

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TAWSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 21st DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 p.m.**

Present: - Councillor Blackman (Chairman)
Councillors Bowden, Knight, N. Lines, P. Lines, Steer, Thorne and Ward.

NDC Councillors Knight and Saxby.

DCC Councillor Leaver.

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public – 1

134. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Luggar, Lofthouse and Short and DCC Councillor Henderson.

135. PUBLIC SESSION

A Parishioner raised concerns at the DCC proposal for a light controlled pedestrian crossing on the Roundswell Road approaching the Cedars roundabout. He considered that it would further increase his feeling of isolation from Barnstaple.

It was stated that DCC were currently undertaking a Public Consultation.

**136. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE
CHAIR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY**

There were no issues raised.

137. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

138. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

a) DCC Councillor Leaver

Councillor Leaver updated the Council on the decision of HATOC regarding the Bus Gate in Old Torrington Road.

The HATOC Committee had RESOLVED that a Bus Gate in Old Torrington Road be implemented subject to:

- (a) all traffic being permitted to travel southbound through the bus gate and Officers further investigate a proposal for an exemption for motorcyclists northbound;
- (b) additional traffic calming measures being investigated for Old Torrington Road, north of the bus gate; and
- (c) monitoring of the impact of the implementation of the above over a period of 12 months and for report to a future meeting of this Committee.

It was considered that the decision had not taken account of the majority of residents who had responded to the consultation, the Parish Council, NDC Councillors, the local DCC Councillor or the NDC Planning Committee.

Selaine Saxby as the MP for the area offered to help if required.

b) DCC Councillor Henderson

The Council noted a report from Councillor Henderson (previously circulated)

c) NDC Councillor Knight

Councillor Knight reported that a Litter meeting had been held in Rhododendron Avenue, Championed by Councillor Steer involving NDC Members and Officers and Members of the Public to collate ideas to tackle littering in the area.

d) NDC Councillor Saxby

Councillor Saxby had no NDC issues to report.

139. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

140. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no issues raised.

141. HIGHWAY ISSUES

a) Provision of traffic signs in Tawstock Village

No Update to report

b) Update on hedge/vegetation cutting in Old Torrington Road

It was noted that the hedge at the bus stop along Old Torrington Road had been lightly cut and most of the material left at the side of the pavement but it was not known by whom.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact DCC Councillor Henderson to clarify if DCC has cut the hedge.

c) Speeding Survey – Update

No update to report

d) Bus Gate – Old Torrington Road. HATOC decision

See minute 138 (a) above.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Clerk of ND HATOC informing that the Council considers the decision was unreasonably different to the question asked in the public consultation and questions whether further public consultation was required on the HATOC decision.

142. PROJECT PLANNING 2022/2023

Deferred to the January meeting

143. TOWER VIEW RECREATIONAL AREA PROJECT: UPDATE.

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting it had been reported by Councillor Lofthouse that NDC had left a grass border around the areas that we specifically wanted to be fully cut, particularly the area under the trees where we stated that the whole area from the wall over to the pathway was to be a wildflower and nature area. NDC had now undertaken this work and had agreed to charge only for the labour costs of £136.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the agreement of the labour costs alongside a Site Visit to consider the hedging plants needed to be replaced and to clarify and agree what fencing was required and location.

**144. LITTER BINS REMOVAL OF PRIVATE MANAGEMENT COMPANY
LITTER BIN IN OSBORNE ROAD/SANDRINGHAM GARDENS PLAY
AREA**

The Clerk reported that he had not received a response from the management company regarding the removal of the bin and if it was going to be replaced.

145. VILLAGE HALL

a) Trustee

Councillor Bowden reported that the Parish Council was eligible to be nominated as the Trustee of the Hall. However, all Members would be individual liable if anything went wrong. All Members would be trustees, those Members who did not wish to be Trustee would have to resign from the Council.

There were 2 options:

- i) Create a limited Company
- ii) Take out liability insurance. The Council currently had good public liability insurance.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the current Council Insurer to check that the current public liability insurance covered Parish Councillors becoming trustees of the Village Hall and whether any additional cover would be required to protect against all eventualities.

It was agreed that a meeting be held with the current Village Hall Committee.

b) S106 Funding

In the absence of Councillor Lofthouse this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

146. WAR MEMORIAL AND GARDENS

The Clerk reported that he had been unable to ascertain who owned the War Memorial and Gardens.

147. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) 74298 Prior approval for conversion of an agricultural building into a dwelling (Class Q (A&B), Riverside Farm, Tawstock, Barnstaple

It was noted that this application had been WITHDRAWN

- b) 74381 Single-storey rear extension and small pitched roof porch, 16 Anne Crescent, Sticklepath, Barnstaple

Concern was expressed regarding the side window and the privacy of the adjoining property.

- c) 74395 Extensions to dwelling together with raising roof & balcony, Woodlands Tawstock, Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED Approval

- d) County Matter Planning Application Variation of Condition 4 of planning permission DCC/4154/2019 for Waste Transfer Station including a waste transfer hall, single storey weighbridge office and welfare facilities building, hardstand including staff parking and external weighbridge, internal access road, new access from the existing highway, drainage, lighting and landscaping, Brynsworthy Waste Transfer Station, Brynsworthy, Roundswell, Barnstaple.

RECOMMENDED Refusal as it was considered that the amenities of the residents would be adversely affected on a Sunday along with additional noise pollution.

- e) 74352 Two storey extension to the building, including additional car parking & associated hard and soft landscaping, Node Cowork, 1 Enterprise Road, Roundswell Enterprise Park, Roundswell, Barnstaple.

RECOMMENDED that the concerns of DCC Highways be supported.

- f) 74452 Increase the height of the existing front boundary wall and installation of gates, 13 Old Bideford Road, Sticklepath, Barnstaple.

RECOMMENDED Refusal as it was considered not to be in keeping with the street scene.

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g) 74487 Erection of outbuilding, Tawstock Castle, Tawstock.

RECOMMENDED Approval

h) 74498 Extension to dwelling, 27 Elizabeth Drive, Sticklepath, Barnstaple.

RECOMMENDED Approval but raised concerns regarding the capacity of the soakaways to take the additional surface water.

148. TRACKER.

The Tracker was noted.

149. CORRESPONDENCE.

There was no correspondence to report

150. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a) Payments

RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

North Devon Council Clerks Salary (Nov and Dec)	£1,137.48
M. Isaac Clerks Expenses	£11.93
Tawstock Village Hall Hire	£15.00
C. Waldron Web Site Maintenance Fee	£33.00

b) Financial Position

The financial position as of 3 December 2021 was noted.

151. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 8.09 p.m.