

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

Town Clerk:
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Present: Cllr Dr P Brickley
Mrs G Hoggins (Chair)
Cllr I MacLeod
Cllr Mrs K Tizard
Cllr S Whiteley

Cllr Mrs C Burrow
Cllr M Kennedy
Cllr Mrs A Ponsford
Cllr Ms J Trehitt

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the North Tawton Town Council held at the Council Office on **Tuesday 16th June 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

The Chairman welcomed new Councillors, Cllr J Trehitt and Cllr M Kennedy.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – None. Cllr K Hodge was not in attendance.
2. **Accounts 2014/15** The end of year accounts 2014/15 and the overall bank reconciliation were inspected, the Asset Register was discussed and the Internal Auditors report was received. Cllr I MacLeod outlined works required in the near future; repairs to stone walling, Chapel of Rest roof, and possibly central heating for the offices and replacement window.

It was resolved that the accounts, overall bank reconciliation and Asset Register be approved. The Audit Commission Annual return was signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman thanked Cllr I MacLeod and The Clerk, Mrs Rice for their hard work in maintaining the accounts.

3. **New Councillor Course**
The Clerk gave details of the DALC New Councillor Training being organised by Winkleigh Parish Council.

After some discussion it was resolved that the Clerk should indicate to Winkleigh Parish Council that the Town Council would like to send 5 Councillors on this training.

4. **Planning Matters**
To consider the planning application received from West Devon Borough Council and to make recommendations.

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43 Fore Street, North Tawton

Prior Approval for proposed larger home extension for the erection of a single storey rear extension.

After some discussion it was resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:

- It is understood that there is an issue of encroachment onto a neighbouring property and an issue regarding party walls.

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 C Hughes commented on the number of HGV lorries that are coming into the town to go to Gregor's Yard and also coming up through the town.

6. Parish Matters

The Clerk informed the Council that the next Eastern Links Committee meeting was due to be held on Thursday 25th June 2015 at South Tawton. As the decision on representatives to outside bodies had not been made, Cllr Dr P Brickley and Cllr J Trehitt volunteered to attend.

The Clerk suggested an idea for a future TAP funding application. Cycle racks for visiting cyclists. The Clerk was asked to contact Sampford Courtenay Parish Council asking whether they would be interested in a joint application.

The Clerk read out a letter from the Nanny Nights Committee stating that they confirmed that their event on the 12th July 2015 would comply with the Memorial Park conditions relating to the use of the Memorial Park. The Committee asked if a condition survey could be carried out immediately before and after the event. Cllr I MacLeod volunteered to carry this out with Mr G Cawse. A copy of the Public Liability Certificate would be provided when the insurance is in place.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the 3 seats were still being stored at The Barton, but the Clerk has been unable to get any volunteers to help move the heavy seats. Cllr A Ponsford stated that she would speak to some of the workers from PWS situated at The Barton asking if they could help.

Cllr S Whiteley asked if Royal Mail could be contacted with regard a new post box to the south of the town.

Cllr S Whiteley felt that the Town Council should have more publicity about what happens at meetings, he would contact the editors of the Roundabout and Crediton Courier.

Cllr M Kennedy said he felt there was interest in North Tawton having a produce market, and volunteered to get more information and speak to the Business Action Group. The Chairman thanked Cllr M Kennedy.

7. Date of next meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council shall be 7th July 2015.

Part I of the meeting closed at 8.30 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.

A Freedom of Information request was discussed as well as the recent Co-Option of Councillors.

Part II of the meeting ended at 9.00 pm.