

TAWSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 26/10/16, 19:00 at Tawstock Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr D Brailey M.B.E. (Chairman)
Cllr N Lines
Cllr D Luggar

Cllr C Prideaux
Cllr N Short

Cllr M Ward



In Attendance:

County Cllr R Edgell
County Cllr J Mathews

District Cllr G Lane

2 Members of Public
P Dunn - Clerk

1. Public Session.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Edgell for his efforts to establish information pertaining to the vehicular activated signage.

2. To Approve Apologies for Absence.

RESOLVED: Apologies approved from Cllrs Prideaux and Ward.

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

None.

4. To Receive the following Reports:-

4.1. Police.

None.

4.2. Chairman.

See report appended.

4.3. County Cllrs.

Cllr Mathew reported:-

- It was proposed to run two lanes in both directions from Portmore Roundabout to the proposed new Brynsworthy Roundabout, with a reduced speed limit of 40mph.
- Attending a meeting to review proposed new development access from Old Torrington Road and the relocation of the bus bollard into Old Torrington Road. S106 funding from the completed new developments were being collected to review Old Torrington Road.

Cllr Edgell reported:-

- Concern at the phasing of amenities to be built as part of the Larkbeare development.
- Had still not received any enquiries for grant funding for Harracott Village Hall.

4.4. District Cllrs.

Cllr Luggar reported:-

- Phasing proposals for Larkbeare should be reported to the parish council on a regular basis.

Cllr Short arrived.

- Expressed concerns over the health care proposals for North Devon.
- District reviewing maximising value from its assets.

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
	None			

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6.1. **28/09/16.** To sign if approved, minutes of the Council.

RESOLVED: Cllr Lines proposed, Cllr Luggar seconded and all were in favour approval.

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

None.

7. To consider the following Planning Matters:-

7.1. **Planning list.**

See planning report appended.

7.2. **Planning applications received after publication of agenda.**

See planning report appended.

7.3. **Section 106 Funding Update.**

Re-agenda. **Clerk to action.**

8. To consider the following Finance matters:-

8.1. **Note account balances.**

Noted, see appended.

8.2. **Sanction payments due & instruct cheque signatories.**

RESOLVED: The Chairman proposed, Cllr Short seconded and all were in favour settlement accounts 8.2.1 through 8.2.5, with Cllrs Short and Lines to sign. **Clerk to action.**

8.3. **Section 106 Funding Update.**

Re-agenda. **Clerk to action.**

8.4. **Insurance Renewal Review.**

Insurance renewal papers were circulated prior to the meeting for councillors' review and noted.

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

9.1. **Highways issues.**

DCC correspondence dated 07/10/16 advised drainage pipes on Harepie Hill had collapsed and a high priority funding bid had been submitted in April reference 163267992 due to the resulting water flows onto the A377 a precautionary salting route. To date funding had not been allocated and the matter had been followed up with the Asset Manager.

9.2. **Grounds Maintenance + Current Issues and Tendering.**

The clerk reported Cllr Ward had received an enquiry from a local grounds maintenance contractor interested in tendering for 2017.

RESOLVED: To invite submission of tenders for the parish council's grounds maintenance requirements for 2017 from the existing and interested grounds maintenance contractors. **Clerk to action.**

10. Correspondence / Consultation Received for consideration:-

10.1. **North Devon Council – Parish Forum Tuesday 15th November 19:00 Brynsworthy.**

Noted.

10.2. **Barnstaple Town Council - Save Our Hospital Services Campaign.**

Correspondence dated 19/10/16 was noted.

10.3. **South West Water - Transfer of Business Direct Debit.**

Correspondence dated 03/10/16 was noted.

11. Items for report only and future agenda items.

11.1. **To consider tabled items received following agenda publication.**

None.

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

The Chairman reported the Section 106 funding for new swings at Grange Avenue had been approved.

12. Date of Next meetings recommended:-

12.1. 30/11/16 – deadline for agenda items 18/11/16.

12.2. 14/12/16 – deadline for agenda items 02/12/16 Noted.

Meeting closed 20:00.

