

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OF TAWSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24th MARCH 2026 AT 7.00 p.m.

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

DCC Councillor Tyldesley

M Isaac (Clerk)

In attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public – 1

208. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bates, Knight, Mason and Norman, NDC Councillor Coombs and DCC Councillor Leaver.

209. PUBLIC SESSION

A Parishioner requested that DCC put a yellow line along a short distance of Shorelands Way outside nos 3 and 4 as it was very confusing for North Devon College students, as there was no yellow lines but a small no parking sign. Every week students were being booked.

It was agreed to pass the request onto DCC Councillor Leaver.

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

There were no issues brought forward by the Chair.

211. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

212. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

213. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

North Devon Council – Clerk Salary + Admin Fee	£843.69
Clerks Expenses	£6.83
L. Evely – Grounds Maintenance	£979.05
Uncanstore.com – Storage	£30.02
Sticklepath Methodist Church – Room Hire	£155.00

J. Bowden – New Defib Pads	£73.19
Playsafety Ltd – Annual Play Inspections	£199.20

b) The current financial position at 5 February 2026 Current A/C £37,624.58 (includes £6,581.62 ringed fenced for Tower View Project) and Business Reserve A/C £16,664.78 was noted.

214. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

215. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

There were no issues raised.

216. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Council noted a report from DCC Councillor Tyldesley (previously circulated).

Councillor Tyldesley further reported the following:

That the Local Government Reorganisation Consultation was now open for public consultation.

That funding was available for Parish Councils who were members of the Parish Paths Partnership to improve/repair public rights of way. It was agreed to consider at the next Parks and Open Space Committee.

Concerns were raised regarding compensation from DCC following accidents/damage caused by potholes. DCC Councillor Tyldesley agreed to clarify the DCC policy.

217. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

There were no reports from NDC Councillors Coombs and Knight.

The Council noted a report from NDC Councillor Norman (previously circulated).

218. HIGHWAY ISSUES

There were no issues raised.

219. PLANNING MATTERS

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

220. VACANCIES/CO-OPTION

The Clerk reported that an interest had been received regarding a vacancy on the Council. The Chair stated that she had been in contact with person concerned and would pursue the interest.

221. 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. The Clerk reported that the Agenda and Minutes had been re-formatted in accordance with the Dyslexic association criteria.

In the absence of Councillor Knight it was agreed to defer consideration to the next Parish Council meeting.

222. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following policies and procedures were adopted/reviewed and no amendments made:

Standing Orders

Financial Regulations

Safeguarding Policy

Community Engagement Statement of Intent

Statement of Internal Control

Code of Conduct

Health & Safety Policy

It was agreed that:

a) That all Policies and Procedures be reviewed annually at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.

b) That consideration of the Accessibility Policy be deferred to the May Parish Council meeting

223. TOWER PLAY AREA.

It was agreed:

a) Repair to Roundabout. That the quote from TK Play to repair the roundabout of £1,272 inc VAT be accepted.

b) Repair to goalmouth area. That the quote from TK Play to repair the goalmouth area of £696 inc VAT be accepted.

224. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no issues raised.

225. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Tuesday 21st April 2026 @ 7.00 p.m.

Chair the meeting ended at 7.54 p.m.