

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2009 AT
7.30PM IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE, TOWN HALL,
ASHBURTON**

Present: Cllr Gill, chairman; Cllr Baker, deputy chairman; Cllrs Brewer, Pugh, Richards, Distin, Hitchcock, Slater, Parker and the clerk

050/09GP Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Posner who was on holiday, acceptance of this apology was proposed by Cllr Richards, seconded by Cllr Distin, carried unanimously

051/09GP Minutes of the previous meeting

These were signed by the chairman as a true record, carried unanimously.

052/09GP Matters arising from the previous minutes (039/09GP)

There were no matters arising

053/09GP Civic service

It was agreed that until the new chairman is elected, no discussions can take place as it is uncertain what the new chairman will wish to do. Although, it was noted that it does not necessarily follow that a civic service has to be held or that it has to be a particular church but could be rotated to various churches within Ashburton as is the same with the chaplain to the town council. This again, could be varied if that is what is requested. Cllr Richards felt sad at the manner in which this discussion of civic service came out at the full council meeting and he looked forward to wider discussion, which does need to take place.

054/09GP Officer's report

Regarding the garden competition, the clerk stated that this has now been judged and did the town council wish to invite those placed in the competition to the August or September full council meeting. The committee discussed this and felt that it would be better if those placed were invited to the September full town council meeting.

RECOMMEND: Clerk to inform winners accordingly

055/09GP Town walk around

It was agreed that this would be postponed until the August committee meeting due to lack of time.

RECOMMEND: Place on August GP agenda

048/09GP Correspondence

1. A letter received from a resident in East Street who was very concerned at the condition of the Tarmac in East Street and also amazed that the road surface is now so high that the rainwater channel outside of their shop is blocked and it runs back into their garage and that the gullies need cleaning. Also, very surprised that approximately two weeks previously lines in East Street were repainted on the road, which now seems a careless waste of money as they are now obliterated and will have to be redone. Cllr Baker confirmed that the Tarmac is too high and many of the stop taps etc are covered with the Tarmac as well as the limestone kerbs. The clerk noted that Cllr Brewer had also emailed the Highways Department. The clerk confirmed that a copy of the letter had been sent to the Highways Department, County and District Councillors.
2. Teignbridge District Council sports personality awards. There were nomination forms available for the sports personality awards. These were given to Cllr Hitchcock to take to South Dartmoor Community College.

049/09GP Any other business

- It was noted that regarding Traffic Orders, perhaps consideration could be given to lining the area outside of the flats opposite the Victoria Inn as this is an area which is continually creating problems as the cars parked on the corner are forcing other vehicles onto the pavement of the Victoria Inn side of North Street.
- The entrance in North Street to Terrace Walk is very overgrown and dangerous for people exiting onto North Street from Terrace Walk and also the wall is in serious need of attention.
- Noted that a banner will be going up at Parker's Farm organised by the Chamber of Trade highlighting Ashburton.
- The hedge that runs along Linney Hill has now been cut but all the cuttings are left on the pavement and are still pushing people out into the road, which is a very dangerous situation.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.27pm

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Chairman
Wednesday 26 August 2009