Planning Report

7.1.1.	No. - 61781 Type - Application	RESOLVED: Approve CORBIERE 33 ELIZABETH DRIVE STICKLEPATH BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 3AJ - EXTENSION & ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING
7.1.2.	No. - 61883 Type - Application	RESOLVED: No Objection AKWAABA 1 OLD TORRINGTON ROAD STICKLEPATH BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 2DD - REMOVAL OF CONDITION 2 (NOT TO BE LET OR SOLD AS A SEPARATE UNIT) ATTACHED TO PLANNING PERMISSION 40315 (EXTENSION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR DEPENDANT RELATIVES, ADDITIONAL BEDROOM & RE-SITING OF EXISTING GARAGE) TO ALLOW FOR THE ANNEXE TO BE USED AS A SEPARATE UNIT OF ACCOMMODATION Councillors had no objection subject to proposal complying with current planning policy.
7.1.3.	No. - 61909 Type - Application	RESOLVED: Approve CHURCH COTTAGE TAWSTOCK BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 3HZ - APPLICATION FOR CONSENT FOR WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER IN RESPECT OF CROWN REDUCTION OF 4 LEYLAND CYPRESS, REMOVAL OF 1 BIRCH & CROWN LIFTING & CROWN REDUCTION OF 1 ASH
7.1.4.	No. - 61464 Type - Refusal Report	RESOLVED: Noted STONEYLANDS NEWTON TRACEY DEVON - ERECTION OF 4 AFFORDABLE DWELLINGS AND 3 FULL MARKET DWELLINGS
7.2.1.	No. - 61785 Type - Application	RESOLVED: Approve 30 SANDRINGHAM GARDENS BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 3FX - ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY

Initialled:

Chairman.

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Bank Balances & Payment Schedule.

Bank Balances		£	
	Current	47682.90	05/10/16
	Deposit	15938.59	30/09/16
		£63,621.49	
	Less uncleared cheque payments	722.28	
	Plus uncleared deposits	0.00	
	Council Accounts Balance	£62,899.21	
	Earmarked Funds – Burial Ground	8210.27	
	Tawstock Village Hall	600.00	

Item	Ref.	Payee	Purpose	£
8.2.1.	575	Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance	483.48
8.2.2.	576	Tawstock Village Hall	Sept Meeting	12.00
8.2.3.	577	HMRC	PAYE – Oct	9.20
8.2.4.	578	Clerk	Salary – Oct	521.08
		To Ratify:-		
8.2.5.	574	ISS Facility Services Ltd	Supply & Fit Goal Net	243.84
		Invoices Received after Agenda compilation - To Be Ratified		
	575	Grant Thornton UK LLP	External Audit	240.00
		Income Received in period		
		North Devon District Council	Precept – 2 nd half year	7951.00
			Parish Grant – 2 nd half year	1216.50
			Council Tax Support Grant – 2 nd half year	254.18
			Bank interest	0.66

Signed:

Chairman.

Dated:

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My Brief:-

1. As you will know North Devon Council along with other local authorities and groups are dismayed at the possibility of losing any of our NHS facilities at our hospital and we are working hard to send that message both to the Government and the NHS. We need to ensure our message along with others is fully understood.
2. North Devon Council recently had a Peer Review. This is where, through invitation the Local Government Association and Councillors and Officers review our performance. The review also discussed matters with other organisations to establish working relationships. The review was thorough and we await a final report which we will share warts and all. However, the initial findings were positive and the areas we need to review are capacity and prioritising. Nevertheless the team thought our staff first class. Something I would also agree with.
3. We will run another Parish Forum on the Tuesday the 15th of November.
4. I was pleased to be invited to Petroc's opening of their new Hospitality suit last Thursday and was pleased to see your Mayor had also been invited. ~
5. You will no doubt have seen in the Journal and on television that 70 refugee children were brought into Torrington over the weekend. They will be assessed and then move to other areas. However. The Executive at North Devon Council will take a view on the type of support we may offer in the not too distant future. It is a very emotive subject with very differing opinions.

Des Brailey MBE