

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 21 March 2017 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Mrs G Hoggins (Chairman)	Cllr Mrs C Burrow
Cllr M Kennedy	Cllr I MacLeod
Cllr Miss B Rice	Cllr Ms J Trehitt
Cllr S Whiteley	Cllr M Fisher
Cllr Mrs K Tizard	Cllr Mrs A Ponsford
Cllr K Hodge	

6 members of the public were present.

Open Forum – Nothing was raised.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Palmer (prior engagement), which was accepted.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – No declarations of interest were raised at this stage.
- 3. North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan**
The Chairman asked Cllr Ms J Trehitt to introduce the Neighbourhood Plan item.

Cllr Ms J Trehitt thanked the Council for the opportunity to present the draft Neighbourhood Plan to the Council and thanked members of the Neighbourhood Plan Project Group for all their hard work. If there were any questions on the Energy and Environment theme these should be put to Kirsty Tooke as she had prepared this theme and was very knowledgeable on this subject. Unfortunately Kirsty could not attend the meeting tonight.

The aim of meeting is to consider the draft plan so far - there are six themes - to ask questions, make comments and to ask for Councillors direction for the plan.

The introduction to the plan, setting the scene and appendices was not yet complete but would come back to the Council for approval later.

The six themes and their policies are the main bulk of the plan, so it is intended to go through each theme separately, starting with housing.

Housing

A question was asked about how the density for sites had been calculated. It was explained that this was the average of sites built over the last 10 years.

A discussion took place regarding self-build and the various restrictions on self-builds.

Cllr Ms J Trehitt agreed to look at other Neighbourhood Plan and check the wording of their self-build policy. Teignbridge District Council are encouraging self-builds and have lots of advice on their website.

Windfall sites; it was agreed that the introduction needs rewording.

In West Devon's Joint Local Plan North Tawton is now a small town and not a local centre.

Cllr M Fisher complimented the Neighbourhood Plan Group on the content and the huge amount of work involved.

7.50 pm Cllr Mrs G Hoggins left the meeting and Cllr Mrs C Burrow took over the chair.

Economy

After some discussion it was agreed that the policy on the railway needs to be strengthened.

After some discussion it was agreed that the wording on maintaining retail units within the town needs rewording. Need to look at the wording in the new Joint Local Plan.

Preserving our Historic and Natural Environment

Cllr Ms J Trehitt reminded Councillors that there was an event on the 25th March in the Town Council offices regarding important green spaces.

Nothing was raised on this theme.

Infrastructure

After some discussion it was agreed that the wording regarding the school needed to be amended as the primary school was changing to an academy.

Community Life

After some discussion it was agreed that there was some overlap in the designation of green space and protecting community facilities.

Energy and Environment

After some discussion it was agreed that EE4 needs changing as there is reference to Minimum Planned Requirements.

A question regarding chimney pots was raised.

It was explained that this has come from the Town Design Statement.

A question was raised, which would be forwarded to Kirsty Tooke, regarding Policy EE3; what is the figure required for wind turbines.

Again, the group was thanked for all their hard work in producing this draft document.

Councillors agreed that, subject to the above comments, that the draft document is moving in the right direction.

Cllr Ms J Trehitt explained that when these changes have been incorporated into the plan there would be a 6 week consultation period with statutory consultees, the final submission of the draft document in July and the referendum in the autumn.

4. PLANNING MATTERS

4.1 0314/17/FUL

Taw Valley Creamery North Tawton EX20 2DA

Erection of new vat room extension to creamery, and alteration and refurbishment of entrance lobby.

Cllr S Whiteley declared an interested in this item.
After some discussion it was agreed that the Council supports this application.

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.

Mrs C Hughes mentioned the consultation event taking place on Monday 27th March in the Town Council offices on the Joint Local Plan and had the Town Council received a copy of the Joint Local Plan.

Cllr Ms J Trehwhitt explained that she had spoken to the Strategic Planning Department asking for a copy of the Plan. The Clerk was asked to chase the matter up.

Cllr Mrs C Burrow mentioned that the Section 106 Monitoring Group had held their first meeting this week and held a site meeting. The Bathway papers had been sorted out for ease of reference.

The meeting was opened again.

6. 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.

Cllr Mrs C Burrow reminded Councillors regarding the proposed visit to the cheese factory and could they please notify the Clerk their preferred dates.

7. Date of next meeting

The date of the next Ordinary Meeting of North Tawton Town Council is Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, The Square, North Tawton.

Part I of the meeting ended at 9.00 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.

Mr Matt Jones from West Devon Borough Council updated the Council on the two current planning applications for Wainhomes.

The meeting ended at 9.45 pm.