

# NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of North Tawton Town Council **Estates Committee** held at the Council Offices on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.00 pm.**

Cllr Mrs C Burrow	Cllr K Hodge
Cllr Mrs G Hoggins (Chairman)	Cllr I MacLeod
Cllr Mrs J Morgan	Cllr S Whiteley

In attendance Cllr S Blood and Mr Geoff Cawse

1 member of the public was present

1. **Apologies for Absence** – None were received as all Members of the Committee were present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None were declared at this stage.
3. **Update on proposed Heritage Lottery Bid**

Cllr I MacLeod stated the working group were preparing a layout of the works for the application which would include stone walling, railings in the Memorial Park and the Clock on St Peter's Church.

It was stated that although the clock is not the responsibility of the Town Council the working group had been advised to include it in the Lottery Bid.

Mr Geoff Cawse stated that he was preparing to scope the works.

It was stated that the bid would be submitted by Devon Heartlands.

It was queried why the application was being submitted by Devon Heartlands rather than the Town Council and it was stated that the application would look better coming from Devon Heartlands, and they would receive the funding, if successful, and would keep proper financial records.

The bid would include an element of VAT and Devon Heartland's professional fees. It was stated that the recent lottery funding for the Park did not include professional fees.

Cllr I MacLeod stated that the Town Council would pay professional fees for the preparation of the application, and thereafter, if successful, Devon Heartlands would pay Mr Geoff Cawse.

Mr Cawse had produced a document which would be used for the tender process. Mr Cawse would be producing the tender documents.

The matter of the railings in the Memorial Park was discussed, and following advice from the Conservation Officer and Mr Cawse it was decided that the railings should be kept in the same position but could be more ornate and

perhaps have some sort of decoration. The Clerk was requested to advertise asking for any interest in designing plaques/decorations for the railings. Cllr S Blood said that the bid could be for a “like for like” basis for the railings with a Provisional Sum for any artistic work.

The wall in the Church Yard, adjacent to 7 Exeter Street, would be included in the bid. The Clerk stated that she had received information from the Diocese stating that the records they had indicated that the wall may be in the ownership of the Church, but they could not categorically say that it was. The question of whether this was a shared boundary wall was raised.

The cobbles in the Church Yard would not be included in the bid.

The matter of the Clock and the Tomb in the Church Yard would have to involve negotiations with Rev'd Nick Weldon.

The doors to the Chapel of Rest would be investigated to see if replacing them could be included in the bid.

Cllr S Blood indicated that after the submission of the bid it would take about 3 months for a decision to be made.

Councillors stated that they would prefer to use local contractors for the works.

Cllr S Blood stated that he would request a letter from Devon Heartlands outlining the details of the bid and how the funding would be managed.

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

Mrs C Hughes stated that when the wall to the Church Yard was previously repaired by a contractor from Dulverton the Diocese was involved.

**5. Any other Business** – Cllr Mrs G Hoggins informed members that Dr Mrs Jean Shields had been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to local history in North Tawton.

The Clerk was requested to send a letter of congratulations to Dr Mrs Jean Shields.

The meeting closed at 8.35 am.