



# Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.45PM IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

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

**In attendance:** The clerk and deputy town clerk

**063/16GP Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllr Parker-Khan. (annual leave), Cllr Slater (annual leave) and Cllr Irens (unwell). Acceptance of this apology was proposed by Cllr Nutley seconded by Cllr Giles. Carried

**064/16GP 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.

**065/16GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**066/16GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 28 September 2016**

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

**067/16GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 28 September 2016**

There were no matters raised.

**068/16GP Update regarding burials at St Andrew's Churchyard**

The clerk stated that the town council had still not received official notification and agreed with Cllr Distin's suggestion that Ashburton Town Council should wait until the official notice is received.

**069/16GP General discussion regarding the Ambulance Hall (Cllr Baker)**

It was pointed out that the hall was auctioned for £80,000 which the community had offered in the first place. A letter should be sent to the St John Ambulance stating it was a shame they had not supported the community.

**070/16GP Discussion/update regarding the recreation ground walls**

Cllr Brewer stated that the last response received from Highways was that the wall would be repaired in November. This was after lots of emails had been sent and telephone calls. Highways had eventually removed some of the stones and piled up the remaining stones, covering the area with sandbags and barriers. Cllr Brewer said that Highways treatment had been appalling. He also said the entire wall is in need of repairs.

Cllr Daw stated that the wall adjacent to the church and St Andrew's close along Church Path is in also in need of repairs.

**071/16GP Letter of absence. Cllr Irens. Ref Local Government Act 1972 S85 (30)**

The clerk read a letter received from Cllr Irens regarding extended leave until 31 January 2017 from the town council due to illness. It was proposed by Cllr Brewer and seconded by Cllr Nutley that approval be given. All in favour.

**072/16GP Correspondence**

- Email re: complaint in connection with the bus shelter in West Street. Clerk updated councillors on the problems being experienced and it was noted that youths are able to gain access to a wifi from a local business and the PCSO had agreed that he will visit the business and request that they secure the wifi so no open access can be gained and this may help disperse the amount of time the youths are in the bus stop.

**073/16GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.**

- Cllr Daw stated that he would do a survey of the benches.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm.

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CHAIRMAN