

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TAWSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
VILLAGE HALL, TAWSTOCK ON
WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.00 pm**

Present: - Councillor Luggar (Chairman)
Councillors Blackman, I. Capon, L. Capon, Knight Lines Thorne,
and M. Ward.

NDC Councillor Knight.

DCC Councillors Edgell and Mathews

M Isaac (Clerk)

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

73. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor S. Ward and NDC Councillor Saxby

74. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no issues raised by Parishioners.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced:

76. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors Edgell and Mathews stated that due to the August recess there were no DCC issues to report.

77. HIGHWAY ISSUES

- a) Old Torrington Road
- i) Provision of Pavement/Safe Crossing Point/Drop Kerbs (Southern End)

Councillor Mathews stated that Paul Young had asked Finance to send out the request for the monies owed and suggested that the Parish Council contact Paul Young to ask what was happening, in order for the actions to be progressed

- ii) Provision of safe crossing point from junction of Old Bideford Road to Grange Avenue

Councillor Mathews suggested that James Anstee be contacted regarding the above as he was dealing with the pavements etc

- iii) Clearance of vegetation/overhanging trees etc (Southern End)

Councillor Edgell agreed to contact Richard Sables to action

- iv) Parking Problems and parking restrictions. (Southern End)

Councillor Knight referred to the plan previously circulated from James Anstee regarding the provision of footpaths/cyclepath along the Southern end of Old Torrington Road. No provision had yet been made and people had to walk in the road and cross with views obscured by parked cars. A small group of Parish Councillors had visited the area and identified potential safe crossing points and pavements. He would produce an amended plan incorporating the proposed changes

It was agreed that the amended plan proposals along with the changes to the pavement at Windsor Gardens be submitted to DCC.

- v) Resurfacing of Northern End

Councillor Mathews reported that the resurfacing from the main road (Wrey Arms roundabout) to just short of the Shorelands Road roundabout had been priced and should be completed this financial year.

- b) Update on the speed checks in Old Torrington Road.

Councillor Mathews reported that the speed checks had been undertaken from 26 June to 4 July at the agreed points and passed the results to the Parish Council for analysis

- c) The bus gate at Grange Avenue and access onto the A361-A39 from the Larkbear development

Councillor Mathews stated that the 106 had not been signed. This had implications for the bus gate and the road through to the A361.

He further stated that in his opinion Persimmon may try to get all the houses off the Old Torrington Road entrance and not to build the 2million road. He had been advised that the County would oppose this and only supported the original 200 houses off of the Old Torrington Road.

Councillor I Capon questioned why monies had been diverted to the Bishops Tawton underpass. etc. Councillor Mathews agreed to investigate.

78 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Knight reported that the Planning Portal had been updated and was now more user friendly.

He also stated that he had contacted NDC regarding the re-surfacing of the southern entrance to Tower View.

79. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2019 be approved as correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

- a) Minute 61- Strategic Review of Local Road Network. To note the response from NDC Councillor Ley, Chairman of NDC Planning Committee

The Council noted the receipt of the letter from NDC Councillor Ley. Councillor I Capon stated that NDC Councillor Tucker had submitted a motion to the NDC Policy Development Committee expressing concern and dismay at the inadequate road structure in North Devon to cope with the additional new housing forced upon it by Central Government.

It was noted that DCC Officers were making a presentation at the next NDC Council meeting on the ND link Road upgrade proposals

- b) Minute 62 – Parishes Working Together. Update.

Councillor I Capon reported that Fremington Parish Council had questioned the legality of such a meeting and deferred consideration of the motion to contact neighbouring Parish Councils and ND Council to ascertain if such a strategic group had already been set up.

81. BURIAL GROUND GATES- REFURBISHMENT.

Councillor Luggar reported that the gates to the burial ground needed cleaning.

Councillor Lines volunteered to clean the gates

82. WILD FLOWER MEADOW.

Councillor Luggar reported that he had contacted the DCC Ecology Officer regarding advice/information regarding the creation of wild flower meadow areas in the Parish.

He had suggested that contact be made with the charity Plant Life who gave advice and appropriate seeds to be planted.

He had also spoken to the Chairmen of Landkey and Bishops Tawton Parish Councils who had expressed an interest.

