

TAWSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 29/03/17, 19:00 at Tawstock Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr D Brailey M.B.E. (Chairman) Cllr C Prideaux Cllr M Ward
Cllr N Lines Cllr N Short
Cllr D Luggar Cllr C Thorne

In Attendance:

County Cllr R Edgell 4 Members of Public
County Cllr J Mathews District Cllr G Lane P Dunn - Clerk

1. Public Session.

Chairman welcomed all present.

Mr Clifford Bell made representations concerning:-

- Highways – Newbridge Causeway to Harpie Cross – **County Cllr Edgell to meet Mr Bell on site.**
- Flies at Harracott – **Chairman to contact Environmental Protection.**

2. To Approve Apologies for Absence.

None.

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:-

- No funding had been removed from the Education budget and to do so would be illegal; more of the available Education budget had been targeted towards Special Needs.
- In response to Cllr Ward, that work towards removal of Shorelands mini-roundabout was ongoing and involved a Highway's survey into traffic flows the length of Old Torrington Road given the substantial volume of development at the lower end. **The Chairman agreed to make enquiries concerning the outstanding pavement provision** at the lower end of Old Torrington road.

Cllr Edgell reported:-

- Council Tax increases for 2017/18.
- Scrutiny Committee seeking to achieve more rural road funding.

4.3. District Cllrs.

Cllr Luggar reported Allison Diamond had been invited to a District meeting to address local concerns on future local NHS service provision.

Cllr Edgell left.

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
9.4	Cllr Thorne	DPI	Owner of land subject of proposal	n/a

Initialed:

Chairman.

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6.1. **01/03/17.** To sign if approved, minutes of the Council.

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

6.2. To note matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

None.

7. To consider the following Planning Matters:-**7.1. Planning applications received after publication of agenda.**

See planning report appended.

7.2. Planning applications received after publication of agenda.

See planning report appended.

7.3. NDC – discontinuance of hard copy planning matters paperwork.

Correspondence dated 21/03/17 was reported and noted. The **Chairman advised he was discussing the matter further with the Chief Planning Officer. Clerk to re-agenda.**

8. To consider the following Finance matters:-**8.1. Note account balances.**

Noted. The clerk reported a reclaim of VAT had been completed and submitted to HMRC.

8.2. Sanction payments due & instruct cheque signatories.

RESOLVED: The Chairman proposed, Cllr Prideaux seconded and all were in favour settlement accounts 8.2.1 through 8.2.5, with Cllrs Lines and Thorne to sign. **Clerk to action.**

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

Cllr Lines reported the filled potholes on the road from Newbridge to Tawstock had opened up again. **Clerk to report.**

Cllr Lines reported the blocked drain at the Burial Ground had been cleared and discussions with visitors to the burial ground had raised no issues with the path.

9.2. Playground Weekly & Annual reports / equipment maintenance quote.

Councillors considered the reports and the quote obtained from the council's grounds maintenance contractor.

RESOLVED: Cllr Prideaux proposed, Cllr Lines seconded obtaining a second quote and to instruct works with the contractor with the lower quote. **Clerk to action.**

9.3. Tower View enhancements progress report.

The Chairman reported the following approximate breakdown in costs:-

- Play area £20000.
- Perimeter path £8000 (road planings) or £21000 (tarmac).
- Interpretation boards ££1000.
- Seats £700-1500 material dependent.
- Litter bins £500 installed.
- Trail posts from £200 installed depending on size/materials.

RESOLVED: Cllr Thorne proposed, Cllr Luggard seconded and all were in favour instructing the District Council Parks Department to progress the project to include costing relocation of the goal posts. **Chairman to action.**

9.4. Additional parking at Tawstock Village Hall.

Cllr Thorne left the meeting for this item.

Cllr Short reported a project was being developed to provide additional car parking on land opposite the current parish hall car park to help alleviate the congestion currently experienced.

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9.5. NDC Recycling update.

The Chairman stated there was nothing further to report at this time. The Chairman advised the County Council were looking to provide a Waste Transfer Station at Brysworthy.

10. Correspondence / Consultation Received for consideration:-

10.1. Request for update on CCG proposals for service changes to local NHS services.

See Chairman's report.

