

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of North Tawton Town Council held at the Council Offices on Tuesday 5th March 2013 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr S Blood
Cllr Mrs C Burrow
Cllr Mrs G Hoggins (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs A Ponsford
Cllr S Whiteley
Cllr Dr P Brickley
Cllr K Hodge
Cllr I MacLeod
Cllrs Mrs D Rice

3 Members of the public were present

AGENDA

Open Forum – No members of the public raised any matters.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Morgan (Holiday), Cllr Mrs J Morgan (Holiday) and Cllr Mrs J Rosser (sickness).
2. **Declarations of Interest** - None were made at this stage.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**
 - 3.1 The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of North Tawton Town Council held at the Council Offices on Tuesday 5th February 2013, previously circulated were agreed and signed.
 - 3.2 The minutes of the Planning and Estates Committee meeting held at the Council Offices on Tuesday 19th February 2013, previously circulated were discussed. Cllr S Whiteley queried Minute No 6, he felt that this minute should be amended. After some discussion it was agreed to change the wording of Minute 6 and also Minute 5 of the Planning and Estates Committee held on 3rd December 2012 to read:

Following this meeting Cllr Mrs G Hoggins, Cllr Mrs C Burrow and Cllr Mrs A Ponsford would make a delegated decision to whom to award the contract and report back to Full Council on the 8th January 2013.
 - 3.3 The minutes of the Planning and Estates Committee meeting held at the Council Offices on Tuesday 19th February 2013, previously circulated were agreed and signed, with one amendment. The meeting ended at 7.35 pm.
4. **Updates**
 - 4.1 There were no updates from the Chairman.
 - 4.2 Cllr Dr P Brickley reported that there was to be a Pre-Application meeting on 6th March 2013 regarding a planning application to vary the noise condition. RES were going to give a presentation and then there would be a question and answer session. Questions had been submitted prior to the meeting from various parties.

- 4.3 Cllr Dr. P Brickley updated the Council regarding the Neighbourhood Plan project. The Terms of Reference would now be submitted to West Devon Borough Council. The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Project Group was due to be held on 28th March 2013. There would be a presentation at the Community Forum to be held on 6th March 2013.
- 4.4 Cllr Mrs C Burrow updated the Council regarding the proposed recycling project. A Plan of Action has been formulated and a meeting had been arranged with Mrs J Savage, Waste Development and Contracts Manager from West Devon Borough Council.

5. Ongoing issues

The 'Action Log' was updated.

- The street light in Barton Street has now been installed.
- Market Street Junction/Traffic Speeds and other Highway issues. The Clerk was requested to send another letter to the Rhys Davies at Devon County Council with a copy to the Chief Executive of Devon County Council and Cllr James McInnes, and indicate in the correspondence an offer to pay for the sign and work for the junction of Market Street/The Square.
- Proposed new gate – Taw Bridge – The Clerk was requested to send a further letter to the agent acting for the tenant of the land at Taw Bridge.

6. Dispensations

The correspondence received from West Devon Borough Council's Solicitor & Monitoring Officer regarding dispensations, previously circulated, was discussed. After some discussion it was resolved to rely on the advice from DCLG which stated that dispensations were unnecessary.

7. West Devon Borough Council Electoral Review

The details of the West Devon Borough Council's Electoral Review and invitation to a presentation being held on 16th April at Kilworthy Park, Tavistock were noted and it was resolved that Cllr Dr P Brickley and Cllr S Blood attend the presentation on the 16th April 2013.

8. West Devon Borough Council Local Allocation Policy

The West Devon Borough Council's Local Allocation Policy Survey, previously circulated, was discussed and the various questions of the survey were answered. The Clerk was requested to submit the survey on behalf of the Town Council.

9. Grants

The matter of whether the Council should have a working group to investigate and apply for various funding grants was discussed.

It was suggested that Devon Heartlands would be a useful contact. At this stage Cllr S Blood declared an interest.

Following further discussion it was resolved that there was no need to set up a working group but keep in close contact with Devon Heartlands.

10. Community South West

Correspondence received an entry to the Community South West, previously circulated was discussed. It was resolved that details should be passed to the Nigel Davis, the Chair of the Committee organising Nanny Knight's Revels.

11. Cycling Devon Weekend

Details of the Cycling Devon Weekend which will pass through the Parish of North Tawton, previously circulated, were noted.

12. St Peter's Church Yard, North Tawton

The letter received from Rev'd Weldon, regarding the cobbles in St Peter's Church Yard, previously circulated, was discussed. It was resolved that Cllr Dr P Brickley, Cllr S Blood and Cllr S Whitely should meet Rev'd Weldon,

13. Golden Leaf Landscaping report

As Golden Leaf Landscaping had not carried out any work during February there was not a report to consider.

PLANNING MATTERS

14. 14.1 02875/2012

The Anchorage, 33 High Street, North Tawton, EX20 2HG
Retrospective householder application for addition of uPVC cladding to property.
Appeal dismissed.
Noted.

15. Invitation from West Devon Borough Council to a Planning Workshop

The invitation received from West Devon Borough Council to a Planning Workshop to be held on Tuesday 2nd April 2013, previously circulated, was discussed. After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Dr P Brickley and Cllr S Blood attend the workshop on 2nd April 2013.

16. FINANCE

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

16.2 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.

17. Any other business

Cllr S Whitely raised the issue of damage to the picket fence in the Memorial Park. Cllr S Whitely also reported that some work to his own fence adjacent to the Memorial Park was to take place.

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Wainhomes regarding a proposed development to the south of Moor View. Wainhomes indicated that they would like to discuss the proposal with the Town Council and also that there would be a full public consultation.

18. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Council shall be 2nd April 2013.

Part I of the meeting ended at 9.15 pm.

