

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of North Tawton Town Council held at the **North Tawton Town Council Office on Tuesday 22nd August 2017 at 7.30 pm**.

Present: Cllr Mrs C Burrow
Cllr K Hodge
Cllr I MacLeod
Cllr Ms J Trehitt (Chairman)
Mrs R Rice – Town Clerk

Cllr M Fisher
Cllr M Kennedy
Cllr Miss B Rice

4 members of the public were present.

Open Forum – Nothing was raised.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr S Whiteley (personal), Cllr R Aplin (personal), Cllr I Palmer (personal), and Cllr Mrs A Ponsford (personal).

Cllr Mrs K Tizard was not present.

2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Miss B Rice declared an interest in Items 3.1 and 3.2 as she is a member of the Environmental Trust.

3. **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- 3.1

Application No: 1203/17/OPA

Proposal: **(Revised plans and information received)**

Outline application with access for consideration (all other matters reserved) for up to 11 no. open market dwellings plus 2 no. assisted living units and allotments.

Address: Land at SX665 101, Devonshire Gardens, North Tawton, EX20 2DE

Applicant: Richard Parnell, Peninsula Properties, Peninsula House, Rydon Lane, Exeter, EX2 7HR

The Chairman outlined the details of the application. NTTC objected to the application in May 2017 mainly due to insufficient parking. The application now shows an additional 5 parking spaces for visitors. Parking is now shown as 2 per dwelling plus 4 for the assisted living units and 5 for visitors.

The agents have agreed an extension of time for the determination of this application by West Devon to 19th September.

Details of letters of representation were given, the Highways Officer has no objection to the proposal, and an independent traffic survey has been carried out.

After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr M Fisher to defer the application so that a site visit can be carried out and that a meeting with Alex Rehagg the Affordable Housing Officer and a member of staff from the Policy Unit at West

Devon could be arranged. Cllr Mrs C Burrow seconded this proposal, which was agreed by 7 votes. The proposal was therefore carried.

3.2

Application No: 1484/17/OPA

Proposal: **(Revised plans and information received)**

Outline application with access for consideration (all other matters reserved) for up to 14 no. dwellings (including affordable housing) allotments and access.

Address: The Depot at SX 665 101, Devonshire Gardens, North Tawton, EX20 2DE

Applicant: Richard Parnell, Peninsula Properties, Peninsula House, Rydon Lane, Exeter, EX2 7HR

The Chairman outlined the details of the application. NTTC objected to the application in May 2017 mainly due to insufficient parking; no social or economic benefit to the town. WDBC's policy on affordable housing is not clear. The application now shows an additional 5 parking spaces for visitors.

The agents have agreed an extension of time for the determination of this application by West Devon to 19th September.

After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs C Burrow to defer the application so that a site visit can be carried out and that a meeting with Alex Rehagg the Affordable Housing Officer and a member of staff from the Policy Unit at West Devon could be arranged. Cllr I MacLeod seconded this proposal, which was agreed by 7 votes. The proposal was therefore carried.

The Ward Member, Cllr L Watts agreed that traffic was an issue and the Section 106 Agreement needs to be very carefully worded.

3.3

Application No: 2552/17/HHO

Proposal: Householder application for replacement of two casement windows on the side elevation of the house and small courtyard window.

Address: Park Barn, Essington Road, North Tawton, EX20 2EZ

Applicant: Mrs J Grey

Details of the application were outlined. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs C Burrow to object to the replacement of the windows using upvc instead of wood, this was seconded by Cllr I MacLeod. A Counter proposal to support the application proposing the replacement of the windows using upvc was made by Cllr M Fisher, which was seconded by Cllr M Kennedy.

A vote took place, the first proposal to object to the application – 3 votes.

The second proposal to support the application – 4 votes.

The proposal was therefore carried to support the application.

4. To note decisions of West Devon Borough Council

4.1

Application No: 2468/16/FUL

Proposal: Application for 28 No. residential dwellings with associated parking, garages, roads, footways, landscaping, drainage and allotments with associated

parking. Part previously approved under planning consent 01037/2013 (resubmission of 0088/2015)

Applicant: Wainhomes (SW) Holdings Ltd.
Location: Bathway Fields, 4 Land West of High Street, North Tawton, EX20 2FN

Decision: **REFUSED** 21/7/17
Noted.

The meeting was suspended.

5. Questions/Comments from members of the public

The meeting was suspended prior to Parish Matters to allow members of the public to comment/ask a question on any **AGENDA ITEM ONLY**. Time is limited to 2 minutes per person, up to a maximum of 3 persons, unless the Chairman rules otherwise. A brief record of any points made will be included in the minutes of that meeting.

A member of the public commented on items 3.1 and 3.2. She wanted to reiterate the dangers/congestion in The Square and North Street if the applications were allowed. Whilst she supports assisted living, parts of North Street do not have pavements, and there is no safe access for mobility scooters.

Because of the uncertainty regarding the land and the Environmental Trust this of why it not being used so much.

Mrs C Blood totally agreed with the previous speaker.

The meeting was opened again.

6. Parish Matters

Cllr K Hodge commented "what a total waste of money spending money on widening the pavement at the bottom of Fore Street".

It was noted that the red warning sign regarding the new 30 mph zone has been turned around, so it is now facing the correct way.

Cllr Mrs C Burrow commented that she has reported of a dangerous stone on a sleeping policeman in Fernleigh Court using the DCC report it on line, and this was fixed within 24 hours. Also the faulty lights in Barton Street have been fixed.

7. Date of next meeting

The date of the next Ordinary Meeting of North Tawton Town Council is Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, The Square, North Tawton.

The Chairman proposed that the Council would go into Part II of the meeting

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.

The matter of the closure of the butchers shop in Market Street was discussed and the Football Club land was discussed.

Part II of the meeting ended at 8.45 pm.

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