

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of North Tawton Town Council Planning Committee held at the Council Offices on **Monday 25 July 2016**

Present: Cllr Miss B Rice, Cllr Mr K Hodge, Cllr Mr M Fisher, Cllr Mrs C Burrow

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm

1 Apologies.
Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs G Hoggins (personal reasons); and Cllr Mrs A Ponsford (unwell). The apologies were accepted.

2 **Declarations of interest.**
There were no declarations of interest.

3. **PLANNING MATTERS**
To consider the planning applications received from West Devon Borough Council and to make recommendations.

Appl. No. 1791/16/DPM

Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3)(Class Q)
Barn at Bouchers Hill Farm, North Tawton, EX20 2DG

There was some discussion as to whether this conversion is the third application for this site. It was agreed it is the third one. It was noted that the application under consideration is for amendments to an existing permission already granted. After further discussion, it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed that the Council has no comment to make in respect of this application. The Clerk will advise West Devon Borough Council accordingly.

Appl. No. 1911/16/FUL

Agricultural Storage/livestock gathering area
Crooke Burnell, Road past Crooke Burnell, North Tawton, EX20 2BJ

There was discussion reference this application. It was noted that the application is for a compound area which is the same as one already in existence, but now applying for permanent permission. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed that the Council supports this application. The Clerk will advise West Devon Borough Council accordingly.

Appl. No. 1915/16/FUL

Change of use of an existing barn from agricultural to assembly and leisure (D2), with associated alteration to door window openings, demolition of existing pole barns, and alteration to an existing barn to form a new parking area.

Ashridge Court Ashridge Lane North Tawton Devon EX20 2DH

There was some discussion as to the parking provisions within the application, and the existing structures on the site. It was agreed that the Council's Planning Committee need to make a site visit in order to make an informed response to this application. The Clerk was requested to ask for a 2 week extension to the time period for consultation responses; to arrange a site visit to Ashridge Court; and to arrange for the Planning Committee to reconvene in due course.

4. Questions/Comments from members of the public

There were no comments or questions from members of the public.

5. Parish Matters – No decision may lawfully be made under this item, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information.

5.1 Wain Homes properties – EPCs.

Further to previous enquiries at other meetings, the Clerk advised that it had been established that the NHBC, who undertook the Building Control function at Batheway Fields, demand sight of all EPCs prior to issuing the relevant completion certificates for properties. Wain Homes do not supply copies to homeowners as they are readily available on the EPC Register website.

5.2 External coloured lights at the kebab shop in The Square

The Clerk has advised West Devon Borough Council and asked them to investigate, as this is within a Conservation Area and the lights should not be in situ.

5.3 Overgrown hedges near the Copper Key

It was advised that some of the hedges near the Copper Key are very overgrown.

5.4 The Square – street sweeping and weeds.

It was noted that there are a lot of weeds on the pavement areas around The Square, and also a lot of litter. The Clerk will speak to the relevant contractor reference street sweeping.

5.5 Blocked Drains – The Square

A contractor working on one of the properties in The Square has reported 2 blocked drains, adjacent to the Council Office. The Clerk advised that this matter has been reported to Devon County Council.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.