

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2009 AT
7.30PM IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE, TOWN HALL,
ASHBURTON**

Present: Cllr Gill, chairman; Cllr Pugh, Slater, Brewer, Hitchcock and The Clerk
Also Cllr Daw

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Daw to the meeting

075/09GP Apologies

Cllrs Posner (holiday) Distin (work) Parker (family commitment) Baker (holiday)

Acceptance of these apologies was proposed by Cllr Pugh and seconded by Cllr Slater, carried unanimously

076/09GP Minutes of the previous meeting

These were signed as a true record and carried unanimously.

077/09GP Matters arising from the previous minutes

There were no matters arising

078/09GP Lining/Chuley Road

Clerk stated that this issue was raised at the previous full council meeting and he had hoped that the proposals for the lining of Chuley Road would have been with him to present to the committee but unfortunately they are not and the Clerk was requested to follow up with Cllr Barker accordingly.

CLERK TO CONTACT CLLR BARKER

079/09GP Teign Housing Issues

The Clerk stated that this was an issue that Cllr Parker wished to be placed on the agenda but as Cllr Parker was not present, the Clerk outlined some of the comments made by Cllr Parker. The Clerk stated that Cllr Parker had been investigating the issues regarding the hedge at Westabrook plus other issues and the problems identified are not being sorted out due to not being able to ascertain who is responsible certain areas of Ashburton, ie which authority holds responsibility. Cllr Parker had contacted the Clerk to say that he has been doing some investigations and would be able to update the Town Council. He was also requesting some form of map for the major areas, which indicate which authority is responsible for various areas in Ashburton. The Clerk stated that such a map would indeed be very useful because at the moment it is guess work and Cllr Parker has done a lot of research on this and he looked forward not only to receiving the maps but to hearing Cllr Parker's update. Cllr Gill said that it was important that this be followed up and she too awaited Cllr Parker's report with interest.

080/09GP Officer's Report

1. Swimming Pool; The Clerk stated he had received an email from Cllr Posner who had been in contact with Russell Sparks in connection with the Ashburton Swimming Pool and Cllr Posner had suggested that Mr Sparks be invited along to a general purposes committee meeting to be able to update the town council on his comments regarding funding for rural communities for sports issues and he

would be able to give the Town Council all the details they required for this area. The Clerk confirmed that he had emailed Mr Sparks inviting him to either the January, February or March general purposes committee meeting and he was awaiting confirmation of a suitable date from him.

2. Noted that the Chamber of Trade will be holding their Christmas late night shopping on the 3rd and 10th December 2009.

081/09GP Correspondence

1. The Clerk stated that he is often asked to complete questionnaires etc. One recently was to enter the Ashburton local community in the 2009 Yellow Pages and this automatically entitled an entry into a competition and a letter has been received to say that TDC were happy to reveal that Ashburton has won the first prize in this competition of £250.00 worth of associated tree cultivation for the local community in the Ashburton area. The Clerk was requested to contact Mr Sanders to arrange a meeting. A general discussion took place on this and it was agreed that the initial area to look at is possibly the far west end of Bulliver's Way and it was generally agreed that the Clerk should arrange a meeting with Mr Sanders and then he would be in a position to report back accordingly to the Town Council.

CLERK TO LIAISE WITH MR SANDERS

2. Teignbridge Strategic Partnership Community Consultation. The Clerk stated there were various dates available for Councillors and members of the public to attend these consultations and copies have been issued to Councillors accordingly.
3. NHS Aspirant Foundation Trust Consultation document. The Clerk stated that this document is available for any councillors who wish to view it. Cllr Hitchcock said he would like to see the document.
4. An invitation to all councillors to the museum trust coffee morning, which will take place on Saturday 14th November 2009 at the Museum, 10.30 to 12.00 noon; all councillors would be welcome.
5. An email from the DAPC regarding the spring/summer 2010 training. A list of the type of training events that could be held was read out by the Clerk and DAPC are requesting if the Town Council would be interested in any of the headings and, if so, which district they would like them to be held. It was generally agreed that it would be at Teignbridge district and three of the headings that certainly would be of interest is: a New Councillor's Short Course, Current Legislation and Finance Risk Assessment and Preparing for Audit. It was agreed that the Clerk could submit these to the DAPC accordingly and obviously decisions will be made at the time as to when notification is received as to what courses are available.

082/ 09GP Any Other Business

- Problems still being experienced with kerbstones at the Victoria Inn North Street
- Lines in East Street, update of timescale still required from Cllr Barker
- One of the problems in the Bullring recently was that one of the large delivery lorries, the tyres were up on the kerb and this is not helping the kerbs as they are becoming dislodged
- Regarding the pathway between Little Roborough and Higher Roborough on the lower level, past the allotments, there is various types of fencing, orange plastic and Harris fencing and they have been there for some time and the pathway requires urgent attention as this could soon become a health and safety issue

- Cllr Hitchcock felt that there should be a reduction in the parking time of the parking bays within the zoned area and he wondered what councillors' thoughts were. Cllr Pugh stated that he did not agree as if it is not being policed at the present time, it would make no difference as there would be nobody to enforce the 15 minutes within the bay under those circumstances. Also it can take a lot longer than 15 minutes in some of the shops ie; Spar, Somerfields, the banks and Post Office and therefore problems could be experienced, Cllr Pugh felt there was no need to change the time limit within the parking bays. The committee all agreed that the problem is with people parking outside of the parking bays and many places within the zoned area and it is enforcement that is required. It was commented that there was a general feeling, not just with many of the councillors, but many of the residents of the town that the double yellow lines should be reinstated. It was agreed that the zoned area would be tried and tested and see if it worked. It was acknowledged that it is not working and now is perhaps the time to reinstate the yellow lines accordingly

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Signed
Wednesday 25th November 2009