



Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllrs Baker, Major, Distin, Irens, Giles, Parker-Khan, Nutley

In attendance: The clerk and deputy clerk.

039/19GP Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Vogel. Acceptance of this apology was proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Major. All in favour.

040/19GP Election of chairman

Cllr Distin proposed Cllr Nutley, this was seconded by Cllr Parker-Khan. Cllr Baker proposed Cllr Irens, this is seconded by Cllr Giles. A vote was taken on the second proposal and there were four in favour and three against. Therefore Cllr Irens was elected as chairman.

041/19GP Election of deputy chairman

Cllr Distin Proposed Cllr Nutley, this was seconded by Cllr Giles. All in favour.

042/19GP 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.

043/19GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

044/19GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 24 April 2019

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

045/19GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 24 April 2019

There were no matters arising.

046/19GP Confirmation of the meeting with Highways England

It was confirmed that the meeting would take place on 27 June in Exeter. Cllrs Irens and Baker would attend.

Councillors discussed issues to be raised, these included:

- There are currently more lorries near the school due to the construction works in Chuley Road. The clerk stated that the construction company had made an undertaking to not have large deliveries during school opening/closing times. However, sometimes this is not possible.
- The clerk stated that there had been no serious incidents with the junction at Whistley Hill in the last five years. Cllr Distin said he could not remember there being a serious incident involving the fire service for the last 30 to 40 years.
- It would possibly be a good idea to have more signage as you approach the junction and perhaps the slowing down lane could be lengthened.

047/19GP Discussion on the street furniture in North Street

The clerk stated that Cllr Baker had been emailing the Co-op chief executive regarding the delivery lorries damaging the Bull Ring posts. The clerk stated that the Co-op manager is pushing the community group to replace the street furniture.

The clerk asked what the council would like the furniture replaced with. Cllr Parker-Khan stated it would be nice to have some flower planters.

Cllr Major said he would like to see some of the bus shelters decorated with street art.

Cllr Baker proposed the town council take on the correspondence with the Co-op, this was seconded by Cllr Parker-Khan. All in favour.

048/19GP Review of the play areas in Ashburton

The clerk stated that the town council need to put some pressure on play areas but first the councillors need to look at what they would like in them. Cllr Baker suggested the town council do a walk around the play areas.

Cllr Giles stated that there is a lot of dog poo at the recreation ground.

049/19GP Correspondence

- i. A letter had been received from BT stating that some phone boxes are being removed. They had not stated that the ones in Ashburton will be removed as yet. It may be possible to take these on for other uses if they do want to remove them.
- ii. Cllr Baker had told the clerk that McColls heating/air conditioning was not working and he had reported this on their website. An engineer has attended. Cllr Distin stated that this is not business for the town council.

050/19GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda

- The road signs in town are filthy. Cllr Distin would see if the fire service could help with cleaning them.
- There had been a fight at the recreation ground with weapons. It was thought better lighting could help. Cllrs Nutley and Parker-Khan would take this up with Teignbridge Council. The clerk stated that Andy Dudley will increase patrols.

- Cllr Baker asked if the council would continue with the idea of a town warden. The clerk stated the costs are prohibitive.
- Cllr Irens has concerns about the new parking bays in St Lawrence Lane.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

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CHAIRMAN