



Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23 November 2016 AT 7.45PM IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllrs Hitchcock, chairman
Cllrs Nutley, Giles, Slater, Dennis, Baker. Also Cllr Ashford, Daw and Distin

In attendance: The clerk, Mr Broughton and deputy town clerk

074/16GP Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Parker-Khan. (previous engagement), Cllr Brewer (previous engagement) and Cllr Irens (dispensation). Acceptance of this apology was proposed by Cllr Giles seconded by Cllr Baker. Carried

075/16GP 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 present.

076/16GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

077/16GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 26 October 2016

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

078/16GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 26 October 2016

073/16GP. Cllr Daw had completed the survey of the benches and submitted photos and the clerk would forward these to the relevant authorities.

079/16GP Update regarding the recreation ground walls

The wall would be repaired during the second week of December.

080/16GP BT phone box listing update

The clerk stated that the phone box in West Street had already been removed, possibly when the fibre broadband was installed. The clerk stated that if proposals were made to remove the listed phone boxes, the town council can object at that time.

081/16GP Community right to bid on Methodist Church. Town council response

The clerk had forwarded to councillors a draft response, which needs to be forwarded to TDC by 4pm on 24 November. Councillors discussed in detail and it was proposed by Cllr Dennis that the clerk forward the response, this was seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour.

082/16GP Overhanging branches East Street

The clerk stated that the branches had been cut down in East Street.

083/16GP Correspondence

- Email received from TDC re removal of can recycling in car park. NOTED.
- Email from DNP re consultation on local plan. This had been dealt with in the planning meeting.
- Proposed Road Closure for gas works commencing February. The clerk stated that there would be a public consultation on 25 January in the hall. The clerk would keep councillors and the Chamber of Trade informed of any developments.

084/16GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.

- Cllr Nutley asked that St Andrew's Churchyard be placed on the next GP agenda. The clerk stated that the town council had still not received an official notice of closure. This would be placed on the January GP agenda.
- Cllr Baker stated that items placed outside the antique shop in St Lawrence Lane totally blocked the pavement. This would be placed on the next GP agenda.
- Cllr Distin stated that the fire hydrant/drain cover in East Street was damaged. The clerk stated that this had been reported.
- Cllr Ashford stated that there was also a raised drain cover near Stonepark/Western Road.

Cllr Dennis left the meeting at 8.05pm

- Cllr Baker asked whether bollards could be placed near the entrance to the surgery as people drive on the pavement.
- The clerk stated that there are traffic orders to put yellow lines outside the Victoria Inn and from Great Bridge to Westabrook. The clerk stated the ones outside the Victoria Inn were to continue those placed on a temporary traffic order.
- The clerk stated that the slabs outside the town hall were being replaced by Tarmac on 25 November.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

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CHAIRMAN