



Mr Steve Whiteley  
Chairman  
North Tawton Town Council  
The Square  
North Tawton

7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Mr Whiteley

Re Application for Permission To Use The Chapel of Rest

As Chairman of ANTs I write to express the society's appreciation of the Town Council's offer to allow ANTs to use the Chapel of Rest to store props used by the town's dramatics society. However I understand that whilst the Council has agreed that we can use the Chapel of Rest this would only be for a very limited time, until April.

Unfortunately such a short time would make it very difficult for ANTs to take up this helpful offer. It is sometimes difficult to find volunteers to take part in productions let alone furniture removals! We are however preparing to marshal the troops to help out once the current COVID precautions make it safe to do so, which is unlikely to be before April in any event.

I am therefore writing to ask the Council to consider whether ANTs could enter into an agreement that we can use the Chapel for 12 months, renewable, but with an opportunity for the Council to give ANTs 2 months notice at any time after the first 6 months of any 12 month period should the Council so wish.

As members of the Council will no doubt be aware this is the standard term used in 12 month tenancy agreements. It would effectively give ANTs some security for a period of 8 months with the possibility that we could use it for 12 months and then apply to renew the agreement for a further 12 months on the same terms.

Such an arrangement would be more manageable for ANTs and hopefully would not be to the detriment of the Town. We do understand that in the future others may be competing for use

of this facility and that it will of course remain a matter for the Council if they prefer the Chapel of Rest to be used for another purpose.

I would be grateful if this request could be put before the Council.

Yours sincerely

***JW***

Jenny Williamson

Chairman of ANTs