

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting of North Tawton Town Council Transport Committee: Tuesday 18 October 2022 at 7.30 pm – North Tawton Town Council Office

MINUTES

PRESENT	COUNCILLORS	NON-COUNCILLORS WITH VOTING RIGHTS
	Colin Lee (Chair)	Sara Luck
	Steve Whiteley	
	Mark Kennedy	
	Kevin Hodge	
	Melanie Bickell (Town Clerk), 2 Members of the public	

T1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Ranford, Cllr Martin, Nicola King, and Kay Caldwell were unanimously approved. Peter Hawkes resigned

T2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

T3. PUBLIC PERIOD

Mrs Hughes gave her permission for her details to be included in the minutes and referred to agenda item T9. A week ago today, the council planted a tree close to monkey puzzle tree, which is where the new bench was put. The NP theme 3 policy CH1 green space designation, identifies this area of the park as site 1, a designated green space which fills the criteria from NPPF, and the thought of ripping up to put in more parking goes against the NP and NPPF

Jacqui Dobson gave her permission for her details to be included in the minutes and raised car parking in general in the town is very poor, and at the top of High Street, 5 people have had their cars hit whilst parked. People cannot enjoy the park or town as they cannot park, and a designated green space is not relevant if you can't park to enjoy it. Also, the problems with large lorries that don't need to drive through the town is worse now than 10 years ago, and with planning applications for terrace housing to convert to flats which brings additional car requirements, is putting additional pressure on trying to find parking.

T4. TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE *(doc T4)*

Cllr Whiteley proposed to accept the committee terms of reference, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, 4 in favour, and resolved.

T5. NOTES OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING GROUP MEETING ON 30TH JUNE 2022 - *(doc T5)*

approved

T6. 7.5 TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT THROUGH NORTH TAWTON - *Actions List item 046/22*

Town Clerk to request a meeting with DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer

T7. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS *(doc T7)*

Cllr Lees report (doc T7) was accepted.

Town Clerk to chase DCC for a response regarding on street EV parking provision (item 5 in report) – *Actions list item 032/22*

EV to be a standing Transport Committee agenda item and task allocations/researchers, as per the report, to remain.

T8. NORTH TAWTON SPEEDWATCH GROUP *Actions list item 047/22*

Currently only have 2 volunteers, minimum training requirement is 4 so cannot proceed at present. Committee to recruit and advertise

T9. MEMORIAL PARK CARPARK ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES

Cllr Hodge proposed to refer this to full council for a decision. No seconder motion failed
Cllr Kennedy proposed not to progress applying for additional parking spaces in the memorial park carpark, seconded by Cllr Whiteley, 4 in favour, 1 against and Resolved

T10. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN HIGH STREET *Action List item 048/22*

Sara Luck agreed to conduct a survey of High Street during 2 afternoons in November and Cllr Lee to source a volunteer to do likewise for Market Street.
Town Clerk to add to agenda for discussion with DCC Highways local neighbourhood highways officer meeting

T11. PARKING IN THE SQUARE *Action List item 049/22*

Town Clerk to add to agenda for discussion with DCC Highways local neighbourhood highways officer meeting, regarding parking restrictions and update on double yellow lines

T12. NEW BUS SERVICES/TIMETABLE FROM 30TH OCTOBER 5A/5B, 315/345

The new timetable was noted. No Challenge was agreed

8.41pm Sara Luck left the meeting

T13. OKEHAMPTON PARKWAY RAILWAY STATION

Cllr Lee provided an update which was noted

T14. VERBAL REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Request for reinstatement of 40mph limit east and west of De Bathe Cross to be added to agenda for discussions with DCC Local neighbourhood highways officer Josh Scillitoe

At Chairs Discretion public period was opened

Mrs Hughes commented that the town centre carpark could be redesigned to allow more cars with the removal of the banks. Clerk to place on next agenda

Mrs Hughes also recommended speaking with the owner of the land where the Yew Trees are entering Devonshire House with a view to allowing car parking for the town. To be added to next agenda

T15. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

20th October 2022 6pm for Cllrs, 7pm for public – Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting Rugby Club
1st November 2022 7.30pm – Ordinary Council Meeting – Rugby Club

Meeting closed 8.50pm