

SOUTH TAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Victory Hall, South Zeal, on Monday 14th December 2009 at 7.30pm

Councillor A White (Chairman)
Councillor W Cann
Councillor C White
Councillor J Pillar

Councillor J Darch
Councillor R Souness
Councillor B Woolland

Dr P Brotherton (Clerk)

In attendance: Col A Clark and Mr A Wright.

09/119 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from councillors Coombs, Curtis and J White, all for family business.

09/120 Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda and update of Register of Interests.

There were no declarations of interest and no councillor wished to update his or her register of interests.

09/121 Minutes of the last meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th November 2009 were circulated, read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

09/122 Clerk's Report

- a. **Notification from Mr Banting (DCC Area North Highway Management) that the grant for the bus shelter will be increased to £7110. Report of progress on the bus shelter project.**

The clerk reported that Mr Banting had offered the difference between the full cost of constructing the bus shelter (£7610) and a possible grant from councillor J McInnes of £500. Council noted with pleasure that Mr J Pillar had already started on the construction of the shelter and that he proposed to complete the project by the end of January 2010.

09/123 Questions from parishioners

There were no questions.

09/124 Correspondence

- a. **Report on the questionnaire on cleaning of streets and public conveniences.**

This report was made available to council.

- b. **Distribution of DNPA "What's On Supplement for 2010.**

These forms were distributed to councillors who needed them as usual.

09/125 Agenda Items for discussion and resolution

- a. **Report from Finance Group on quarterly audit.**

On behalf of the Finance Group, councillor Pillar informed the council that in his and councillor Curtis' view the accounts were in order.

- b. **Discuss tasks for parish lengthsman.**

Tasks were added to the list of jobs for the Lengthsman.

- c. **Setting the precept for 2010 – 2011.**

After discussion of the proposed budget for 2010/2011, it was proposed by councillor Souness and seconded by councillor Darch that the precept be set at £11,800 for the third year running.

- d. **Discussion on the development of The Parish Plan. Would councillors please bring their copy of the Parish Appraisal report.**

The chairman (councillor A White) introduced the discussion, welcoming Col Clark and Mr Wright to the meeting and stating that he wished to revisit the implementation of the Parish Plan. He emphasized that he considered the way forward was for lead members to engage the community as much as possible in the delivery of the targets and discussion centred on this, suggesting that parishioners who had responded to targeted areas in the questionnaire be invited to focus meetings outside regular council meeting to advise on the way forward. Councillor Cann and others outlined the progress that had been made to date and it was agreed that these needed to be publicised. Other points raised included the need to involve outside agencies, such as the Police and to prioritise the targets, reducing those to be address immediately to a manageable number. In summary, all agreed at the January meeting to:

1. review the priorities and establish a limited number of issues and proposals to address immediately.
2. publish the achievements to date.
3. identify individuals and groups who may help with particular areas.
4. review the process again within the next quarter, which may require some assistance from the steering group.

	Parish Plan areas	Parish Plan Lead person
B	Communication	Peter Brotherton
C	Crime and Safety	Ray Souness
D	Housing Needs	Julian Pillar
E	Planning	Julian Pillar
F	Transport and parking	Andy White
G	Highways and roads	Bill Cann
H	The environment	Carol Coombs
K	Shopping	Jane White
L	Social Activities	John Darch
M	Services and Facilities	Clifford White