10.2. Report concerning blocked drain and slippery path at burial ground.

See item 9.1.

10.3. Report of excessive flies in the vicinity of Harracott.

See item 1.

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.

12. Date of Next meeting recommended:-

12.1. 26/04/17 19:00 - Annual Parish Meeting.

12.2. 26/04/17 19:30 - Parish Council – deadline for agenda items 14/04/17.

Noted.

Meeting closed 20:30.

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7.1.1. No. - 62639	RESOLVED: Approve
Type - Application	10 SHORELANDS ROAD STICKLEPATH BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 3AA - EXTENSION TO DWELLING
Subject to no adverse impact on neighbours	
7.2.1. No. - 62764	RESOLVED: Approve
Type - Application	28 SHORELANDS ROAD STICKLEPATH BARNSTAPLE DEVON EX31 3AA - CONVERSION OF LOFT TO FORM ADDITIONAL LIVING ACCOMMODATION

Finance – Balances & Payment Schedule

Bank Balances	£	
Current	46137.30	10/02/17
Deposit	15939.91	28/02/17
	£62,077.21	
Less uncleared cheque payments	651.67	
Plus uncleared deposits	0.00	
Council Accounts Balance	£61,425.54	
Earmarked Funds – General Reserve	10000.00	
Burial Ground	8566.91	
Playgrounds	20000.00	
Hollamoore Fund	5000.00	
Harracott Village Hall	2300.00	
Tawstock Village Hall	900.00	
Total Earmarked	£46,766.91	

8.2 Finalised Payment Schedule for 29/03/17.

Item	Ref.	Payee	Purpose	£
8.2.1.	600	Devon Association of Local Councils	Annual Subscription	521.05
8.2.2.	601	Playsafety Ltd	Annual playground inspection	84.00
8.2.3.	602	ISS Facility Services Ltd	42163085 – Playground Inspections	192.78
8.2.4.	603	HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE – Mar	9.20
8.2.5.	604	Clerk	Salary – Mar	496.08

Income Received in period

Peter Roberts	Memorial Fee	46.00
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Signed:

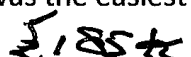
Chairman.

Dated:

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The District is starting a review of our boundaries. This is district boundaries and not parish boundaries. This is a process that is triggered by the Boundary Commission when there are disparities both plus and minus for numbers of electors in a given ward. When this reaches 30% then the Commission ask us to carry out a review. The Commission will in the end agree or not on the outcome and they will either accept or impose what they believe is correct.

Theatres. As many will know we now have the keys back for the theatres and we took control of these on the 20th March 2017. To avoid anything leaving the theatres we paid £24,000 for the items the Theatres Trust had identified as theirs. To have refused this would have resulted in the Administrator removing the items and it would have cost the Council many times that to reinstate the equipment. I have reviewed the Queens theatre and can assure you everything is in tact. We are now in negotiations with Parkwood Theatres who run 3 other theatres one in Weston-Super-Mare, one in Crawley and one in Maidstone. They are in the process of acquiring another 2 to 3 theatres on top of our two. However, the Queens and the Landmark will be run temporarily from the 1st of April 2017 to the 31st of March 2018. During that period we will arrange a tender process for any would be company to run the theatres. We will take a view and let a new contract next year. However, we needed to get the theatres up and running as soon as possible and this was the easiest way. Albeit it will be many weeks before we have professional acts at the theatres. 

Much has been discussed about Barnstaple Fair and we have decided to put this on Tower View. No seriously we have decided to open up some land on Severn Brethren and the fair perhaps in 2020 or thereabouts will operator from there. This is not a cheap option but we need to assist where we can. The Showman's Guild Representatives were happy about this.

NHS. I have written to the Secretary of State, and the lead member of the Success regime Angela Pedder. My portfolio holder has also written to Alison Diamond following an open meeting with residents at the Cedars on the 6th March 2017. We had a lively debate and the residents did not hold back and clearly sent a message through the NHS Trust CEO that they were unhappy possible outcome of loosing facilities here in North Devon. Our MP Peter Heaton-Jones has also taken Angela Pedder around our area to show how difficult it would be to get from some areas to say Exeter.