

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

Town Clerk:
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Minutes of the North Tawton Town Council **Planning Committee** held at the Council Offices on **Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllr S Blood Cllr Dr P Brickley
 Cllr Mrs C Burrow Cllr Mrs G Hoggins (Chairman)

Open Forum - No members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr K Hodge. Cllr Mrs A Ponsford was absent.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None were made at this stage.
3. **To consider the planning applications received from West Devon Borough Council and to make recommendations.**

3.1 00365/2014

The Barton, North Tawton, EX20 2BB

Works to reduce Weir and associated works including removal of trees.
After some discussion it was resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:

1. The supporting Ecological Report submitted with this application proposed that a fish pass should be installed on the weir, but the application is to reduce the height of the weir.
2. WDBC's North Tawton Woollen Mill Development Brief states "the existing leat is an important element of the site and must be retained and enhanced as part of any development proposal".

3.2 00374/2014

Redfour House, Essington Road, North Tawton, EX20 2EX

Works to Trees in a Conservation Area for the removal of 1 Ash Stool from a boundary hedge and the removal of 4 small Ash trees at Redfour House
After some discussion it was resolved to support the application.

3.3 00377/2014

Gregory Distribution Ltd., Fore Street, North Tawton, EX20 2EB

Erection of new porch and lobby and associated alterations to building.
After some discussion it was resolved to support the application.

3.4 00378/2014

Taw Bridge, Fore Street, North Tawton

Listed Building Consent application for repairs and alterations to bridge.
After some discussion it was resolved to support the application.

4. **To note decision of West Devon Borough Council**

4.1 00164/2014

Retrospective application for demolition of boundary wall and fence in preparation for replacement with rendered wall
22 Fore Street, North Tawton, EX20 2DT
Refused – 6/3/14
Noted

6. Questions/Comments from members of the public

No members of the public were present.

7. Any other Business

The Clerk reported that the Memorial Park Risk Assessment carried out by RoSPA had highlighted damage to the Half Pipe skate ramp which was high risk. The Clerk had requested C H Jones & Son to carry out repair work, if possible. The full Risk Assessment report will be included as an agenda item on the 6th May 2014 meeting.

Concern was raised regarding the attendance of CPRE at the Annual Town Meeting, which the Town Council facilitates. It was pointed out that CPRE could, if they wished, hire the Town Hall and hold an exhibition of their own. The Clerk was requested, after consultation with the Chairman, to contact the CPRE advising them that an invitation would be sent to them to attend a meeting of the Town Council when the planning application had been submitted.

Cllr S Blood advised that the North Tawton Environmental Trust have received a notice of eviction from the Devonshire Gardens sites stating that reason for eviction was housing development.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.