

# NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of North Tawton Town Council held at the **COUNCIL OFFICES** on **THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013** at **7.30 pm**.

Present            Cllr S Blood                    Cllr Mrs C Burrow (Chairman)  
                         Cllr A Gillespie                Cllr K Hodge  
                         Cllr I MacLeod

No members of the public were present.

## AGENDA

Open Forum – No members of the public present.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dr P Brickley, Cllr Mrs G Hoggins, Cllr Mrs J Morgan, Cllr N Morgan, Cllr Mrs A Ponsford, Cllr Mrs D Rice, and Cllr S Whiteley.
2. **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr. Mrs C Burrow and Cllr S Blood declared an interest in Planning Application 01037/2013 as they were members of the Neighbourhood Plan Project Group, and Cllr MacLeod declared an interest as a member of the Patients Participation Group. The Clerk reported that she had obtained advice from the Borough Council's Solicitor and her advice was:

*“given the early stage of the Neighbourhood Plan Project, and that no specific sites have yet been discussed by that Project, my view is that the councillors can take part in the application at the TC meeting”.*

*The councillors should declare at the beginning of the TC meeting that they belong to the Project (and record in the minutes) but they can carry on and discuss/vote.*

*We need to keep an eye on the progress of the Project as this advice may change subject to the issues being considered by the Project group”.*

3. **PLANNING MATTERS**  
**To consider details of amendments to the planning application received from West Devon Borough Council and to make a recommendation.**

**01037/2013**

**Amendments have been made to the application.**

Land south of Moorview and west of High Street, North Tawton

### **AMENDED DESCRIPTION**

Hybrid planning application comprising: Full application for 61 residential dwellings with associated roads, footways, parking, landscaping, drainage and open space and allotments; together with Outline application (with all Matters Reserved) for 0.876 ha of land for employment use and medical centre.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Planning Officer regarding the amendments to the scheme and had been informed that the amendments were:

'T' junction instead of the proposed roundabout  
Provision of allotments within the site  
Relocated employment areas  
Minor detailing clarifications of the window, porch and eaves within the proposed scheme.

Councillors viewed the amended layout drawing and compared it with the previous layout drawing. After some discussion it was resolved to object to the removal of the roundabout, express concern regarding the reduction in size of the area for employment and to request clarification regarding the bus stop on Station Road.

**4. Questions/Comments from members of the public**

No members of the public present.

**5. Any other business**

Concern was expressed regarding the blocked drains throughout the town. The Clerk stated that she had contacted Devon County Council several times in the last few weeks but have been unable to get a response. The Clerk had also contacted Cllr James McInnes regarding the matter. Concern was also expressed about the amount of mud and rubble at the bottom of Letherans Lane. The Clerk was requested to contact Devon County Council again.

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm.