

TAWSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 30/03/16, 19:00 at Tawstock Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr D Brailey M.B.E. (Chairman)

Cllr N Lines

Cllr D Luggar

Cllr C Prideaux

Cllr C Thorne

Cllr M Ward

In Attendance:

County Cllr R Edgell

5 Members of Public
P Dunn - Clerk

1. Public Session.

Representations were made concerning disabled gate access to the recreation field at Tower View. Thanks were expressed in respect of provision of new bins at Tower View and to Cllr Mathew for the cutting of public open space on Elizabeth Drive last season.

2. To Approve Apologies for Absence.

It was reported Cllr Short may arrive late.

3. To consider application(s) for co-option.

None.

4. To Receive the following Reports:-

4.1. Police.

None.

4.2. Chairman.

Chairman's report appended.

4.3. County Cllrs.

Cllr Edgell sought to clarify his February meeting report in the draft minutes, advising 2% of the total 3.99% County Council Tax increase nearly covered the implementation costs of the new living wage associated with adult social care services. Cllr Edgell continued to explain the background to the remainder of the increase.

4.4. District Cllrs.

Cllr Luggar reported:-

- Ongoing debate on the District Wind Turbine policy.
- Current public consultation on Self Build policy.
- Network Rail and partners working on service improvements on the Barnstaple to Exeter line, local station improvements and connection to the town centre.

5. Code of Conduct.

5.1. To consider any councillor dispensation requests.

None.

5.2. To receive Declarations of Interests in the business to be transacted.

Agenda	Councillor	Type	Reason	Dispensation
7.4.	Cllr Luggar	Personal	Associate of applicant.	n/a

6. Minutes.

6.1. 17/02/16. To sign if approved, minutes of the Council.

RESOLVED: Cllr Luggar proposed, Cllr Lines seconded and all were in favour approval subject to Cllr Edgell's clarification under item 4.3 above.

6.2. To note matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

None.

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7. To consider the following Planning Matters:-

7.1. Planning list.

See report appended.

7.2. Planning applications received after publication of agenda.

See report appended.

7.3. NDC Planning Enforcement Review.

Councillors were of the opinion it was preferable to prioritise enforcement on a case by case basis as opposed to generically by type.

RESOLVED: To request the return to being sent the outstanding enforcement matters list on a quarterly basis to enable it to review its priorities for enforcement on a case by case basis. **Clerk to action.**

7.4. Certificate of Lawfulness – Clanton Roundswell.

Cllr Luggar declared a personal interest.

Councillors had no information related to the application to help inform determination.

8. To consider the following Finance matters:-

8.1. Note account balances.

Noted.

8.2. Sanction payments due & instruct cheque signatories.

The clerk reported disputing two invoices received from ISS and had excluded these from the payment raised. ISS's response was awaited.

RESOLVED: The Chairman proposed, Cllr Ward seconded and all were in favour approval accounts 8.2.1 through 8.2.14, with Cllrs Lines and Thorne to sign. **Clerk to action.**

8.3. NDC Community Fund Award.

The clerk reported an award had been granted in respect of the additional new heating at Tawstock Village Hall.

8.4. Audit year ending 31/03/16.

The clerk reported the Internal Audit would be undertaken 24/05/16, followed by submission of the External Audit to Grant Thornton's by mid-July. It was hoped to complete the accounts for consideration at the April meeting.

9. To consider the following Property/Environment matters:-

9.1. Highways issues to include update on Shorelands junction.

The Chairman reported revision of the junction had been approved by Highways and section 106 funding associated with local developments would be secured to implement the changes in due course.

The clerk reported a road closure by South West Water scheduled 13-15 June from Charlacott Cross to Uppacott, access to properties would be maintained, further information available on 01726 224400.

Cllr Lines reported surface run-off completely missed the new drainage recently installed on Lake Road. Cllr Thorne requested a new village nameplate at Eastacombe. **Clerk to request action.**

9.2. DCC Verge Cutting.

The clerk reported correspondence dated 24/02/16 advising delegation of Highways verge cutting / funding was on a whole parish basis; no delegation was available for just the two open space areas on Elizabeth Drive. It was agreed to maintain the current arrangements for these two open space areas.

9.3. RoSPA Annual Playground Inspection Report.

The report was noted and the clerk advised it would be made available on the parish website. **Clerk to action.**

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Cllr Ward reported 30+ residents attended a drop in session raising the following:-

- Street lighting off overnight – suggested lights at corners to aid pedestrians – raised with Highways.
- Paving slabs to letter box on Elizabeth Drive overgrown – raised with Highways.
- Litter bin required subject to funding availability, due to litter from students coming through from Brannams to Old Torrington Road.
- Provision of grit bins in vicinity of Andrew Road, Anne Crescent and Elizabeth Drive at the bottom of the respective hills; local residents willing to spread grit when required. **Cllr Edgell to raise with Highways.**
- Provision of a circular path at Tower View recreation field. Liaising with Active Devon on enhancement proposals along with other organisations. The Chairman stated a compromise would be required to include a play area also.

Cllr Prideaux gave her apologies and left the meeting.

Cllr Ward reported a small team of residents had helped clear road nameplates as part of the Clean for the Queen event.

9.5. Memorial to the late Mr Harper.

Memorials to long serving parish councillors was discussed. Cllr Luggar reported the likely costs of brass plaques. It was agreed to re-agenda and discuss further. **Clerk to re-agenda.**

10. Correspondence / Consultation Received for consideration:-**10.1. Devon Air Ambulance Community Helipads.**

The clerk reported Mr Toby Russell would attend the April meeting.

10.2. Changes to the Mobile Library visiting Tawstock.

Tuesdays 15:30-16:00 noted.

