

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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You are hereby summoned to the Ordinary Meeting of North Tawton Town Council to be held at the Council Offices on: **TUESDAY 9 January 2018** at **7.30 pm.**

Dated this 3rd January 2018



Town Clerk

AGENDA

Open Forum

An opportunity for the Electors and others to address the Town Council.

The Council encourages the use of an Open forum. This will allow Members of the Public to address the Town Council. Time will be limited to two minutes per person unless the Chairman rules otherwise. If research is needed members of the public are asked to indicate what is needed in advance to the clerk otherwise – if appropriate - an item will be placed on a future agenda. A brief note will be made of any discussion at this point. Please note that Councillors are not obliged to give their opinion or answer questions.

Fire Safety Notice

1. **Apologies for Absence** - To receive apologies from Councillors unable to attend.
2. **Declarations of Interest** - Councillors are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting.

If Councillors have any questions relating to predetermination, bias or interests in items on this Agenda, then please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

- 3.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of North Tawton Town Council held at the Council Offices on Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 7.15 pm (copy previously circulated).
- 3.2 To approve and sign the Notes of the Site Inspection Meeting of North Tawton Town Council held Friday 8th December 2017 at 10.00 am. (copy previously circulated).

4. **Updates - Please keep your update to a maximum of 5 minutes**

- 4.1 Chairman to update the Council on various issues.
- 4.2 Cllr Ms J Trehwitt to update Members on the NT Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4.3 Section 106 Monitoring Group update
- 4.4 Cllr S Whiteley and Cllr I Macleod to Report on the Denbrook Community Fund.
- 4.5 Updates from WDBC Ward Member Cllr Mrs L Watts.

5. **Ongoing issues**

'Action Log' attached at Annex A.

6. **Consultations/Newsletters/Invitations**

West Devon Borough Council – Green Light for Community Lottery

The Councils have given the green light to proposals to set up a local community lottery scheme that will be shared across the South Hams and West Devon Borough areas.

The planned lottery, with a jackpot of up to £25 000, will operate in a similar way to the National Lottery or Health Lottery, however all funds raised will be spent in the South Hams and West Devon areas. In addition, 50% of the ticket sales will go directly to a good cause, with customers able to choose a specific cause to support if they wish.

7. Request for Dog Waste Bin at Batheway Fields

A request has been received from a resident at Batheway Fields for installation of a Dog Waste Bin, the suggested location is near the entrance to the estate. The nearest existing bin is adjacent to the mini-roundabout. The cost of a bin is currently £224.00 including VAT for a 50 litre bin, and the cost of emptying each bin is £60 per annum including VAT.

8. Highways issues related to Batheway Fields

In respect of the longstanding ongoing issues relating to the 30 mph road sign, street lighting, and the proposed bus stop, and further to the most recent email correspondence with DCC Highways (copy previously circulated to Members), the Council are to consider which of these issues they wish to pursue to try and get a suitable resolution, and how this can best be achieved.

10. North Tawton Town Council Parking Sub-Committee

The Council are to consider the formation of a sub-committee of Councillors to deal with parking issues.

11. Royal Garden Party – Buckingham Palace – 5th June 2018

To consider nomination of a representative of North Tawton Town Council and guest/companion to attend the Royal Garden Party on 5th June 2018 – DALC will select at random 4 individuals to attend after the closing date on 31st January 2018.

12. Draft Local Government Finance Settlement 2018 – 2019

12.1 The council are to note that with regard to the section of the ministerial statement on the above which relates to Town and Parish Councils, it was stated: "...the Government intends to defer the setting of referendum principles for town and parish councils for 3 years. This is subject to the sector taking all available steps to mitigate the need for council Tax increases ... and the government seeing clear evidence of restraint in the increases set by the sector as a whole."

12.2 The following information has been received from Lisa Buckle at West Devon Borough Council: "The Government has also issued a consultation on the Local Government Finance Settlement (responses to the consultation need to be submitted to DCLG by 16th January 2018). The consultation states in Section 3.4.4 that:-

Having noted this work and the sector's request for longer-term certainty to aid financial planning, the Government intends to defer the setting of referendum principles for town and parish councils for three years. However, this is conditional upon:

- *the sector taking all available steps to mitigate the need for council tax increases, including the use of reserves where they are not already earmarked for other uses or for "invest to save" projects which will lower ongoing costs, and*
- *the Government seeing clear evidence of restraint in the increases set by the sector as a whole.*

Although there isn't a specific consultation question on deferring the setting of council tax referendum principles for Town and Parish Councils, responses from Town and Parish Councils on this subject could be made under either Question 5 (*What are your views on the council tax referendum principles proposed by the Government for 2018-19?*) or Question 7 (*Do you have any comments on the impact of the 2018-19 local government finance settlement on those who share a protected characteristic, and on the draft equality statement published alongside this consultation document? Please provide supporting evidence.*) This issue has been highlighted to town and parish councils so that they can respond to the consultation on this

subject if they wish. The Council are to consider if they wish to respond accordingly, and to agree on the wording of such a response.

13. PLANNING MATTERS

To note decisions of West Devon Borough Council

13.1

Application No.:

3336/17/PAT

Proposal:

Prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications code systems operators for installation of 21m lattice mast with ground mounted power cabinet and generator, enclosed by 1m high fence.

Location:

Lower Nichols Nymett Farm, North Tawton, EX20 2BW

Applicant:

Airband Community Internet Ltd.

Decision:

Refused Prior Approval 5th December 2017

13.2

Application No.:

3254/17/OPA

Proposal:

Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved for residential development of two dwellings

Location:

Land adjacent to Richina Drive, North Tawton, EX20 2EA

Applicant:

Mr R Browne

Decision

Conditional Consent 14th December 2017

To note Planning Appeal Lodged

13.3

APPLICATION NO

3836/16/FUL

LOCATION

Land West Of High Street Known as Batheway Fields North Tawton
Devon EX20 2FN

APPLICANT NAME

Wainhomes (South West) Holdings Ltd

PROPOSAL

Full planning application for 100 residential dwellings with associated roads, footways, parking, landscaping and drainage

Appeal Lodged 19th December 2017

To consider whether the Town Council wishes to modify/withdraw their previous representations, and to consider whether the Town Council wishes to speak at the Inquiry.

(For information the previous representations are attached.)

14. FINANCE

14.1 Invoices. To approve payments listed at Annex B in accordance with bank mandate (to be circulated at meeting).

14.2 Monthly statement – to receive the monthly statement and to consider adoption. Make the appropriate transfers, from reserve accounts to the current account, to allow payments to be made.

14.3 OkeRail

After taking advice from DALC Councillors are to note that the Town Council is making a donation of £100 to OkeRail and is not becoming a Member of OkeRail.

15. Questions/Comments from members of the public

The meeting shall be suspended prior to Parish Matters to allow members of the public to comment/ask a question on any **AGENDA ITEM ONLY – PLEASE QUOTE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER**. 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.

16. 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.

17. Date of next meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council shall be Tuesday 6th February 2018.

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.

1. To receive a quotation for the replacement of the railings in the Memorial Park.
2. To receive a quotation for electrical works at the Chapel of Rest.
3. To discuss recent incidents of anti-social behaviour.