

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

Town Clerk:
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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of North Tawton Town Council held at the **Council Offices** on **Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

Present:
Cllr S Blood
Cllr K Hodge
Cllr I MacLeod Cllr
Cllr Mrs D Rice
Cllr Mrs C Burrow
Mrs G Hoggins (Chair)
Mrs A Ponsford

Mr Geoff Cawse was in attendance

1 member of the public was present.

Open Forum – No members of the public raised any concerns.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs L Watts (family), Cllr S Whiteley (Chair of another meeting), Cllr A Gillespie (work commitments), Cllr N Morgan (personal) and Cllr Dr P Brickley (annual leave).
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – None were made at this stage.
- 3. Stone Walling adjacent to the Lychgate, St Peters Church**
The matter of works required to be carried out to the stone walling adjacent to the Lychgate was discussed.

The Chairman invited Mr Geoff Cawse to speak.

Mr Cawse stated that he had noticed that the wall and coping stones had moved. He had compared photographs from last year. The wall was not in imminent danger of falling down, but as it was a health and safety issue work should be carried out soon.

Mr Cawse stated that he would let the Clerk have a list of stone masons that do work for the National Trust, also he would forward a method of working.

After some discussion it was resolved that the Clerk should speak to Revd. Weldon to ascertain the situation regarding a Faculty, and to contact stone masons to ask for their day rate. It was further resolved the Chairman, Vice Chair and Chair of Finance should be delegated to authorise the contractor provided it did not exceed £500.

- 4. PLANNING MATTERS**
To consider the planning application received from West Devon Borough Council and to make recommendations.

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Works to trees in a Conservation Area for the two thirds reduction of Tree 1 Acer Campestre (Field Maple) and retention at that size, together with the removal of Tree 2 Sorbus Aria (Whitebeam) and replacement with Oaks. All at Court Green, as shown on the application documentation.

Court Green, Essington Road, North Tawton, Devon, EX20 2EX

After some discussion it was resolved to support the application.

- 5. Questions/Comments from members of the public**

The meeting was suspended prior to Any Other Business to allow members of the public to comment/ask a question. Time shall be limited up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

Mrs S Knott stated that a mole had been caught in the Cemetery by Mr Tithecott, and Mrs Knott showed the mole to Councillors. Mr Tithecott would be checking the cemetery to see if there were any more moles. The Clerk was requested to write to Mr Tithecott thanking him for taking care of this matter.

Mrs S Knott stated that the NTEG meeting on the 19th March had been cancelled, Bow Medical Practice would be writing to all patients at the end of this week early next week.

6. Parish Matters

Nothing was raised.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Council shall be Tuesday 7th April 2015

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

PART II

EXEMPT REPORTS:

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by S.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

Part II of the meeting began at 8.25 pm, at the close of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Frank Henson Gibbings Memorial Park Charity

Councillors viewed the amendments to the Kinectica application prior to the public meeting in the Town Hall on the 13th March 2015.

Part II of the Meeting ended at 8.40 pm.