

Present

*Cllr T de Galleani – Chairman
*Cllr I A Pritchard – Vice-Chairman

*Cllr P F Allen
*Cllr M Baillie
#Cllr L M Barnes
*Cllr G B F Coles
*Cllr R W I Cooke (Deputy Mayor)
*Cllr D M Gent
*Cllr B T Harriss
*Cllr R M Lyon (Town Mayor)
#Cllr S Smith

*Denotes attendance
#Denotes apology for absence

Observers: Cllr R F Rendle

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr de Galleani declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 – provision of bins in the Market.

2. BOUNDARY REVIEW FOR DARTMOUTH.

Cllr Pritchard told the meeting that following the Clerk's attendance at a presentation on Boundary reviews, she had been pleased to hear that it might be possible to request a boundary review for Dartmouth, as she hoped that the Townstal boundary could be moved to include St Clements Church in Townstal. Cllr Cooke agreed and added that Townstal was mentioned in the Domesday Book not Dartmouth; St Clements was the oldest Church in the Town. Cllr Gent told members that he would support a boundary change if it included a change to make the 2 wards equal in numbers of Councillors.

Cllr de Galleani stated that she would like the Town to be united and not in 2 separate wards.

Proposed: Cllr P F Allen

Seconded: Cllr D M Gent

Recommended: That The Town Council investigate the existing boundaries and the balance of Councillors between the Townstal and Clifton wards and information be brought back to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

3. COMMUNITY SKIP DAYS FOR 2017.

Cllr Baillie told the meeting that the Townstal Community Partnership meeting on 18th January 2017 had discussed another skip day for the disposal of large household items. It was hoped to hold the next skip days on Saturday 18th March 2017 and Saturday 2nd September 2017. Members noted that there were Markets on Saturdays and these dates might not be possible. The skips must be manned to restrict the dumping of items containing asbestos and fridges.

Proposed: Cllr P F Allen

Seconded: Cllr D M Gent

Recommended: That the Town Council provide skips at the top and bottom of the town at dates to be agreed.

4. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2017.

The Clerk explained to members that the further lights that had been purchased through monies raise by the Snow Ball group had led to additional costs for erecting and taking down the Christmas lights. Following a question from Cllr Baillie the Clerk confirmed that Candlelit Christmas had already booked for 2017; Cllr Baillie added that the Townstal Community Partnership wished to help with the event.

Proposed: Cllr P F Allen

Seconded: Cllr R M Lyon

Recommended: That the Clerk seek quotations for erection of the Dartmouth Christmas lights for 2017.

5. RUBBISH BIN PROVISION IN THE MARKET.

The Clerk told the meeting that following the use of the South Hams District Council rubbish bin being used by shop keepers in the Market for their rubbish, the District Council had taken the bin away. This would be discussed at the meeting with the tenants and Market traders scheduled for 20th January 2017. Cllr de Galleani told the Market that a lot of members of the public used the Market and it was important to provide bins. It was suggested that the tenants pay an additional sum towards the emptying of new bins. Members would await the result of discussions at the Market meeting.