



# Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE 2011 AT 7.30PM IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Brewer, Chairman; Cllr Gill, Deputy chairman  
Cllrs: Distin, Pugh Nutley, Parker, Slater, Parker, Baker, Daw

**In attendance:** The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk.

**020/11GP Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hitchcock who was unwell. Acceptance of these apologies was proposed by Cllr Distin, seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour

**021/11GP Minutes of the previous meeting**

These were signed by the chairman as a true record.

**022/11GP Matters arising from the previous minutes**

The clerk had none. The chairman gave a brief update on the recreation ground and stated that it may be finished by the following weekend.

**023/11GP Discussion with representatives of the Community Transport Group**

The manager of the Community Transport Group and co-ordinator of Shop Mobility were welcomed to the meeting. They gave details of the current routes and stated that many people used them as they could not access the routine services due to age, infirmity, disability etc.

There had been a community transport group service in Newton Abbot for 20 years. The Countryside Bus service from Holne and Scorrison had been lost and the community transport group had set up a temporary service on Fridays, but they had no funding for this and wondered if Ashburton Town Council could give a subsidy. They were also advised to contact the local parish councils at Holne and Scorrison for funding.

It was suggested that a taster session for Shop Mobility be run on Friday's in Ashburton, this would be from the Information Centre and volunteers would be trained to give instructions to people wanting to use the service, there was a 24 point checklist. The Shop Mobility also said this service is used by anyone who has difficulty getting around including visitors and many people who book holidays where this service is available.

The group were asked for more details of the funding they are looking for regarding the service from Holne, they had not advertised the service as it was only temporary but

were getting around six people using it and expected that would be more if it was permanent and advertised.

Cllr Distin said that he believed that this needed further discussion and that the town council needed actual figures to look at. Cllr Brewer said that it would be good to do a feasibility study for the Shop Mobility and the clerk stated that the town council could write to traders if any of the shops had items outside which was blocking access for the Shop Mobility vehicles.

The details for the bus service from Holne and Scorrison on Fridays was picking up from the Church House Inn, Holne at 9.40 and then the war memorial at Scorrison. Passengers are dropped off in Ashburton for approximately two hours and then return at noon. The fare is £3.80, contact Dafydd 01626 335775.

**RECOMMEND: CLERK TO PLACE ON FINANCE AGENDA WHEN FIGURES RECEIVED FROM COMMUNITY TRANSPORT GROUP.**

**024/11GP Garden competition update**

The clerk stated that there were 14 entries. However, none of the traders had entered. The clerk would purchase the vouchers from Tuckers as Risely Nurseries do not do vouchers. Both judges had confirmed they would be available and Cllr Distin would discuss with them the possibility of opening up the competition to the whole town.

**RECOMMEND: CLERK TO PURCHASE VOUCHERS.**

**025/11GP Procedures re minute at full council meetings**

The clerk said that it had been suggested that as the minutes for all committee meetings are gone through at the full council meetings, there was no need to have matters arising on the committee agendas.

Cllr Pugh pointed out that you accepted the minutes as read by the councillors, if not you raised a point to be discussed. An in-depth discussion took place.

Cllr Distin also felt it was pointless and took up further time reading out the police report.

These was discussed and 1) Cllr Distin proposed that the police report was circulated to councillors and only read out at a meeting if a member of the police or a PCSO was present, this was seconded by Cllr Nutley. 2) Cllr Gill proposed that the police report is read out whether or not a member of the police is present or not, this was seconded by Cllr Daw. A vote was taken on proposal 2) and there were three votes in favour. A vote was taken on proposal 1) and there were five votes in favour. Therefore proposal 1) was carried by majority.

**RECOMMEND: CLERK REQUEST POLICE REPORT EARLY AND CIRCULATE TO COUNCILLORS TO ALLOW THEM TO READ BEFORE THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING.**

**026/11GP Land and Society Commission Report**

The clerk stated that copies of the report could be viewed online or a hard copy was available in the clerk's office. Cllr Distin stated he would read the report thoroughly and bring to the full council meeting if necessary.

**027/11GP Officer's report**

There was nothing to report

**028/11GP Correspondence**

1. A letter had been received from a resident asking when building work would start on the cattle market as she would need a new roof in the future and wanted to know what the access would be. The clerk said he had passed details to Cllr Parker. Cllr Parker had not received this and the clerk would forward to Cllr Parker again.

**RECOMMEND: CLERK TO FORWARD DETAILS TO CLLR PARKER AGAIN.**

**029/11GP Any other urgent business**

- Traders were having difficulty near the bus stop in West Street by the toilets as people waiting for buses were standing in their doorways during bad weather. The clerk had put up a polite sign asking people not to stand in doorways. It was suggested that possibly a bench could be placed there if the bin was removed.
- Cllr Daw stated that he had brought up at the previous meeting details of the footpath at Victoria House and the allotments at Roborough and that this had not been minuted. Although the footpath has now been sorted.
- A trader had requested that CCTV be put outside his shop as he was suffering harassment. The clerk stated that the current CCTV would not cover this particular shop and that another camera would cost several thousand pounds and perhaps the trader could put up his own CCTV within his premises.

Cllr Daw left the meeting at 8.30pm.

- Cllr Distin stated that the land drains are blocked in East Street opposite the Chinese takeaway, also up Little Roborough.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm.

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CHAIRMAN  
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