

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting of North Tawton Town Council

Transport Committee:

Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 7.30 pm – North Tawton Town Council Office

MINUTES

PRESENT Cllr Lee (Chair) Cllr Whiteley Cllr Kennedy Cllr Hodge
Cllr Simmons Peter Brickley Nicola King Noah Smith
Melanie Bickell Town Clerk, 2 members of public

30.23T APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The apologies received from Cllr Martin and Cllr Ranford were unanimously accepted. The resignation of Kay Caldwell was received, and members extended a vote of thanks to Kay for her commitment to the Transport group and wish her well. Clerk to send a letter of appreciation. Apologies were not received from Peter Hawkes until after the meeting

31.23T DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

32.23T PUBLIC PERIOD

Mrs Hughes consented for her name to be recorded in the Minutes and raised agenda items T5 and T10, EV charging points and disabled parking in the Town Centre carpark and referred members to the Transport Committee minutes of 18th April 2023, reference 28.23T where concern was raised that disabled carparking in the town centre carpark is proving difficult now that a bay has been removed and some residents are permanently parking in the bays. The Council were asked to reconsider the number of disabled parking bays. The proposal from the EV charging company is to use both of the current disabled bays for EV charging, so what would happen if this were to go ahead and a disabled driver with a non-electric vehicle and an EV driver both required to use one of those bays

Mrs Knott consented for her name to be recorded in the Minutes and also raised agenda items T5 and T10, and stated her concern that the loss of any standard parking bays will be difficult for the town and asked the Committee if they felt they should reconsider their decision made on 30th June 2022 [as the traffic and parking group] when you decided against a survey to establish the amount of public EV charging required, and enquired if the committee were still pursuing an EV charger at the bottom of Burridge printers in the town.

33.23T CHAIRS UPDATE

Minutes of 18th April 2023 were approved on 9th May 2023 at full council meeting.

34.23T EV CHARGING POINTS (Doc T5.0723)

Burridge printers are prepared to host an EV charge point, but the Council would need to fund it, therefore, this is currently on hold. North Park Vets are also interested but the Council would have to pay to dig out another parking bay at the end of their parking site, therefore, this is also currently on hold. The Rugby club very interested in putting EV charging points in their carpark and are in talks with the same company as the Council for fully funded installation, which if successful will provide 4 rapid charging points which would be open for public access.

The Town Council have only received one quote to install EV charge points in the town centre carpark, from RAW Charging. Other companies have failed to respond or have declined to quote. Resolved to invite RAW charging to carry out their site survey to establish what the exact layout would be of the carpark to confirm the proposal, without charge or commitment to the council, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, 6 in favour 2 against

Following receipt of the site survey report, members to determine next steps, to include if they wish

to engage a public consultation or make recommendations to full council

35.23T 7.5 TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT THROUGH NORTH TAWTON

Using the data from the traffic survey, Clerk to write to DCC Highways providing the evidence to support a 7.5T weight limit through North Tawton

36.23T VAS BATHEWAY

Resolved to support the installation of VAS at Batheway at the location advised by Highways and Clerk to obtain quotes and costs for installation in order to make a recommendation to full council for inclusion in 2024/25 budget considerations, on the proposal of Cllr Whiteley, seconded by Cllr Simmons, 5 Cllrs all in favour, 3 non-Cllrs of the committee also supported

37.23T PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WARNING NOTICES IN HIGH STREET J/W EXETER STREET

DCC Highways will not support the placement of any warning signs as the road has not been assessed as a danger. This item cannot be pursued further at this stage.

38.23T FOOTPATH SAFETY MARKET STREET INTO THE SQUARE

DCC Highways have stated that the pavement is not suitable to install any safety bollards due to the already narrow width and the kerb cannot be raised as it is needed to be accessible. This item cannot be pursued further at this stage

39.23T DISABLED CARPARKING IN THE TOWN CENTRE CARPARK

Committee to consider a new survey of the use of the disabled bays prior to next meeting.

40.23T NORTH TAWTON SPEEDWATCH GROUP

The Town now has sufficient volunteers but are waiting for the police to carry out the training, which has been delayed due to a backlog. Thanks were expressed to all volunteers for coming forward.

41.23T ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Agricultural vehicles activity overnight
Pursing evidence for a new 20mph speed limit
Barton Street state of the roadway – Clerk to send report to Highways

42.23T PUBLIC PERIOD

43.23T DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 9th October 2023 – 7.30pm Transport Committee - Town Council Office