



NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of North Tawton Town Council held in the Town Council Offices 14a The Square EX20 2EP On Tuesday 24th February 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr C Lee (Chairman), Cllr J Palfrey, Cllr C Burrow, Cllr M Kennedy,
Cllr S Whiteley, Cllr N Smith, Cllr K Hodge

In Attendance: Caroline Ellis – Town Clerk
Dr Hannah Bruni – Deputy Town Clerk
3 Members of the public

The Chairman explained to the public the meeting was being voice recorded but would be deleted on completion of the minutes.

240/24 **Apologies for absence** – Apologies tendered by Cllr McKnight (work commitments) and Cllr Watson (personal reasons) were unanimously approved.

241/24 **Declarations of Interest** – None

242/24 **Planning** –

2977/24/FUL Erection of dwelling. Land at Ss 664 013 (Clip Park) North Tawton. On the proposition of Cllr Burrow, seconded Cllr Palfrey, all in favour, the Council **RESOLVED** to object to the planning application and would submit the following comments. The plan complies with the North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan Policies but there are other material considerations including

- Not in scale with other properties
- Would dominate the area because of the site levels
- Letters of objections had been received
- Highways safety access issue as very close to the mini roundabout
- Garage located under a gym/study with no obvious fire-proofing
- Pedestrian access-pathway should be made across the land

243/24 **7.5 Tonne Weight Limit** – Six separate Highways Design Consultant companies were contacted but only one quotation had been received. A Transport Note would have to be issued to Devon Highways so they could issue a Traffic Regulation Order. This would require a site visit at a cost of £580 + VAT and in addition £640 + VAT to prepare the Order. Cllr Lee would ask Devon Highways for an accurate cost for the Traffic Regulation Order and would report to the Council final costings for a decision to be made.

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- 244/24** **20mph** - A Traffic Regulation Order would have to be written but the Council agreed to prioritise 7.5 Tonne Weight Limit at this time. The Council asked if the Clerk could investigate '20's Plenty' initiative.
- 245/24** **LEVI (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure)** - Cllr Smith explained there was a Teams meeting with DCC and he would report at the next meeting.
- 246/24** **New Cemetery** – The Clerk would be meeting with the Solicitor on 4th March 2025 and would report on the progress at the next meeting.
- 247/24** **Community Resilience Grant** - The Clerk reported there was a grant available from WDBC for projects to improve sustainability and resilience of community infrastructure or improve the range of services within the community. This is for capital purchases, purchased within this financial year. The Clerk is in the process of applying for the grant.
- 248/24** **Offroad Vehicles in Taw River** - Cllr Smith to conduct a site visit with the Deputy Clerk to establish the 'green lane' route and the deviated route.
- 249/24** **Street Lighting, - Strawberry Fields to Exeter Street and North Tawton Primary School to Webbs Orchard** – The Deputy Clerk visited the footpath from Strawberry Fields to Exeter Street and reported it was quite well lit. In the summer the tree foliage covers the streetlighting. Works to the tree overhanging the footpath would alleviate the issue and allow the light to extend down the path. The Council asked the Clerk to write a letter to the resident requesting the tree to be trimmed. Cllr Lee would conduct a site visit regarding lighting from North Tawton Primary School to Webbs Orchard. It was suggested lighting was needed by the Cemetery due to recent antisocial behaviour.
- 250/24** **Benches** – On the proposition of Cllr Burrow, seconded Cllr Kennedy, all in favour, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of two recycled plastic 'Falmouth' benches from Devon Contract Waste at a cost of £350 + VAT each.
- 251/24** **Street Planting** - Cllr Burrow would contact DCC to see if permission was required to put hanging baskets on the lamp-posts. Prices would be obtained for the plants for the hanging baskets and planters. On the proposition of Cllr Palfrey, seconded Cllr Smith, all in favour, the Council **RESOLVED** to allow a budget of £500 for the purchases of the plants. It was suggested to purchase bulbs and plants to plant around the sculpture. Cllr Palfrey and Cllr Burrow volunteered to purchase the plants.
- 252/24** **Salt Bins** – The Council asked the Clerk to investigate possible locations between Barton Hill, Barton View and Barton Close and a price for a salt bin.
- 253/24** **Vehicle Activation Sign Installation** - On the proposition of Cllr Whiteley, seconded Cllr Burrow, the Council **RESOLVED** to delegate the clerk to proceed with the ordering of the pole and overseeing the installation of the sign.
- 254/24** **Road Traffic Regulation** – The Council noted the Temporary Restriction (Fore Street, North Tawton) to enable general manhole repairs.
- 255/24** **Cemetery** - The Deputy Clerk read a report to the Council explaining the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. The Council agreed the response and asked the Clerk to reply to the member of the public.

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256/24 **Memorial Park** - The Council reported there were signs saying that dogs must be kept on the lead and must keep to the path. As the path is a designated footpath dogs cannot be excluded. It was suggested to use the marker spray and template to highlight the issue and consider updating the signage. Cllr Kennedy offered to check the signage. The Clerk would reply to the member of the public.

257/24 **Members Report** – Cllr Kennedy and Cllr Palfrey reminded the Clerk the noticeboard lock needed to be replaced. The dog waste bin at Barkers Way/Leterens Lane was overflowing. The Clerk would report this to WDBC. Cllr Palfrey would be meeting with Cllr McKnight to consider plans for Christmas Lights 2025. Cllr Palfrey asked if VE Day 80th Anniversary event could be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Whiteley wished to remind Cllrs the Council was a Corporate body. A collective decision-making body. Its decisions were the responsibility of the whole of the Council. This means that no Councillor can act alone or speak on behalf of the Council. Also, for the Cllrs to be aware of the Councillor/Officer Protocol extract 2020. New signage was needed on a development as an ambulance was not aware of more properties in the location. The Clerk would investigate. The Clerk had circulated Government changes to the National Planning Framework and how it would affect the Joint National Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Burrows reported the North Tawton's JLP and NP was still suitable.

Meeting Closed 21.04

Councillor C Lee
Chairman

DATED:

*Cllr Whiteley, Cllr Burrow, Cllr Lee, Cllr Hodge, Cllr Watson, Cllr Kennedy,
Cllr Palfrey, Cllr McKnight, Cllr Smith*