

TAWSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 25/10/17, 19:00 at Tawstock Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr D Brailey M.B.E. (Chairman)
Cllr Blackman
Cllr Knight

Cllr N Lines
Cllr C Prideaux

Cllr N Short
Cllr C Thorne
Cllr M Ward



In Attendance:

County Cllr R Edgell
County Cllr J Mathews

District Cllr G Lane

1 Member of Public
P Dunn - Clerk

1. Public Session.

None.

2. To Approve Apologies for Absence.

RESOLVED: Apologies approved from Cllr Ward.

3. To consider application(s) for co-option.

None.

4. To Receive the following Reports:-

4.1. Chairman.

See report appended.

4.2. County Cllrs.

Cllr Mathews reported:-

- Being lobbied concerning vegetation obstructing road signage approaching Shorelands roundabout. Highways would be writing to the landowners to request the vegetation is pruned back.
- Proposals drafted and due for consultation on accommodating school bus parking. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mathews for his work on the matter.
- Representations concerning verge cutting by local residents and disposal of cuttings. It was agreed an application for a concessionary green waste bin should be submitted. **Clerk to action.**
- Availability of Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund.

Cllr Edgell reported availability of Local County Cllr Grants.

4.3. District Cllrs.

None.

The Chairman invited any questions from a late arriving member of the public.

A representative from Anglian Home Improvements introduced himself attending regarding payment due for works undertaken at Harradott Village Hall. The Chairman stated the council had repeatedly advised Anglian a correctly addressed VAT invoice was required by the council not the Pro-Forma invoices supplied to date.

5. Code of Conduct.

5.1. To consider any councillor dispensation requests.

None.

5.2. To receive Declarations of Interests in the business to be transacted.

Agenda	Councillor	Type	Reason	Dispensation
None				

6. Minutes.

6.1. 27/09/17. To sign if approved, minutes of the Council.

RESOLVED: Cllr Lines proposed, Cllr Prideaux seconded and all were in favour approval.

Initialled:

Chairman.

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Cllr Mathews reported the caravan parked on Old Torrington Road had now been removed. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mathews.

RESOLVED: The Chairman proposed and all were in favour taking Item 8.3 at this point in the meeting.

A cheque was passed to the Anglian representative who then left the meeting.

The Chairman and clerk explained to council the issues with Anglian Home Improvements concerning invoicing for the works undertaken.

7. To consider the following Planning Matters:-**7.1. Planning list.**

See planning report appended.

7.2. Planning applications received after publication of agenda.

See planning report appended.

8. To consider the following Finance matters:-**8.1. Insurance Renewal Review.**

The clerk reported the renewal papers had been circulated to councillors.

RESOLVED: The Chairman proposed, Cllr Prideaux seconded and all were in favour accepting the renewal proposal. **Clerk to action.**

8.2. Note account balances.

Noted.

8.3. Sanction payments due & instruct cheque signatories.

Taken prior to item 7 but minuted here.

The council supported the clerk's recommendation to raise a payment for the ex-vat amount due immediately, with the VAT element settled on receipt of a valid VAT invoice.

RESOLVED: Cllr Short proposed, Cllr Prideaux seconded and all were in favour settlement accounts 8.3.1 to 8.3.6 with Cllrs Short and Thorne to sign. **Clerk to action.**

8.4. Harracott Village Hall – replacement doors update.

Taken prior to item 7.

9. To consider the following Property/Environment matters:-**9.1. Highways issues.**

Cllr Lines reported clearing the drain at the bottom of Old Sticklepath Hill.

Cllr Thorne confirmed the second phase of works on Harpie Hill had not been started.

9.2. Tower View – Play Area Tenders & other Enhanced Amenities Proposals.

Plans for the footpath extensions around the playing field were discussed. It was agreed to review the distance the path should from the residents' boundary fences for submission to contractors to quote. **Cllr Knight and clerk to action.**

9.3. Grange Avenue – Neighbouring wall issue.

The clerk reported a boundary wall with cracks appearing raised by the playground inspector.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to resident requesting the wall is repaired. **Clerk to action.**

9.4. Hollywell – Repair quotation.

Defer. **Clerk to re-agenda.**

10. Correspondence / Consultation Received for consideration:-**10.1. NDC – Parish Forum Agenda.**

Noted.

10.2. NDC – Parish Grant Reduction.

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10.3. NDC – Street Naming & Numbering – 1-8 East Meadow, Eastacombe.

Noted.

