

NORTH TAWTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2023

North Tawton Town Hall

Please join us at 7pm for light refreshments served by your Town Councillors
The meeting will commence at 7.15pm

Invitation to the Annual Town Meeting which is open to all electors in the Parish of North Tawton, who have the right not only to attend but also to speak on any matter of local interest.

This is not a Town Council Meeting therefore, the Council are not legally permitted to make decisions at this meeting. Matters requiring a Council decision will be placed on the agenda for the Town Council Meeting 4th April 2023

AGENDA

1. **Minutes** of the Town Meeting held on 23 April 2022 and matters arising
2. **Reports/guest speakers**
 - **Chair annual report** – Cllr Ruth Testa
 - **Annual Financial report** – Cllr Steve Whiteley
 - **Allison Homes (Batheway Phase II developer)** – Jamie Snell to update on the development and answer questions.
 - **DCC** – County Councillor James McInnes
 - **WDBC** – Borough Councillor Barry Ratcliffe - Planning application changes 2023 (pre-recorded video. Questions will be taken and submitted to WDBC Senior Planning Officer)
 - **Town Council elections 4th May 2023** – Town Clerk
 - **20mph limits** – Cllr Lee - The Parish to have an active community speed watch in order to apply.
3. **Public session – The Council wish to hear from parishioners, particularly on the following matters that have come before the Council or are likely to come before the council.**
 - **Clock Tower canopy collapse** – rebuild and costs approximately £17,000 – should it be rebuilt.
 - **Public Toilet Market Street** – views on maintaining the service for 2024 onwards. The toilets are open and maintained at taxpayers' expense. Annual Cost 2023/24 £7,500
 - **Redesigning the traffic flow of The Square** – is it required, is it supported, should residents pay towards any costs if DCC refuse (i.e., feasibility study £3,500)
 - **Dog Exercise Field** – Should the Council pursue any options to purchase and maintain a dedicated area for dog exercise at taxpayers' expense. (Purchase cost and annual maintenance cost currently undetermined)
 - **St Peters Churchyard** – The closed Churchyard belongs to the Church but responsibility to maintain the entire grounds including the Lych Gate, but not the church building, is the responsibility of the Town Council and paid for by all of the Taxpayers of North Tawton (£22,771.00 in 2022/23 = 6% of precept) – Lych Gate requires repair in 2023/24 costing £7,500-£10,000.
 - **Questions and matters raised from members of the public on any other matters**