11. Council Newsletter review.

The Chairman reported the newsletter was expensive to produce and circulate. The clerk confirmed it would be in-expensive to put anything councillors wished on the parish website however Cllr Ward highlighted a lot of older residents did not have internet access. Cllr Ward would continue to hold resident drop-ins every 6 weeks to communicate with residents.

12. Items for report only and future agenda items.**12.1. To consider tabled items received following agenda publication.**

None.

12.2. To receive items brought through the Chairman and future agenda items.

The Chairman reported a presentation on Neighbourhood Planning would be included at the May meeting.

Cllr Thorne reported a village event to celebrate the Queen's birthday. A suggestion for presentation coins for the children was suggested. **Clerk to obtain costs.**

13. Date of Next meeting recommended 27/04/16 – deadline for agenda items 15/04/16.

Noted.

Meeting closed **20:55.**

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Planning Report

7.1.1.	No. - DCC/3830/2016 Type – Application	RESOLVED: No objection Fishleigh Road to Roundswell Business Park - Proposed cycle/walkway linking Fishleigh Road, Roundswell Business Park, with the B3232 - additional information The parish council would suggest consideration be given to future widening of the highway to dual carriageway in the design proposal.
7.1.2.	No. – 60552 Type – Application	RESOLVED: Approve STONEYLANDS NEWTON TRACEY DEVON - ERECTION OF 4 DETACHED HOUSES & 5 APARTMENTS Representations were received from the applicant and residents present. The parish council were minded to approve the application subject to a minimum allocation of 2 parking spaces per dwelling excluding the garage spaces. The council were concerned if as often the case garage space is not utilised for vehicles there could be inadequate parking resulting in vehicles being parked in the lay-bye across the main road from the proposed development, this would necessitate pedestrians regularly crossing a stretch of road subject to national speed limit with associated risks from the traffic speeds experienced at this location.
7.1.3.	No. – 60622 Type – Application	RESOLVED: Approve MUZE HOUSE HARRACOTT BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 3JL - EXTENSION TO DWELLING
7.1.4.	No. - 60750 Type - Application	RESOLVED: Approve 3 OLD BIDEFORD ROAD STICKLEPATH BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 2DE - EXTENSION & ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING TOGETHER WITH RAISED PATIO AREA
7.1.5.	No. - 60845 Type - Application	RESOLVED: No comment LAND ADJACENT TO FORMER SITE OF BRANNAMS OLD TORRINGTON ROAD BARNSTAPLE DEVON - VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 (APPROVED PLANS) ATTACHED TO PLANNING PERMISSION 56724 TO ALLOW AMENDED HOUSE DESIGN (RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ERECTION OF 30 DWELLINGS) Councillors expressed no comment being unable to identify the amendments from the original application. Councillors were however of the opinion, with considerable development now evolving along Old Torrington Road a pavement for pedestrians along its full length was essential together with road white lining.
7.1.6.	No. – 56724 Type - Granted Report	RESOLVED: Noted LAND ADJACENT BRANNAMS OLD TORRINGTON ROAD BARNSTAPLE DEVON - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ERECTION OF 30 DWELLINGS (AMENDED PLANS) (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)
7.1.7.	No. - 60026 Type - Granted Report	RESOLVED: Noted HOLLAMOR FARM EASTACOMBE BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 3NY - INSTALLATION OF 2.5MW SOLAR ARRAY & ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

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7.1.8.	No. - 60055 Type - Withdrawn	RESOLVED: Noted ST JOHNS GARDEN CENTRE ROUNDSWELL BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 3FA - VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 (APPROVED PLANS) ATTACHED TO PLANNING PERMISSION 57389 TO ALLOW FOR AMENDED DESIGN
7.2.1.	No. - 60871 Type - Application Subject to:- * given considerable development now along Old Torrington Road a pavement for pedestrians along its full length was essential together with road white lining. * acceleration of the programme to re-site the bus gate currently on Gratton Way to the proposed position in Old Torrington Road south west of junctions with Grange & Phillip Avenues, to relieve the heavy congestion at the junctions with Shorelands and Bickington Road. In the event this is not undertaken then a contribution towards the works required to the agreed junction improvements at Shorelands involving the removal of the inadequate mini roundabout	RESOLVED: Approve LAND EAST OF OLD TORRINGTON ROAD STICKLEPATH DEVON - ERECTION OF 88 DWELLINGS, PARKING AREAS & ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING WORKS

Chairman's Report

Report to be included.

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Bank Balances & Payment Schedule.

Bank Balances		£	
	Current	34122.97	25/02/16
	Deposit	15933.91	29/02/16
		£50,056.88	
	Less uncleared cheque payments	1585.00	
	Plus uncleared deposits	0.00	
	Council Accounts Balance	£48,471.88	
	Earmarked Funds – Burial Ground	7641.17	
	Tawstock Village Hall	300.00	

Item	Ref.	Payee	Purpose	£
8.2.1.	541	ISS (£1033.56)	Grounds Maint Invoice	
8.2.2.			42150026	330.00
8.2.3.			42149994	318.00
8.2.4.			42149042	107.10
8.2.5.			42149043	85.68
8.2.6.			42150199	107.10
8.2.7.			42150200	85.68
8.2.8.	542	Devon Association of Local Councils	Annual Subscription	516.97
8.2.9.	DD	South West Waters Services Ltd	Burial Ground Water Supply	27.39
8.2.10.	544	Ucanstore.com	Qtly file storage facility	72.00
8.2.11.	545	HMRC	PAYE – Mar	11.60
8.2.12.	546	Clerk (£500.16)	Salary – Mar	488.68
			Reimbursements (Jan+Feb)	
8.2.13.			Postage	8.28
8.2.14.			Stationary	3.20

Signed:

Chairman.

Dated:

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