

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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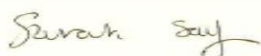
You are hereby summoned to the meeting of the North Tawton Town Council Estates Committee to be held on: **Wednesday 20 May 2020 at 7.15 pm – please refer to the information below re remote meetings – this meeting will be a remote meeting and attendees, including members of the public, should start logging on to Zoom from 7.00 pm to allow the meeting to commence at 7.15.**

Please note: In order to allow Local Authorities to function during the Covid-19 emergency, the Government has now issued legislation which, amongst other provisions, allows Councils to hold meetings remotely using appropriate technology. NTTC has decided that its meetings will be held remotely until further notice and has adopted the use of Zoom Conferencing software for this purpose.

Members of the Public are welcome to join the meeting if they have suitable equipment in order to log onto Zoom. Any personal data provided in this connection will be held securely, and will be destroyed by 1 April 2021 or at any time as requested by the person concerned.

Members of the public wishing to join the remote meeting can request to join – you need a Zoom account, and when you request to 'join a meeting' the reference number you need is **892-1624-9886**. For security you will be kept in a virtual 'waiting room' until you are admitted to the meeting. The rules for a virtual meeting are the same as for a live meeting in relation to any disruptive behaviour, ie the ability to remove users from the meeting. Background screens and uploading of documents will be disabled.

If you have any problem logging onto the meeting please telephone 01837 880121 for advice.



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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence** - To receive apologies from Councillors unable to attend.
2. **Declarations of Interest** - Councillors are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting.

If Councillors have any questions relating to predetermination, bias or interests in items on this Agenda, then please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

3. **ROSPA inspection report of Memorial Park Play equipment**
 - 3.1 The annual inspection of the play equipment has been undertaken by RoSPA. Members are to consider recommendations and action required.
4. **Memorial Park - kick about/football pitch - additional turf planting (106 application).**

WDBC Officer Alexis Huggins has been approached reference NTTC applying for a small amount of the relevant S106 funding to make necessary improvements to the kick-about area in the park. The Council's grass cutting/landscaping contractor has been approached to provide a quote for these improvements, this is necessary if the council applies formally for this funding.

5. Wild flower planting – Trial areas and impact on Goldenleaf contract

5.1 Members will recall the agreement to trial wild flower planting on the area around the monkey puzzle tree, and around the SUDS pond. Further to discussions with the Councils contractor, members will be advised as to any likely impact on the current grass cutting contract.

6. Use of Pesticides in the town

6.1 This matter was discussed at a meeting of the Council's Nature Group but requires wider discussion within the Council. It would be useful to have this discussion and decide how best to take this forward in the town. Members are advised that a recent complaint was received about the use of Roundup. There have been other complaints in the past, but conversely there have also been complaints about weeds on the pavements.

6.2 Due to a misunderstanding on the part of the recent complainant, this matter originally went to Cllr B Ratcliffe. Cllr Ratcliffe advised that the WDBC Member for Sticklepath has done considerable research into alternative weed-killing methods and may well be able to advise NTTC in this regard.

7. Flower planters in the square

Members are advised as follows:

- The large planter outside the office cannot be repaired.
- A quotation had been provided by a local contractor for a replacement item in hardwood but the materials are unavailable at present.
- In the light of this two new large wooden planters have been ordered at a very reasonable price. Decisions as to longer term replacements, if necessary, can be made at a future stage.
- One trough will go outside the office, the other will go, on a temporary basis at least, adjacent to the clock tower where the bench is broken.
- The Clerk has spoken to the Council's contractors who have confirmed that they will plant up all of the Council's decorative troughs as usual.
- Appropriate arrangements have been made as to delivery of the new troughs, new liners, soil, etc.

8. Impact of current situation on Estates responsibilities – Park, Toilets, Cemetery etc

The Chair and/or the Clerk will update members on any relevant issues and any other items to be discussed.

10. Questions/Comments from members of the public

The meeting shall be suspended to allow members of the public to comment/ask a question on any **AGENDA ITEM ONLY – PLEASE QUOTE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER**. Time is limited to 2 minutes per person, up to a maximum of 3 persons, unless the Chairman rules otherwise. A brief record of any points made will be included in the minutes of that meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council shall be Tuesday 2 June 2020 at 7.15 pm, via Zoom – any change to this will be notified when the relevant agenda is published.

PART II - EXEMPT REPORTS:

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by S.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.