10.4. DCC – Parish conference confirmed dates.

Noted.

10.5. Museum – Donation thanks.

Noted.

11. Items for report only and future agenda items.

11.1. To consider tabled items received following agenda publication.

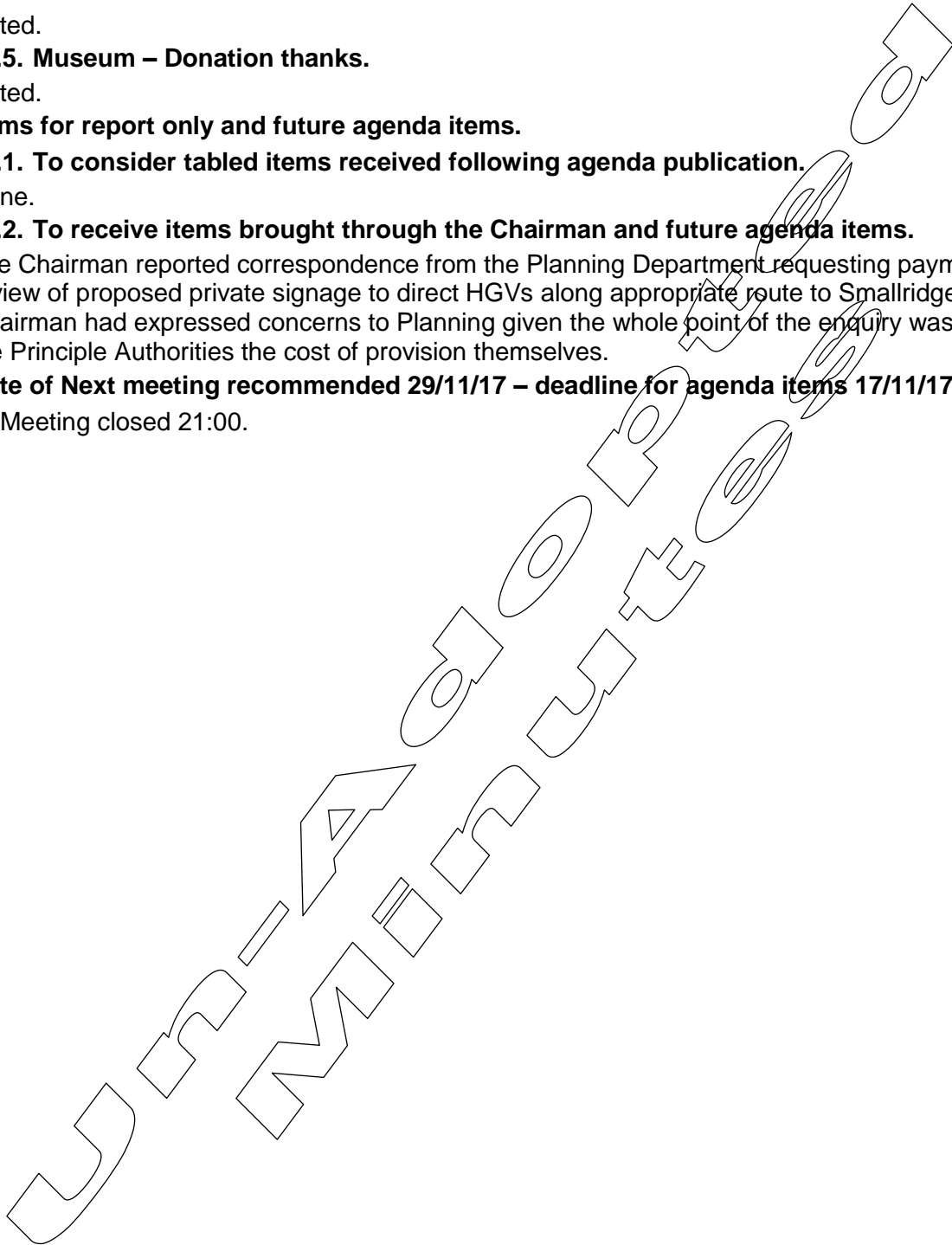
None.

11.2. To receive items brought through the Chairman and future agenda items.

The Chairman reported correspondence from the Planning Department requesting payment for review of proposed private signage to direct HGVs along appropriate route to Smallridges. The Chairman had expressed concerns to Planning given the whole point of the enquiry was to save the Principle Authorities the cost of provision themselves.

12. Date of Next meeting recommended 29/11/17 – deadline for agenda items 17/11/17.

Noted, Meeting closed 21:00.



