



# Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 May 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Baker, Cllrs Giles, Brewer, Slater, Nutley, Parker-Khan, Ashford and Dennis, Irens.

**In attendance:** The clerk, and one members of the public

**033/17GP Apologies**

There were no apologies received.

**034/17GP Election of Chairman**

Cllr Baker was proposed by Cllr Parker-Khan and Seconded by Cllr Nutley. All in favour.

**035/17GP Election of Deputy Chairman**

Cllr Brewer was proposed by Cllr Irens and Seconded by Cllr Ashford. All in favour.

**036/17GP 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 Public Statements

**037/17GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**038/17GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 22 March 2017**

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

**039/17GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 22 March 2017**

There were no matters raised.

**040/17GP Letter from Buckfastliegh town Council re car parking charges on Dartmoor**

There was a general discussion on the charges for the five car parks that the order effects. Buckfastliegh's objection was noted.

**041/17GP Discussion re Wales and West- agreement to send a letter**

The councillors discussed the road works in East Street. Cllr Baker noted that although working weekends had been mentioned throughout the project it had only happened in the last week after they had been offered weekend rates. Cllr Daw questioned why the team working on the road had been digging the pits as well as laying the gas pipe and whether there should have been more teams on site. Cllr Parker-Khan suggested that on completion of the project, the council should at that point write to Wales and West thanking them for their work and constructively highlight the issues raised by the council and the public to assist in any future projects of a similar nature.

**042/17GP Discussion re National Grid not informing town council about local road closures (Cllr Daw)**

Cllr Daw asked why after attending a briefing by the National Grid about the maintenance work on the overhead cables the council was not informed about any local road closures as had been promised. **The clerk will write and ask for an update.**

**042/17GP Agreement to send letter to Mary Dent thanking her for distribution of the town Guide.**

The Clerk informed the council of the efforts of Mary Dent to distribute the town guide within the town and surrounding areas. Cllr Brewer proposed a letter of thanks be sent to Mary Dent, this was seconded by Cllr Giles. All in Favour.

**043/17GP Discussion on setting up new subcommittee re traffic issues in the town (Cllr Irens)**

Cllr Irens proposed setting up a Traffic Management Committee to look at the issues of traffic flow, parking within the town as a whole. The committee would hold a number of public meetings giving an opportunity for the public to air their views and ideas. Cllr Parker-Khan said that this was an area that the neighbourhood plan had been unable to move forward with, but it was important to keep reviewing the issue. Cllr Nutley also stated that he had a lot of information previously gathered on the subject.

Cllr Irens proposed the setting up of a Traffic Management Sub Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Parker-Khan. All in Favour.

**Councillors that have volunteered to sit on the committee: Nutley, Dennis, Ashford and Giles. A meeting will be arranged to discuss terms of reference.**

**044/17GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.**

- Cllr Dennis requested a Christmas Lights Committee to be held after the next GP meeting
- The Clerk Asked all councillors if they would agree to move the next GP to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 which is a week earlier than normal because 28<sup>th</sup> June is right in the middle of Carnival

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.06pm.

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CHAIRMAN