It was agreed in principle that the provision of wild flower meadows in the Parish was a good idea and that Councillor Luggar meet initially with the Chairmen of Landkey and Bishops Tawton Parish Councils to investigate the matter further.

83. LOW BRIDGE OUTSIDE TAWSTOCK ON ROAD TO LAKE – LOOSE STONES IN ROOF.

Councillor Luggar reported that the roof of the Tawstock Bridge had been damaged by a high vehicle and masonry/stones in the roof had been loosened causing a safety risk.

The ownership of the bridge was not known but it was agreed that Councillor Luggar report the matter to DCC for action.

84. PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following planning applications:

- a) 70305 Construction of wooden framed wooden sided livestock/fodder store, Vellacott, Tawstock

RECOMMENDED that the application be approved

- b) 70335 Extension to shed in front garden, 27 Old Bideford Road, Sticklepath

RECOMMENDED that the application be approved subject to a further arboriculture impact assessment being undertaken

- c) 70185 Approval of details in respect of discharge of conditions 8(Construction Management Plan), 11 (Tree protection requirements), 12 (Ecology), 20 (Construction Management Plan & 26 (Ecology) attached to planning permission 62879, Land off B3232 & A39 Roundswell

No Comment

- d) 70197 Erection of a 1.8m high fence to a garden boundary adjacent to a highway, 10 Grange Avenue

RECOMMENDED that the application be approved

- e) 70243 Extension to dwelling together with raised patio area, 52 Elizabeth Drive

RECOMMENDED that the application be approved subject to satisfactory drainage being provided

- f) 70157 Change of use from the buildings current B1/B2/B8 uses (motor showroom) to a Class D2 (Assembly and Leisure), Unit 8 Lauder Lane Roundswell Barnstaple

RECOMMENDED that the application be approved

85 TOWER VIEW PLAY AREA

Councillor Knight reported that a small group of Councillors had visited the Tower View play area and identified issues to be addressed.

The Clerk stated that it had already been agreed that the kerb at the entrance should be lowered and the gate replaced for disabled access and some of the fence posts required replacing.

It had been agreed that the hedging required cutting back but that it should be done later in the year.

86. SOCIAL MEDIA:NEW WEB SITE

Councillor Mrs Ward reported that the new web site was work in progress but was up and running. More information and images would be added.

It was suggested that maps of the Parish and District wards should be added. Councillor Knight agreed to contact NDC regarding any legal issues with putting the maps on the web site.

87. TAWSTOCK VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK RESURFACING

It was agreed defer the above matter to the next meeting

88. VENUES FOR FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillor Blackman reported that she had contacted several venues for holding Parish Council meetings. Unfortunately for one reason or another they were not suitable.

The Cedars had offered a free trial but was a licensed premises.

The Roundswell Community Centre was a possibility but noise from other activities may be a problem.

It was agreed that before the next Parish Council meeting Councillors visit the Roundswell Community Centre to assess it suitably

89. FINANCE MATTERS

The Council considered the following Payments:

a) Payments

RESOLVED that the following payments be agreed:

Tawstock Village Hall Hire of Hall 16/7	£	15.00
Clerks Expenses – Mileage/Postage	£	14.00
North Devon Council Clerk Salary/Admin Fee (2 Months)	£	1,107.44
Ucanstore.com Hire of storage space	£	72.00
Shaw & Sons Receipts & Payments Book	£	74.40
Gavin Hendry Grass Cutting	£	160.00
Zurich Municipal Insurance Annual renewal of Policy	£	664.65
M. Ward Web Site Payment	£	100.00

Tivoli - Grounds Maintenance. Payment deferred pending receipt of detailed break-down of the invoices

b) Current Financial Position

The current financial position as at 5 September 2019 was noted

Current A/C £34,694.69, Business Reserve £15,977.33

c) Debit Card

Councillor M. Ward was authorised to investigate and obtain a Parish Council Debit Card.

90. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the following:

- a) The Council noted a letter from the Environment Agency informing that Tawstock Parish was no longer an exempt Parish from the need to require a licence to abstract water.

91. AGENDA MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING

The following issue was agreed for consideration at the next meeting:

Grounds Maintenance Contract Renewal

92. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 7.00 p.m. at Tawstock Village Hall

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.