

# NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the North Tawton Town Council **Estates Committee** held at the Council Offices on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs C Burrow Cllr K Hodge  
Cllr Mrs G Hoggins (Chair) Cllr I MacLeod  
Cllr S Whiteley

**Open Forum** – No members of the public raised any issues.

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs J Morgan (family matters).

2. **Declarations of Interest** – None were made at this stage.

3. **Trees – Grass Verge – Moor View Roundabout**

The matter of whether the Town Council should replace the two trees on the higher side of the grass verge adjacent to Moor View Roundabout, one of the trees has died and the other was blown down during the recent gales.

The Clerk reported that Devon County Council (Highways) were going to remove the dead tree and remove the stump of the tree that had blown over.

After some discussion it was resolved not to replace the trees.

4. **Grass Verge on the eastern side of Moor View Roundabout, and maintenance of the shrubs**

The complaint received regarding grass cutting of the verge on the eastern side of Moor View Roundabout, and maintenance of the shrubs on the bank.

During the discussion it was pointed out that the grass verge in question was not the responsibility of the Town Council but it was the responsibility of Devon County Council.

After some discussion it was resolved that the Clerk should contact Golden Leaf Landscapes requesting that they cut the verge on the eastern side of Moor View Roundabout. Golden Leaf Landscapes were to be requested to check the grass to see if it needed cutting, and to cut the grass if necessary, once a month.

The matter of the maintenance of the shrubs was discussed and it was resolved that the Clerk should arrange for any necessary cutting back and tidying to be arranged.

5. **Chapel of Rest Roof**

The matter of possible replacement of the Chapel of Rest Roof was discussed. Cllr S Whiteley reported that the problem was nail fatigue.

After some discussed it was resolved that the Clerk should seek quotations from local builders to strip the roof, saving any good slates for reuse, new felt and batten, re-slate the roof, with natural slates, using any saved slates on the eastern elevation and new slates on the western elevation. Remove guttering and down pipes and replace with black plastic guttering and down pipes.

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

The meeting shall be suspended prior to Any Other Business to allow members of the public to comment/ask a question on any agenda item only. Time shall be limited to 2 minutes per person, up to a maximum of 3 persons.

No members of the public raised any questions or comments.

**5. Any other Business**

Cllr S Whiteley raised a concern regarding skateboarding in the Car Park adjacent to the Memorial Park. It was suggested that a sign should be erected prohibiting skateboarding and ball games within the car park. An item would be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

**PART II**

**EXEMPT REPORT:**

**6. Quotations**

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by S.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

**Works to trees in the Cemetery**

Two quotations had been received for the medium and low priority work identified in the Tree Inspection Report carried out by Paul Greenhill Tree Services.

After some discussion it was resolved to agree:

Medium priority work – Hi-Line Contractors SW Ltd £720.00

Low priority work – C.B Trees £480.00

The Clerk was requested to ask Hi-Line Contractors SW Ltd to carry out the work during the school holidays.

**Works to trees in the Church Yard**

To quotations had been requested, but only one had been received to carry out work to trees T920 – T928 as identified in the Tree Inspection Report carried out by Westree Company.

After some discussion it was resolved to agree:

C.B. Trees £480.00

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.