

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting of North Tawton Town Council Transport Committee: Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7.00 pm – North Tawton Town Council Office

MINUTES

PRESENT Cllr Lee (Chair) Cllr Kennedy Cllr Hodge Cllr Martin
Kay Caldwell Nicola King Noah Smith
Town Clerk Melanie Bickell, 3 members of the public

1.23T APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Whiteley, Cllr Ranford and Sara Luck were unanimously approved

2.23T DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

3.23T PUBLIC PERIOD

Members of the public requested their names be recorded in the Minutes

Mrs Hughes raised agenda item T6 and sought reassurance that by providing Electric Vehicle charge points in the town carpark, any redesign would ensure no regular parking spaces were lost to accommodate them and item T4.3 gave support for some form of crossing

Mrs Knott raised agenda item T9 and would advise the Clerk of one non councillor who would be willing to volunteer as a salt warden, and item T6 that the Council will only get one opportunity to do the redesign correctly and should employ a professional who knows what they are doing

Mrs Mansfield asked the committee to consider placing a mirror for cars coming out of Barton Street where it meets High Street – Future agenda item – **Action Clerk to make enquiries to inform next agenda.**

Mrs Mansfield also raised the issues of the number of potholes in Barton Street, some of which had been repaired before Christmas and have now re-appeared and requested a more permanent repair be sought by the Council as this was a waste of money and effort to keep repairing. **Action Clerk to refer to DCC Highways Officer** and agenda T5. Parking in the square restrictions would be detrimental to the businesses in the Town and urged the Council not to impose time restrictions

4.23T MEETING WITH DCC HIGHWAYS OFFICER – (doc T4.011.23)

4.1. Double Yellow Lines Town Centre (Actions list 049/22)

No update – clerk chasing response

4.2. 7.5 tonne weight limit through North Tawton (Actions list 046/22)

No update – Clerk chasing response and request for copy of DCC policy – members to further incorporate into 20mph zone discussions.

4.3. Pedestrian crossing in high street (Actions list 048/22)

DCC have advised that due to the cost and infrastructure changes required, disturbance to residents and potential loss of carparking are not considered viable to proceed with this option – members to incorporate into 20mph zone discussions

4.4. EV Charging Points (Actions list 032/22)

See Minutes item T5

4.5. Parking in the square (Actions list 049/22)

Members agreed there was no demonstrated evidence to impose further timed parking restrictions in the Square and that until such evidence appears or the need arises, the committee take no further action

4.6. Town Centre carpark sign (Doc T4.6.01.23)

It was Resolved on the proposal by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Kennedy, to stick blue parking signs with arrow on the bin by the clock tower to direct people to the town carpark – (3 non-Cllrs unable to vote but gave their support)

Power to incur expenditure RTRA 1984 s.57(1)(b), budget provision - carpark

4.7. Redesigning part of the Square (Actions list 050/22)

Cllr Martin explained that the project would be the responsibility of DCC who own the Highway, but as NTTC are requesting a feasibility study, we must submit a design to DCC for them to consider prior to them paying for a feasibility study. The desired consequence is that as NTTC have declared a Climate Emergency, the benefit would be an increase in the number of parking spaces and changes to part of the traffic flow, to make it safer for people crossing to the post office and exiting the Town Hall from highly polluting larger vehicles. Dist Cllr Ratcliffe is drawing up a rough design to submit to DCC Highways via the Town Council

4.8. VAS Batheway

It was resolved on the proposal of Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, that NTTC pursue options of purchasing a VAS for Batheway and private land to install it on and report back to next committee meeting, 4 in favour (3 non-Cllrs unable to vote but gave their support)

Power to incur expenditure – RTRA 1984 s72(1) – budget provision to be determined

5.23T ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING (Doc T5.01.23)

Cllr Lee presented his report and Kay Caldwell commended him on the information he had been able to obtain to date and recommended that the report include and reflect that North Tawton have declared a climate emergency

Communication with Burrigge Printers and North Park Vets have taken place with regards to them providing space for a public EV charge point, both of whom were interested and would investigate possibilities and options.

