

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of the North Tawton Town Council Planning and Estates Committee held at the Council Offices on **Tuesday 22nd May 2012** at 7.30pm.

Present:

Cllrs Mrs C Burrow	Cllr Dr P Brickley
Cllr K Hodge	Cllr Mrs G Hoggins (Chair)
Cllr N Morgan	Cllrs Mrs A Ponsford

In Attendance: Cllr I Macleod

Open Forum

Five members of the public requested to speak relating to planning application 02603/2012 Land adjacent to Barkers Way, North Tawton- 11 affordable residential units.

All five speakers echoed their concerns and wished to object to the planning application. The main concerns were increase in traffic in Fore Street and in particular the junction from Barkers Way to Fore Street. This junction has increasing got hazardous due to cars being parked on either side of the junction and in Barkers Way, which has resulted in poor visibility. Buses and refuse vehicles add to the congestion. Fore Street is, because of parked cars virtually a single carriageway and there is congestion most of the time. The question of losing one parking space on the junction in Fore Street was questioned. One speaker requested that the decision be delayed until the Shipton's Site and Woollen Mill development were completed and then to assess the impact of these development on traffic movements. Subsidence of the road in Barkers Way was pointed out.

All five speakers also felt that flooding will be a problem, water run-off going down Barkers Way. The planning refusal reasons attached to the previous application, have they been addressed? One speaker stated she felt that the water table had been upset since exploratory work had been undertaken on the site. The proposal conflicts with policy. With regard to the area set aside for public open space, in the Landscape report there is reference for this area as being a potential site for development.

Concern was expressed regarding the maintenance of the eastern boundary, erosion of Devon Bank and also one tree that has been identified for possible removal in fact is sited in the adjoining garden and not within the development site. Concern was expressed regarding possible overlooking a property in Gostwyck Close (Velux windows to a bedroom).

The speakers asked if Councillor N Morgan could request that the application is referred to the Planning and Licensing Committee of West Devon Borough Council.

One speaker asked the Chairman why the application on the Shipton's site was granted without any provision for affordable housing. Councillor N Morgan replied that he would research this question.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – None were received
2. **Declarations of Interest** - Councillors are reminded to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any agenda items. Councillors have been supplied with a “flow-chart” to assist in determining whether an interest exists and, if so, any action to be taken.
3. To consider the planning applications received from West Devon Borough Council and to make recommendations.
 - 3.1 **02603/2012 Land adjacent to Barkers Way, North Tawton
11 affordable residential units.**

The reasons for refusal on the previous application were read to Member and after some discussion it was decided that a Site Inspection should be made with the planner, highways, developers and the architect.
 - 3.2 **02611/2012 8 Bouchiers Close, North Tawton, EX20 2DB
Householder application for addition of garden room to dwelling.**

After some discussion it was resolved to support the application.
4. **Vandalism in the Memorial Park**

After some discuss it was resolved, for the time being, not to replace the slats on the pavilion or to consider an alternative to the slats. The Clerk was requested to request the Duty Inspector from Okehampton Police Station to attend a future meeting of the Council.
5. **Infrastructure Planning**

After some discussion it was resolved to await the guidance being issued by West Devon Borough Council and then to request a meeting with the Strategic Development Team from West Devon. The Clerk was requested to cancel the meeting arranged with Devon Heartlands on the 19th June 2012, this meeting would then be rearranged following the meeting the West Devon.
6. **State of our Streets**

After some discussion it was resolved not to join the Living Street “State of our Streets” campaign to lobby the Government.
7. **Urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman** – Cllr N Morgan updated the Council on the proposed new road at Whiddon Down which is being constructed for access for the Den Brook Wind Turbines.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.