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Planning Report

7.1.1.	No. - 63882 Type - Application	RESOLVED: Approve 13 OLD BIDEFORD ROAD STICKLEPATH BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 2DE - EXTENSION & ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING
7.1.2.	No. - 63822 Type - Application	RESOLVED: Refuse SUNSET COTTAGE CHAPELTON UMBERLEIGH DEVON EX37 9EE - ERECTION OF FORESTRY BUILDING FOR STORAGE Councillors were of the opinion the scale of the proposal was not commensurate with the size of the existing property, and expressed concern at the impact of associated vehicular movements on adjacent residences given the size of the proposed facility.
7.1.3.	No. - 63774 Type - Application	RESOLVED: Approve LAND AT THE STABLES PARK GATE TAWSTOCK BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 3HZ - CONVERSION OF TWO BARNs TO FORM TWO DWELLINGS
7.2.1.	No. - 63950 Type - Application	RESOLVED: Approve 55 OLD TORRINGTON ROAD STICKLEPATH BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 3AS - EXTENSION TO DWELLING TOGETHER WITH RAISING OF ROOF & CONVERSION OF LOFT SPACE TO FORM ADDITIONAL LIVING ACCOMMODATION

Finance – Balances & Payment Schedule

Bank Balances		£	
	Current	57764.09	04/10/17
	Deposit	15940.85	29/09/17
		£73,704.94	
	Less uncleared cheque payments	5354.55	
	Plus uncleared deposits	0.00	
	Council Accounts Balance	£68,350.39	
	Earmarked Funds – General Reserve	10000.00	
	Burial Ground	7402.59	
	Playgrounds	20000.00	
	Hollamoor Fund	5000.00	
	Harracott Village Hall	-1283.33	
	Tawstock Village Hall	900.00	
	Total Earmarked	£42,019.26	

Item	Ref.	Payee	Purpose	£
8.3.1.6	634	ISS Facility Services Ltd	Grounds Maint – Sept ****0082	987.00
8.3.2.	635	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Renewal	451.33
8.3.3.	636	Tawstock Village Hall	Hall Booking - Sept	12.00
8.3.4.	637	Barnstaple Town Council	Old Bideford Rd Verge cutting	85.00
8.3.5.	638	HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE – Oct	6.00
8.3.6.	639	Clerk	Salary – Oct	504.34

Signed:

Chairman.

Dated:

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Meeting 25TH October 2017

The planning application for 244 houses has been submitted the planning committee have reviewed some aspects but none of which are applicable to your queries. Also the committee did not take a view because. The applicant requested the Council for a deferment of a decision so that they the applicant could review the S106. A meeting was arranged between the applicant and planners for tomorrow, however, the applicant has called this off because they do not have information that has been requested by this authority in relation to the 244 homes off of Old Torrington Road. That meeting is now scheduled for November so I would suggest in light of this that we postpone our meeting until towards the end of November if that is OK with you? Then in November we can review the situation and if we have info we can meet. Further the November meeting of the Planning committee will be informed that the applicant is happy for a further postponement of their application so that they can obtain more information. The application is likely to go back to committee in December for the Old Torrington Road development part.

I have requested planning update for Tower View and authority to proceed from our Estates department. This is because Tower View is owned by the District Council. The Estates department has given approval for the play area; however, they are waiting for details of where the pathway ought to run. Given that one councillor has requested that we consider a slightly smaller perimeter path.

There has been much hype about the Link Road our MP Peter Heaton-Jones is continued to press Central Government to support the £88 million required for the phase one of the project. That is from Bonners Bridge through to Bideford the junctions will be upgraded and the County Council are keen to ensure that there is no right turns. However, they will need to get sufficient turning places to allow traffic to go to a roundabout close by and return to the junction if it is on the right. There have been indications from others who have been mischief making suggesting that the District Council borrow funds to help. In fact this is not a statutory requirement of the district and as such would be very difficult to borrow funding for something that is the responsibility of higher authority. Nevertheless we are doing all we can to assist by ensuring fast track S106 money that is associated with the highway is quickly passed to the County Council.

On the 13th November we have another Parish Forum for parishes to attend. Our speakers will be the leader of the County Council a representative of the Police and Crim Commissioner, Go North Devon, CAB and the North Devon Voluntary Service. Who would like to explain their roles and ask that Councils consider helping with grant funding. There will also be a representative form the Police and general questions and updates as things unfold.