Action Clerk to make additional approaches to Arla, Gregories and initial approach to the Doctors with regards to a meeting to discuss potential provision of public EV charge points at their premises

NTTC to promote and encourage residents to share their home EV charge points by articles in the Roundabout, details on Council website and Town FB Hub

It was resolved on the proposal of Cllr Martin, seconded by Kay Caldwell, to recommend to full council proceeding with EV charging points outside The Barbers in The Square and the Town Centre Carpark and the Clerk to obtain quotes for their installation and management, all in favour

6.23T TOWN CENTRE CARPARK REDESIGN (Actions list 001/23)

It was resolved on the proposal of Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Kennedy that the Clerk obtain quotes from professional organisations to ascertain if it is possible to redesign provide at least 2 EV charging points without the loss of ordinary parking spaces in the Town Centre carpark, all in favour.

Power to incur expenditure RTRA 1984 s.57(1)(b), budget provision – carpark reserves

7.23T APPROACH TO LOCAL LANDOWNERS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOWN PARKING

The owner of land by Devonshire House has agreed to discuss further with the Council in the Spring.

It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting with the Fire Station, owner of Crawfords Yard, Arla and Gregories to discuss the provision of public parking and EV charge points, NTTC to be represented by Cllrs Lee and Martin

8.23T NORTH TAWTON SPEEDWATCH GROUP (Actions list 047/22)

NTTC need at least a further 2 volunteers to form an active speed watch group. Discussed further under 20mph zone item

9.23T SALT WARDENS

Volunteers to act as Salt Wardens for the Parish should contact the Clerk

10.23T 20MPH ZONE (*Actions list 047/22*)

All requests for a 20mph speed limit will be considered taking into account the average speed in that community and the number of vulnerable and elderly people in that area.

Other factors to be considered will be the speed related casualty collision history in the area, the level support for a 20mph within in the community, the presence of an active Community Speed Watch and the community's deprivation index ranking

NTTC to do not currently meet the criteria or able to supply the required data and evidence to apply for a 20mph zone

It was resolved on the proposal of Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, that North Tawton Town Council want a 20mph zone from Strawberry Fields to Taw Bridge, North Street and Essington as the Town has declared a climate emergency, the pollution from speeding vehicles and large vehicles along these routes is in contradiction to our declaration, and the safety of children and residents is paramount as they are at risk from these vehicles and the roadway is not suitable for a pedestrian crossing to allow safe passage to and from the shop and school and the lack of pavements along some sections of the routes, forcing pedestrians to share space with speeding and large vehicles, 4 in favour. 3 Non-Cllr Members expressed they were in favour but were unable to register a formal vote

Clerk to agenda this item for the Annual Town Meeting on 16th March to gain public support and recruit speed watch volunteers to enable NTTC to be in a position to submit an application for a 20mph zone when next advertised by DCC

11.23T GWR TRAINS STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

Cllr Lee completed the survey on behalf of the Council stating we would like to see more trains and more stations

12.23T TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Tuesday 18th April 7pm

Tuesday 11th July 7pm

Tuesday 10th October 7pm

Tuesday 23rd January 2024 7pm

13.23T VERBAL REPORTS/UPDATES ON ACTIONS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None made

14.23T PUBLIC PERIOD

Mrs Hughes advised members that agenda item T7 should include the Doctors as Bow practice bought a designated number of parking spaces with the surgery – Action Clerk to include the surgery when requesting a meeting and the owner(s) of the field alongside Devonshire House (to the right) should also be approached with regards to the possibility of additional parking or the Town – Action Clerk to investigate

15.23T DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 7th February 2023 – Full council meeting 7.30pm NT Rugby Club

Tuesday 18th April 2023 – Transport Committee 7.00pm Council office

8.52pm meeting closed