

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of North Tawton Town Council held at the **Council Offices** on **Monday 1st September 2014 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllr S Blood Cllr Dr P Brickley
Cllr Mrs C Burrow Cllr K Hodge
Cllr A Gillespie Cllr Mrs G Hoggins (Chair)
Cllr Mrs L Watts Cllr S Whiteley

8 members of the public were present.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr I MacLeod, Annual leave, Cllr N Morgan personal reasons and Cllr Mrs D Rice, Annual Leave.

Cllr Mrs A Ponsford was not present.

2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr S Blood and Cllr A Gillespie declared an interest in Item 3.2 00873/2014 Land adjacent to Bouchers Hill, North Tawton, Prior Approval of proposed change of use of agricultural store to a dwelling.

3. **PLANNING MATTERS**

To consider the planning applications received from West Devon Borough Council and to make recommendations.

3.1 00845/2014

Unit 1, Oak Barn, Newland Mill, North Tawton, EX20 2BB
Listed Building Consent to replace existing windows and French doors.
After some discussion it was resolved to support the application.

3.2 00873/2014

Land adjacent to Bouchers Hill, North Tawton
Prior Approval of proposed change of use of agricultural store to a dwelling.
After some discussion it was resolved to comment on the application for the following reasons:

- Concern regarding traffic in North Street/The Square
- Concern regarding medieval field boundary and Devon bank
- Concern regarding whether the existing field access would need to be changed.

3.3 00918/2014

Upper Depot, Devonshire Gardens, North Tawton
Reserved Matters application for erection of 2 live work units including commercial garage and printer.
After some discussion it was resolved to support the application.

3.4 00864/2014

4 Barton Street, North Tawton, EX20 2HN
Partly retrospective application for incorporation of residential outbuilding into main dwelling and external alterations.
After some discussion it was resolved to support the application.

3.5 00675/2014 –Revised Scheme

Householder application for extension to dwelling

3 Great Wootten Cottages, Bow, EX17 6LF

After some discussion it was resolved to support the revised scheme.

3.6 00946/2014

Certificate of Lawful Development for existing use of building for residential use

Ground Floor Flat, 5 The Square, North Tawton, EX20 2ER

After some discussion the Clerk was requested to contact the previous business occupier to try to ascertain when the business use ceased, and furthermore the Clerk was requested to forward this information to West Devon Borough Council.

To note decisions of West Devon Borough Council

3.7 00670/2014

The Studio, Week Farm, North Tawton, EX20 2AB

Removal of condition 5 attached to planning permission CU/3/21/2012/1997/4400/014

(holiday let)

Conditional consent 6/8/14

Noted.

4. Wainhomes – Old Woollen Mill

The matter on whether North Tawton Town Council should remind Wainhomes of their undertaking to carry out various works at the Old Woollen Mill when planning permission had been granted Bathway site was discussed.

The Section 106 Agreement relating to the planning permission has still not been signed. After some discussion the Clerk was requested to contact Wainhomes to request a meeting as soon as possible. Cllr S Blood (Devon Heartlands) was having a meeting with the Planning Officer regarding possible future development of part of Woollen Mill building being used for industrial and educational use.

5. Letherans Lane

The letter received regarding the proposed Dogs on Leads Order for Letherans Lane and the use of Letherans Lane by vehicles, previously circulated was discussed.

After some discussion the Clerk was requested to forward the letter to Devon County Council as the Highways Authority. The Clerk was requested to respond to the letter explaining that the Dogs on Leads Order was supported by the Town Council in an effort to prevent dog fouling in Letherans Lane.

6. Grave Markers for Cemetery

Cllr S Whiteley informed the Council that he had managed to source plastic marker tabs that could be placed on the kerb stones in the cemetery to mark the sections and rows in The Cemetery.

After some discussion it was resolved that Cllr S Whiteley should get a sample of the plastic markers and obtains a firm quotation.

Cllr Mrs G Hoggins informed the Council that a seat had been placed in the Garden of Remembrance, but as this was consecrated ground, the Clerk was requested to arrange for the seat to be moved to another suitable site.

11. Questions/Comments from members of the public

The meeting was suspended prior to Any Other Business to allow members of the public to comment/ask a question. Time shall be limited up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

Mr A Morgan made a complaint about Letherans Lane, he stated that he felt the lane was dangerous for walkers, the centre of the lane had been hammered out by a digger and vehicles, resulting in a rut more than 2 feet wide and 2 feet deep. The lane has become very dangerous, particularly when it is wet. A sink had been placed on the side of the lane.

The Chairman suggested that a site meeting should be arranged with the Devon County Council's Footpaths Officer. The Clerk was asked to arrange this and liaise with Councillors.

Mr A Morgan raised a concern regarding the wall and seat adjacent to the Bus Shelter outside his property. Stones from the wall behind the seat had been removed and the wall was beginning to fall down.

The Chairman suggested that a site meeting should be held to view the situation. The Clerk was asked to arrange this and liaise with Councillors.

Mrs S Knott read out an extract from the Planning Officers Delegated Report regarding planning application 00431/2013, Land at Letherans Lane:-

"Concerns have been raised regarding public safety and damage caused by tractors using the existing Public footpath that follows the route to the site along Letherans Lane. The lane already provides vehicular access to other fields at the top of the lane, as well as the application site. Tractors use the lane. Therefore, although the lane is a public footpath, it has a dual use and the proposal would not result in an increase in vehicular use."

Mrs Knott informed the Council that she and her husband Richard had been clearing up the dog faeces from Letherans Lane a couple of times a week.

Mrs R Davies commented that she felt there was confusion over the Devon Bank on the boundary of the land in Bouchers Hill. Mrs Davies asked for a copy of the County Archaeologist report on the Devon Bank. Cllr Dr Brickley replied that he had been informed by a member of the West Devon Strategic Development team that it was for the applicants of apparently sensitive historical sites to provide full archaeological surveys of their sites as part of their pre-application procedure and that it was not something that Local Planning Authorities did on behalf of developers.

He said that what had happened so far, so he understood, was that:

(1) the West Devon technical panel had flagged up the importance of the Devon Bank flanking the road at the site,

(2) Mrs Carol Hughes had telephoned West Devon Strategic Planning Officer, Rebecca Black, raising a query concerning Devon Banks and planning,

(3) Rebecca Black had passed that query to the County Archaeological Team and had returned their comments to Mrs Hughes.

Mrs C Hughes asked for clarification on voting and Planning Site Inspections. She commented that internet shopping/online grocery shopping had an effect on traffic in the town. Cllr Dr Brickley agreed that in the opinion of the Project Group there was indeed a problem with internet shopping in that it did have an ongoing effect on residents' shopping in the town and in delivery trucks using the town's roads.

The meeting opened again.

12. Any other business

Cllr S Whiteley informed the Council that the defibrillator had been used for an incident in St Peters Church. Dr Jane Weldon had informed Cllr Whiteley that once the defibrillator pads

had been used that they needed replacing. Cllr Whiteley had contact South West Ambulance Trust and they had supplied new pads and a sign to be placed in the box saying the defibrillator should be returned to North Tawton Council offices. Sometimes if the defibrillator is used it could be taken away in the Ambulance or even left where the incident occurred.

When the new defibrillator is installed at the bottom of Fore Street a refresher course will be arranged on the use of the defibrillator.

Cllr L Watts asked for clarification on a "No Parking" sign that had been put up on the garage doors in High Street.

Councillors asked when the virtual footpath white line would be reinstated on Taw Bridge.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Council shall be 2nd September 2014.

The meeting ended at 9.15 am