

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF TAWSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE 2020 AT 7.00 pm**

Present: - Councillor Blackman (In the Chair)
Councillors Knight, Lofthouse, Short, M. Ward and S. Ward (for minutes
23 - 25)

NDC Councillors Knight and Lofthouse

M Isaac (Clerk)

In Attendance: Parishioner/Members of the Public - 2

13. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor S. Ward

14. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions from Parishioners.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

16. DCC COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

a) DCC Councillors Reports

In the absence of DCC Councillors Edgell and Mathews there were no DCC issues to report

b) NDC Councillor Lofthouse

Councillor Lofthouse had no NDC issues to report

c) NDC Councillor Knight

Councillor Knight had no NDC issues to report

17. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

There were no issues to report

19. HIGHWAY ISSUES

- a) Pavements/Footway Crossings/Parking Restrictions, Old Torrington Road, Gratton Way - Sandringham Gardens

The Council considered a report by Councillor Knight (previously circulated) regarding the provision of pavements/footway crossing/parking restrictions along Old Torrington Road from Gratton Way to Sandringham Gardens.

Members expressed concerns about pedestrian safety at the GrattonWay junction, as a multitude of vehicles including articulated HGV, were using it as a cut through, and mounting the verge to get round the tight corner.

The scheme did not allow for any overflow parking from the crematorium. This would be very obstructive when the Crematorium was operating busy services one after the other.

When there were a series of busy funeral services, the lack of extra overflow parking in the road would cause serious difficulties in Phillip Avenue, Grange Avenue and further afield.

The pedestrian crossing indicated, just south of the crematorium was considered excellent for pedestrian safety but did not allow parking in the road opposite the crematorium. The design of the safe crossing point needed to facilitate parking at the same time.

It was also questioned why there was still no additional streetlights included in the Scheme.

The Pavement Scheme needed a resolution as soon as possible. Traffic was increasing daily through the current bus gate as it was being used for site access to Larkbear development, and pedestrians had no infrastructure in place. Pedestrian safety was being greatly compromised and even more so when the clocks changed in the winter months.

It was RESOLVED that the scheme as presented by Councillor Knight be approved subject to the kerbs at the entrance to Sandringham Gardens being either flush with the Road surface or a set height. This was a trip hazard for the visually impaired and other less mobile residents

- b) Traffic calming on OTR and proposed removal of Shorelands Road roundabout

Following on from the comments received from Paul Young, the Parish Council again reiterated 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.’

Members noted that some time ago a DCC Surveyor had 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, 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.
- c) That to resolve the seeming lack of funds, and, in order to reduce costs, some small sections of the yellow lines (parking restrictions) be removed to allow daytime parking, that will act as natural traffic calming measures. A 20 m.p.h traffic speed limit be introduced from the Wrey Arms roundabout along the length of Old Torrington Road including all side roads

Councillor Knight commented that in view of the high level of feelings against the roundabout, the Parish Council may wish to consider contributing in some small way to help alleviate the funding problem. It was considered that a site inspection/meeting should be held with DCC Councillors and relevant parties as soon as possible, to discuss the proposals and find a way forward to resolve the issues.

- c) Barnstaple Longbridge – Alternative Proposals

It was noted that there had been no consultation on the DCC proposal to temporarily close the Longbridge to vehicular traffic and the Parish Council was not aware of the present position regarding the proposal.

20. PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following planning applications:

- a) 71530 Create access opening to front of property, The Mousehole, Harracott, Barnstaple
No Objections but noted that there was no DCC Highway report
- b) 71575 Extension to conservatory and infill front porch, 11 Alder Glade, Roundswell, Barnstaple
Recommended Approval subject to the proposed extension being in keeping with the existing property
- c) 71574 Prior approval class Q change of use of agricultural barn to dwelling house, Barn to SW of East Harracott Farm, Harracott, Barnstaple

No Objections

**21. ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS – TO CONSIDER
RECOMMENDATION OF SITE VISIT**

The Council considered the report of the Member Site Inspection (previously circulated) and quotes received from TK Play and Gavin Hendry.

It was agreed:

Tower View Play Area

- a) That consideration of the quote from TK Play for the Osmo UV coating of the wooden posts on the main multi tower and swings be deferred and 2 further quotes be sought
- b) That the quote from Gavin Hendry of £60 to spray the weeds in the play area and build up the sunken edges by the rubber surfaces be accepted.

Tudor Drive Play Area

It was agreed:

- a) Elephant Rocker Seesaw – That no action be taken but that its condition be monitored
- b) Wooden Seating - That consideration be given to seeking funding for its replacement.
- c) Fencing around the Signage – It was noted that repairs to the wall had been undertaken. That NDC Enforcement be contacted to ask if it was now safe for the fencing to be removed.
- d) Fencing – That the owner of the damaged fencing be contacted and requested to repair the boundary fence
- e) That quote from TK Play To rub Down and apply 2 x Coats of Osmo UV protection to Swing Frame be deferred and 2 further quotes be sought.
- f) That the quote from TK Play to:
 - i) Remove and dispose of existing Springy Elephant
 - ii) Supply and Install Toddler Play Structure and Basket/Shell seat swing all with Tiger-mulch safety surfacing.
 - iii) Supply and Install 2 New Sloper Bench Seats in Rainbow or Other colour with Back support on a Concrete Pad.

be deferred at present and a funding application be put together to seek Coastal Recycling Community Fund.

22. REVIEW OF S106 FUNDING

It was agreed to submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to DCC to ascertain; what s106 monies allocated for Tawstock Parish had been collected and when, and if spent where or if not spent and collected where are the funds being held.

23. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council noted the receipt of a letter regarding the North Devon Councillor Advocate Scheme.

24. FINANCE MATTERS

a) Payments

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

North Devon Council Clerks Salary (May)	£553.72
Gavin Hendry Grounds Maintenance (May)	£1,000.00
M. Isaac Clerks Expenses (April/May/June)	£24.74
C. Waldron Renewal of Domain name, Annual Web Hosting Fee & Quarterly Maintenance Fee	£101.86
J. Snooks Internal Audit Fee	£275.00

b) Current Financial Position

That the current financial position as at 5 June 2020 Current A/C £50,496.38 Business Reserve £16,001.23 be noted

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next virtual Parish Council meeting would be on Tuesday 21st July 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.08 p.m.