



Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER AT 7.45PM IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllrs Baker, Giles, Ashford, Dennis, Nutley, Irens.

In attendance: The clerk and deputy clerk.

076/18GP Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brewer and Parker-Khan who were on annual leave, Cllrs Vogel and Daw who had a previous engagement, Cllr Slater who had a work commitment and Cllr Distin who was on fire service duty. Acceptance of these apologies was proposed by Baker, seconded by Cllr Giles. All in favour.

077/18GP 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.

There were no public present.

078/18GP Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

079/18GP Minutes of the previous meeting of 26 September 2018

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

080/18GP Matters arising from the previous minutes of 26 September 2018

There were no matters arising.

081/18GP Discussion about policing in Ashburton

The clerk stated he had sent a letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner on 26 March, there had been no response and the clerk had sent it again. There had still been no response.

The clerk was requested to write again, enclosing a copy of the original letter. The letter should also include details of a councillor who was a witness to an incident in No.14, the police had taken 40 minutes to attend the incident and had as of today (24 October 2018) not taken a statement from the councillor.

The clerk was also requested to ask the Inspector for Ashburton, who is based in Chudleigh, to a Part II meeting with the town council to discuss all policing problems in the town, the clerk was asked to copy in Mel Stride MP. This was proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Irens. All in favour.

082/18GP Discussion about Devon Highways feedback request

The clerk had forwarded the email to councillors.

The clerk gave details of a road closure in Western Road and stated that the buses would be coming in at both ends of town. There would be access for residents.

083/18GP Issues raised by the roll out of Universal Credit

The clerk stated that the roll out as been stopped for the minute and this would be discussed at a future date.

084/18GP Request by a member of the public to site a community fridge at the rear of the town hall

Councillors discussed in detail and it was decided that this was not feasible.

085/18GP Matters raised by councillors for information only or possible inclusion on a future agenda.

- Cllr Dennis asked if there is a radar key available in the town for the disabled toilets. The clerk stated that the key is available in the Information Centre.
- The Christmas lights would be organised next Wednesday, 31 October 2018

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

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CHAIRMAN