr Brewer congratulated the resident who was producing the signs on dog fouling and this was making a concerted effort to bring the problem to the attention of residents. He proposed that the town council offer to laminate the posters, this was seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour.

030/15GP Electoral review of Devon

The clerk had emailed the draft recommendations to councillors and if they wished they could comment. The consultation ended on 6 July.

031/15GP Training for new councillors

The clerk stated that here was a course on 8 July for councillors and anyone who wished to attend should inform the clerk.

032/15GP Correspondence

- i. Dartmoor Discovery 2015. The clerk stated that this is a road race on 6 June and would pass through Ashburton on 6 June between 10.50am and 12.15pm

033/15GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.

- The clerk stated that Glendinnings had Tarmaced the war memorial as a donation to the town.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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CHAIRMAN