

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OF TAWSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** - Councillor Bowden (Chair)  
Councillors Bates, East, Jenkins, Knight, Lofthouse, Norman and Short.

NDC Councillors Knight and Norman

M Isaac (Clerk)

**In attendance:** Parishioner/Members of the Public – None

**185. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mason, DCC Councillors Leaver and Tyldesley and NDC Councillor Coombs.

**186. PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no issues raised by Parishioners.

**187. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR AS A MATTER OF URGENCY**

There were no issues brought forward by the Chair.

**188. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest announced.

**189. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported the receipt of an email regarding Parish and Town Council cluster working.

It was agreed that in principle it was a good idea and that the invitation be accepted. The Chair stated that she would be interested in attending. Other Councillors also indicated an interest in attending depending on the date of the meeting.

**190. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) Payments

RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

North Devon Council – Clerk Salary + Admin Fee	£843.69
Clerks Expenses	£7.68
L. Evely – Grounds Maintenance	£979.05
Citizens Advice – Donation	£100.00
Uncanstore.com – Storage	£60.04

Get Lit Electrical – Installation of Defibrillator £198.00

b) The current financial position at 5 January 2026 Current A/C £39,680.38 (includes £6,581.62 ringed fenced for Tower View Project) and Business Reserve A/C £16,651.78 was noted.

## **191. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **192. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

There were no issues raised.

## **193. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

The Council noted a report from DCC Councillor Tyldesley (previously circulated) and a report from DCC Councillor Leaver read by the Chair at the meeting.

## **194. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

NDC Councillor Knight reported the following:

i) That he had reported his concerns regarding the condition of the Bus Shelter at the top of Old Torrington Road and that he would be responding to an invitation for comments from HATOC regarding the Bus Service. He would also be providing feedback regarding buses that should not be stopping, still stopping at the bus stop at the top of Old Torrington Road between 4.10 p.m. and 5.00 p.m.

It was noted that Petroc had closed the gate stopping an exit for students to more easily catch buses on Old Sticklepath Hill and therefore more inclined to catch the bus at the top of Old Torrington Road. It was agreed to write to Petroc to seek an explanation as to why the gate had been closed.

ii) That it be noted that the Government will make the final decision regarding Local Government review and NDC preferred 4-5-1 option.

iii) That following a petition regarding the cessation of the Trade Waste Collection NDC had agreed to re-instate a partial collection service.

The Council noted a report from NDC Councillor Norman (previously circulated). He further reported that there were still two Community Governance Review issues relating to Tawstock Parish being considered. The Clerk confirmed that a letter drop had been made to all residents in the area concerned and NDC had been notified.

## **195. HIGHWAY ISSUES**

There were no issues raised.

## **196. PLANNING MATTERS**

a)The Chair updated Council on the Planning Applications considered by the Planning Committee prior to the Council meeting.

b) Planning Application **80058** - Outline application for erection of up to 450 dwellings, a local centre of community, retail convenience space, and associated development (with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved)- EIA development (amended location plan)(Environmental Statement Addendum), Land at Brynsworthy, Brynsworthy, Barnstaple.

RECOMMENDED REFUSAL for the following reasons:

i)The highway access was not sufficient and not in accordance with Policy BAR09 Glenwood Farm Strategic Extension of the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan

ii)Any new junction onto the A39 should be provided before any development was undertaken.

iii)The existing infrastructure; Roads, Hospital, Doctors surgeries, dental services and schools cannot cope with the existing demand for services

## **197. VACANCIES/CO-OPTION**

The Clerk reported that no applications for co-option had been received.

## **198. DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLATION– TAWSTOCK VILLAGE HALL**

The decision to accept the quote of £198 for the installation of the defibrillator agreed in accordance with authority delegated to the Clerk and agreed by Councillors in advance of the meeting was re-affirmed and accepted.

## **199. FORMATTING OF AGENDA AND MINUTES.**

The Council considered the re formatting of the Agenda and Minutes to meet the requirements of Dyslexic and visually impaired people.

It was agreed that Councillor Knight resend a proposed template to the Clerk for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.

## **200. LITCHARDON CROSS SOLAR FARM PROJECT FUND: UPDATE.**

The Council noted a report by Councillor Mason (previously circulated)

## **201. TAWSTOCK JUBILEE ALMSHOUSE CHARITY: UPDATE.**

The Council noted a report by Councillor Mason (previously circulated)

## **202. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SUBMISSION TO NDC RE TRANSFER OF TOWER VIEW RECREATION AREA.**

The Clerk reported that an expression of interest had been submitted to North Devon Council and receipt acknowledged.

The Council noted a land registry plan of the Tower View Recreation Area (previously circulated) that showed a small area in the ownership of Devon County Council.

### **203. PURCHASE OF GRIT BIN, LAKE HILL OUTSIDE STICKLEPATH COURT.**

Councillor Lofthouse reported he had spoken to DCC Councillor Tyldesley regarding the provision of a grit bin Lake Hill outside Sticklepath Court. He had advised that the bin would need to be purchased by the Parish Council. Salt and grit would be provided by DC via the appointed snow warden.

It was agreed that the purchase of a grit bin was not necessary and that Councillor Lofthouse contact DCC Councillor Leaver to arrange a supply of salt/grit to the Snow Warden.

### **204. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

There were no issues raised.

### **205. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 7.00 p.m.

### **206. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS AND RESTRICTION OF DOCUMENTS**

RESOLVED:

(a) That under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended from time to time) namely information relating to confidential information that will be disclosed.

(b) That all documents and reports relating to the item be confirmed as 'Not for Publication'

### **207. NORTH DEVON AND TORRIDGE LOCAL PLAN.**

The Council noted an update report by Councillor Knight regarding Tawstock Parish.

Chair the meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.