

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF TAWSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 AT 7.00 pm**

**Present: -** Councillor Blackman (In the Chair)  
Councillors Knight, Lofthouse, Lines, M. Ward and S. Ward

NDC Councillors Knight and Lofthouse

M Isaac (Clerk)

**In Attendance:** Parishioner/Members of the Public - None

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Short and Thorne and DCC Councillor Mathews

**2. PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no question from Parishioners.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest announced.

**4. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

**a) DCC Councillors Reports**

The Clerk reported the following from DCC Councillors Mathews:

- i) That the iron bridge over the Taw would be closed for some time for structural repairs to one of the steel columns.
- ii) That he had secured monies to patch Old Torrington Road (OTR) from the Junction of Shorelands Road towards Old Bideford Road, to continue the work that was started in OTR from Sticklepath Hill.

The Council considered that in accordance with a decision made at the March meeting (see below) that at the same time as the above works are undertaken, for economies of scale, the works include the removal of the mini roundabout and its replacement with a junction and the provision of traffic calming measures along OTR.

‘At the March meeting it was reported that the s106 agreement from Gatcombe Mews (which was completed about 12 months ago) had allocated a sum of £20,524 towards highway works that included the alteration/removal of the existing mini roundabout at the junction of Shorelands Road.’

It was noted that a DCC Surveyor had, some time ago looked at the problem but had not provided any information re costs/timescales

The Council agreed:

- A) that the existing mini roundabout at the junction of Shorelands Road be removed and the allocated s106 funds be used to pay for the costs of its removal.
- B) that in accordance with a decision made at the March meeting that at the same time as the above patching works are undertaken, for economies of scale, the works include the removal of the mini roundabout and its replacement with a junction and the provision of traffic calming measures along OTR.

The Parish Council was keen to get the work done as soon as possible.

**b) NDC Councillor Lofthouse**

Councillor Lofthouse reported that the detailed planning application for the new Leisure Centre had been submitted. He considered that it lacked detail and not in accordance with the Local Plan and had called the application in to be considered by the Planning Committee.

He also reported that NDC was looking at grant supporting Parkwood.

He stated that DCC had produced a road plan that showed the temporary closure of the Longbridge to vehicular traffic as from 1 June 2020. This had been supported by all the NDC group leaders.

**c) NDC Councillor Knight**

Councillor Knight stated that the DCC road plan had given 5 options. Option 1 as stated by Councillor Lofthouse had been agreed in principle and the Town Council was being consulted.

He further stated that he had made contact with the contractor working on the Larkbear site and had been informed that the site would not be handed over to Persimmons until the road had been constructed through to the compound/proposed school site.

**5. MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

There were no issues to report

**7. RESIGNATIONS**

The Council noted that Councillor Lorraine Capon has resigned from the Council and that following publication of the vacancy the Council can now consider the Co-Option of Councillor.

The Clerk reported that Councillor Ian Capon had also now resigned and the legal process to fill the vacancy had been enacted.

**8. PLANNING MATTERS**

The Council considered the following planning applications:

- a) 71444 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 63392 (demolition of buildings & erection of a Lidl food store & associated car parking, landscaping & access arrangements) to allow for installation of photovoltaic panels on the roof at Land at Brannams Business Park, Oakwood Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple

Recommended APPROVAL

- b) 71464 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 63392 (demolition of buildings & erection of a Lidl food store & associated car parking, landscaping & access arrangements) to allow for changes to landscaping and boundary treatments at Land at Brannams Business Park, Oakwood Close, Roundswell, Barnstaple

"It was considered that there should be less hard surfaces and more indigenous trees/shrubs planted.

There should be a walkway provided in the car park with trees/shrubs planted to accord with the Local Plan in respect of the provision of more green areas.

That the proposed turfed area at the rear of the site should be replaced with a wild flower area.

The height of the proposed fence was considered too high and should be lowered"

**9. LARKBEAR: UPDATE.**

See minute 4 (c) above.

**10. ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS – TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENT REPORT BY ROSPA**

The Council considered the independent annual playground inspection reports.

It was agreed that an on-site meeting be held with TK Play to look at the issues raised in the report.

It was reported that spring on the gate into the Tower View play area needed adjusting.

**11. FINANCE MATTERS**

The Council re-affirmed the following Payments previously agreed:

**a) Payments**

RESOLVED:

- i) That the following payments be re-affirmed:

Tawstock Village Hall Hire of Hall	£	15.00
North Devon Council – Clerk Salary +Admin Fee (March/April)	£553.72 x 2 =	£ 1,107.44
ROSPA Annual Play Area Inspections	£	164.40

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DALC Annual Affiliation Fee	£ 577.09
CPRE Annual Membership (Agreed at March meeting)	£ 36.00
Gavin Hendry – Clearance work Tower View Playfield £250 and Maintenance Contract March/April £915.00	£1,165.00
Ucanstore.com – Storage	£ 72.00

ii) That the following payment be approved:

MR Yeo & Sons	Resurfacing Car Park Tawstock Village Hall	£5,820.00
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### **b) Current Financial Position**

i) That the following be noted:

- A) The Receipts & Payments 2019/20 and Bank Reconciliation 2019/20
- B) The current financial position as at 5 May 2020  
Current A/C £53,614.31 Business Reserve £15,998.69

ii) That the following be approved:

- A) The Annual Governance Statement as outlined in section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk
- B) The Accounting Statement as outlined in section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accounting Return 2019/20 to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk

### **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next virtual Parish Council meeting would be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 7.43 p.m.