



signed, with one minor amendment – Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs A Ponsford.

#### **4. Updates**

**4.1** The Chairman updated on various issues:

- The Audit Commission has finalised their report and had not made any recommendations. The statutory notice had been displayed.
- The Council had received an invitation to the AGM of West Devon Homes during to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012. If anyone wishes to attend could they place contact the Clerk
- North Tawton Town Hall Management Committee had sent a letter of thanks for the grant the Town Council had recently sent them.
- Community Spaces Groundwork UK had recently approved a grant of £17,850.00 in support of the “Supporting Change and Impact” application.
- The Community Council of Devon were holding a workshop at Exeter Race Course on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 “Rural Futures: Working Together”. If anyone wishes to attend could they place contact the Clerk.
- Devon County Council were visiting towns across Devon regarding what priorities are important to communities. They no longer have resources to do everything and would like to support communities who wished to take action themselves. The workshop will be on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in Okehampton Charter Hall. Cllr I Macleod indicated that he would attend on behalf of North Tawton Town Council.
- 02721/2012 - Fountain Inn, Exeter Street, North Tawton, EX20 2HB - Conversion of loft space to form 2 flats, including addition of rooflights and dormer windows. The Planning and Licensing Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 had refused this application.
- Wallingbrook Health Group had requested a meeting with the Town Council. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman would be holding a meeting with Wallingbrook Health Group on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The details of this meeting would be reported back to Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012.

**4.2** Cllr Mrs J Rosser gave a brief update on the Den Brook Community Council meetings. A meeting has been organised with RES and their noise expert. Cllr Mrs J Rosser was not impressed with his presentation. RES are considering submitting an application to change the noise condition imposed following the Judicial Review. All parish councils on the Den Brook Community Council would be sending a letter to all West Devon Borough Councillors regarding this change of condition. The Community Council were concerned that West Devon Borough Council would make a hasty decision. The Chairman assured the Council that this will not be the case. No application had been submitted to date; when the application is received it will be considered by West Devon’s noise consultant, the cost of which would be borne by RES. The decision will not be a delegated decision; it will be decided by Councillors who will undertake training on such matters. Cllr J Rosser said that residents must be protected from AM noise. Cllr J Rosser requested the Chairman to consider allowing an urgent resolution to recommend that the draft letter be agreed. The Chairman agreed that this urgent matter could be considered. It was proposed by Cllr I Macleod and seconded by Cllr S Blood, that the letter should

be sent to all West Devon Borough Council members, but that Cllr Mrs G Hoggins should sign the letter. Cllr Dr P Brickley echoed the above and said it was the responsibility of the Community Council and the Town Council to be seen to have done everything possible to protect the public from AM noise.

- 4.3** Dr Warre's two letters were circulated to all Councillors. Cllr I MacLeod updated the Council in the Patients Participation Group for Wallingbrook Health Group. Communication was going to be improved. A report would be published in the Roundabout each month. The minutes of the group would be published on the Wallingbrook website. There was going to be a trial of new appointment times, giving more slots, and varying the times of the turn up and wait system. Cllr Dr P Brickley expressed concern regarding the matter that Dr Downey had funding approved for a new surgery, and queried Dr Warre's letter.

**5. Ongoing issues**

The 'Action Log' was updated.

- Barton Street Light – Cllr McInnes had confirmed that funding was available and work would commence soon.
- Trees in the Churchyard – Georgina Browne from WDBC would be visiting the Churchyard on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Mrs A Ponsford requested that the trees in Butts should also be inspected.
- Pavement between De Bathe Cross and North Tawton – when Highways Officers visit in the near future this will be discussed with them.
- St John's Ambulance Defibrillator – this item to be removed from the Action Log for the time being.

**6. Local Energy Action Review**

The Energy Action Report relating to the Council Offices compiled by the Devon Association for Renewable Energy commissioned by Devon Heartlands Community Development Trust was considered. It was resolved that when the lighting in the offices needs replacing that the recommendations of the report would be taken into account. The Clerk was requested to arrange for the water pipes to be lagged.

**7. Consultation Paper – payments by parish and community councils and charter trustees**

The Communities and Local Government consultation paper was considered and it was resolved to support the consultation paper as long as there were satisfactory safeguards put in place.

**8. Golden Leaf Landscaping report**

The Golden Leaf Landscaping report for August was considered. A meeting was to be organised with Golden Leaf Landscaping when the matter of the overgrown grass on the path would be considered. The Planning and Estates Committee were due to consider the new Grass Cutting contract and it was proposed that weed spraying within the town should be included in this contract.

**9. PLANNING MATTERS**

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

**9.1 02980/2012 (Full application)**

Cider Cottage, Yeo Farm, Yeo Lane, North Tawton, EX20 2DD  
Change of use of first floor garage level to form bedrooms and bathroom to serve existing holiday let

(Application 02792/2012 considered at the Planning and Estates Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012 was a Listed Building Consent application).

After some discussion it was resolved that the Council would object to the proposal for the following reasons:

BE3 - unacceptable harm to listed building and setting of listed building

**9.2 02967/2012 – Report attached**

31 Fore Street North Tawton, EX20 2DT

Householder application for proposed extension

After some discussion it was resolved that the Council would support the proposal.

**To note the decision of West Devon Borough Council on the following planning application.**

**9.3 02715/2012**

Devonshire House Surgery, Essington, North Tawton, EX20 2EX

Ground floor extension to existing surgery to provide A1 retail for pharmacy and access improvements.

Refused – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Noted

**10. Finance**

**10.1 Invoices.** Members inspected the invoices and bank statements and appropriate payments were made in accordance with bank mandate.

**10.2 Monthly statement** – Members received the monthly statement and agreed to make the appropriate transfer from the reserve account to the current account to allow payments to be made.

**11. Urgent matters at discretion of Chairman** – The North Tawton Community Games and Culture Week 2012 representative presented to the Town Council a cheque for £100 towards the cost of the new website for North Tawton Town Council. The Chairman expressed the Council's thanks.

The Clerk was reminded that arrangements should be put in place for the Christmas trees and lights.

The North Tawton and Community Games and Culture Week 2012 committee had decided to organise events for 2013, these were to be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and the preceding Saturday. The Committee had a surplus of £2449.41 and were going to apply to the Durant Trust for funding for the 2013 events.

**12. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Council shall be 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.