



NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a meeting of North Tawton Town Council Finance Committee held
in the Town Council Offices 14a The Square EX20 2EP
On Tuesday 15th September 2026**

Present: Cllr S Whiteley (Chairman), Cllr J Palfrey (Vice Chair),
Cllr C Burrow, Cllr M Kennedy, Cllr K Hodge, Cllr Lee, Cllr H Hyde

In attendance: Mrs C Ellis – Town Clerk
2 Members of the public

132:26/27 Apologies for absence – Apologies from Cllr McKnight, due to work commitments were approved by the Council.

133:26/27 Declarations of Interest – None

134:26/27 Public Participation – None

135:26/27 Budget 2027/2028 -

A member of the public arrived.

The Clerk was asked how many hours she spent answering Freedom of Information Requests. The Clerk explained it probably averaged 20 hours per month. This was causing the Clerk not to do her 'day-to-day' work, and she felt was falling behind with essential work.

A member of the public left the meeting.

The Committee considered the projected income and expenditure for the current year and went through the 2027/2028 budget line by line.

Suggestions were made including the following:

- Electrical inspection was due next year at all the sites.
- To create a new nominal code for Lengthsman waste disposal.

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Cllr Palfrey, Cllr McKnight, Cllr Smith, Cllr Hyde*

- Contact Croner and enquire if there was a cancellation fee to cancel the contract.
- Two defibrillators are to be maintained by NTTC next year.
- Play Equipment in the park would need replacing
- No invoice had been received from the External Auditor regarding the 2024/2025 AGAR and objections
- Objections had been submitted regarding the 2025/2026 AGAR which would incur extra External Auditor Fees.
- Work was needed in the car park by the office.
- Work to the Lych Gate
- Cost of moving granite posts at war memorial to gain access to the new cemetery
- Work to commence at the new cemetery
- Tree inspection due Spring 2027
- Elections May 2027

Meeting closed at 20.42 pm

Cllr Whiteley (Chair)
Finance Committee

Date

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