

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 AT 7.30PM IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

**Present:** Cllr Gill; Chairman, Cllr Baker; Deputy Chairman, Cllrs Posner, Pugh, Slater, Hitchcock, Parker, Brewer and the Clerk

**001/10GP Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Distin who was unable to attend due to work commitment. Acceptance of this apology was proposed by Cllr Hitchcock, seconded by Cllr Posner and carried unanimously.

**002/10GP Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Chairman signed the minutes of the November meeting as being a true record and carried unanimously.

**003/10GP Matters arising from the Previous Minutes (08/6/09GP Garden Competition**

The Clerk stated that on looking through the boxes of trophies held in the Town Hall. He came across one which was donated by the Chamber of Trade and he had spoken to the chairman of the Chamber of Trade who has agreed that the Town Council can use the rose bowl as the trophy for the additional category for the garden competition of "Best Commercial Premises Floral Display"

**004/10GP Double Yellow Lines – Zoned Area/Bullring**

The Clerk stated that the Town Council has agreed to request the double yellow lines be reinstated in the Bullring/zoned area and the Clerk suggested that perhaps a request could be made for the loading/unloading bays and disabled bays to remain as sited. The Committee agreed unanimously that the Clerk should now formally write to DCC requesting the reinstatement of the double yellow lines and leaving the loading/unloading bays and disabled bays as currently sited.

**RECOMMEND: CLERK TO WRITE ACCORDINGLY**

**005/10GP Chaplain to the Town Council**

It was noted that the Chaplain to the Town Council, Rev Preb Philip Darby retires at the end of January and there is now an inter-regnum period. It was agreed that the Town Council would continue until the Chairman makes a decision as to who he would like to invite in the future as Chaplain to the Town Council. A discussion took place regarding inviting Prebendary Darby to the next full town council meeting and to present him with a small gift of an Ashburton plaque as a thank you for all the support he has given the Town Council over the years. It was

proposed Cllr Posner, seconded Cllr Pugh and acceptance of this suggestion and was carried unanimously.

**RECOMMEND: CLERK TO WRITE AND INVITE REV PREB DARBY TO THE NEXT FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WHEN THE CHAIRMAN WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION**

**006/10 GP Officer's Report**

The Clerk stated that he had two temporary events applications that needed to be considered by the Town Council for the sale of alcohol at events. One being a Rotary fund raising day and the other being a Cancer Research band concert. The committee, having given due consideration and full discussion to each application individually, Cllr Posner wished to propose acceptance of the Rotary fund raising day application. This was seconded by Cllr Pugh and carried unanimously. Cllr Hitchcock wished to propose acceptance of the Cancer Research band concert application and this was seconded by Cllr Baker and carried unanimously.

2. Councillors signed each temporary events notice accordingly and the Clerk was instructed to forward them to the applicants.

**RECOMMEND: CLERK TO FORWARD THE TEMPORARY EVENTS NOTICES TO THE APPLICANTS**

**007/10GP Correspondence**

1. Email received from a resident suggesting that some form of presentment be made to one of the traders within the town, that being the Post Office, commending Mrs Baldwin on her efforts over the Christmas period. The committee said that, whilst recognising the efforts of Mrs Baldwin, it was recognised that there are also many other traders who work very hard and are committed to Ashburton and any presentment would have to be a court consideration and, regarding the recognition to Mrs Baldwin, if individual residents wish to write independently, the committee felt sure that Mrs Baldwin would very much appreciate that.
2. DCC Severe Snow and Ice Plan for Devon Road Network, copy number 34 NOTED: and Clerk stated is available for councillors if they wish to view it.

**008/10GP Any Other Urgent Business**

- Cllr Posner enquired whether the replacement salt had been received from DCC in particular the request for some bags to be sited at the rear of the Town Hall
- Cllr Brewer noted that the Clerk had sent an email regarding the fence at Mill Meadow. He wished to reiterate again this fence is dangerous and he doubts very much whether it complies with health and safety regulations
- Cllr Baker highlighted that the wall at the junction of Bowden Hill and East Street is still damaged and is requiring repair
- Cllr Posner stated that the retaining wall is collapsing just after the recreation ground shelter and it requires attention. The Clerk commented that he also has noted that, prior to reaching the recreation ground shelter, the wall there is also collapsing
- Cllr Slater commented on the very large potholes between Dolbeare

leading into Parkers Farm on the lower lane and also from West Country Machinery to Gale Cross, the holes are very large and many of them

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm

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Chairman  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010