- e. **Report on Eastern Parishes Link Committee on Thursday 19th November. Councillors Darch and Woolland.**
Unfortunately councillors had been unable to attend.
- f. **BT schemes to adopt a telephone kiosk for £1 and proposed box closures (Brought forward).**
A brief summary of the clerk's findings was circulated to councillors. The chairman (councillor A White) also informed the meeting that since this sheet had been drawn up, EDF Energy had increased the daily charge for supplying power to the boxes from 16p to 72p. In the light of all this information and bearing in mind the costs of insurance and upkeep, possible problems over land ownership and uncertainties concerning use, council agreed to wait until such matter became clearer.
- g. **The South Tawton Parish Council website. Progress report.**
The chairman brought council up to date, reporting that a meeting had been held with Mr Tilley and Mr McKnight to explore the way forward. It had been agreed to build on the existing site but decided that further information was needed before reaching a final decision.
- h. **Discussion on a second dog bin service, sited at Ramsley Common car park.**
The clerk reported that WDBC had said that they could service a dog bin on this site either once a week or fortnightly. However, WDBC has was questioned whether or not there was a sufficient need to introduce this service. After discussion the clerk was asked to research the cost of a new bin for this site in time for the next meeting.
- i. **Report on DNPA National Park Forum meeting on 27th November. Councillor Cann.**
Councillor Cann reported on the arrangements that had been put in place to allow greater freedom of speech for parishioners at Dartmoor National Park meetings and changes to planning procedures.
- 09/126 Planning**
- a. **DNPA 0532/09 (Jo Burgess, 11th December 2009). Miss C Freeman, Dove Cottage, Dishcombe, South Tawton. Listed Building Consent.** Repair and alteration of existing front porch.
Proposed by councillor A White (Chairman) and seconded by councillor Pillar, all agreed that council support this application.
- b. **WDBC 12824/2009/0KE (Jonathan Dymond, 15th June 2009) Livaton Farm, South Tawton.** Conversion of barns to 4 residential 'live-work' units including new open linhay style garage building.
DOE Appeal Ref: APP/A1153/A/09/2112993/NFW. Appellant's Name; Mr S Ellam
Appeal had been made to the Secretary of State in respect of the above site, to be decided by the Informal Hearing procedure. Representations to be made to the Planning Inspectorate by 21st December 2009
The clerk had been asked by the chairman (councillor A White) to forward council's last recommendation to the Planning Inspectorate and had done so. The clerk reminded council of its recommendations.
- c. **DNPA 0575/07 (Christopher Hart, 20th August, 2007). Mr L Thomas and Miss K Loram, The Orchard, Willey Lane, Sticklepath. Full Planning Permission.** Demolition of existing garage and workshop and provision of three new houses with garage, gardens and parking. Amended plans
On behalf of the parish council, a quorate group of councillors agreed to support this application between meetings. All agreed at this meeting.
- d. **DNPA 0468/09 (Nicola Daniel, 1st December 2009) Mrs H Poustie, for South Tawton Primary School, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission.** Installation of 32 ground-mounted solar photo-voltaic panels in the corner of the playing field.
On behalf of the parish council, a quorate group of councillors agreed to support this application between meetings. All agreed at this meeting.
- e. **DNPA 0491/09 (Louise Smith, 11th December 2009) Mr and Mrs R Summers, Rockdale, Dry Bridge, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission.** Single storey extension on east elevation and garden room on west elevation , plus new detached garage and store. Amended plans.
On behalf of the parish council, a quorate group of councillors agreed to support this application between meetings. All agreed at this meeting.
- f. **DNPA ENF/0089/09 (Jon Holmes) Land at Shilhayes, South Zeal. Unauthorised summerhouse.** To be removed.
Council noted this enforcement notice.

- g. **DNPA 0563/09 (Jon Holmes, 1st January 2010). Mrs A Werry, Devon Guides, 1 Timbers Road, Buckfastleigh. Site address Tawbottoms Campsite, South Tawton. Full Planning Permission.** Open shelter for Devon guide campers.
Proposed by councillor Darch and seconded by councillor Pillar, all agreed that council support this application.
- h. **DNPA 0567/09 (James Aven, 4th January 2010). Mrs M Hall, Moorside, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission.** Extension to outdoor menage.
Proposed by councillor Woolland and seconded by councillor Souness, all agreed that council support this application.

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Determination

- a. **DNPA 0679/08 (Jo Burgess, 24th November 2008) Mr P Haygarth, Meadowside, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission.** New dwelling and curtilage with vehicle access.
Grant of Outline Planning Permission with conditions and notice relating to a deed concerning Affordable Housing status. Conditions. Application for reserved matters to be made within a year, no development to begin before detailed drawings have been submitted and approved, no alterations made without permission, access constructed as approved, including the agreed splay, before the building is constructed.
- b. **DNPA 0488/09 (James Aven, 5th November, 2009) Mr G Gore, Gralerie Woods, South Tawton. Prior Notification.** Tool and plant store.
Refused. Reasons: Considered ...that the proposed building is not reasonably necessary for the purposes of forestry on the identified land and that therefore planning permission will be required.
- c. **DNPA BB/PB/27/15/1(39) (Mr B Beasley, Trees and Landscape Officer. 14 days). Mr T Williams, Battishill Property Ltd, West Wyke, South Tawton. Hedgerow Removal Notice** Removal of 5m section of existing hedgerow to create replacement gateway field access, as indicated on the enclosed plans
Granted. National Park Authority has not issued a Hedgerow Retention Notice.
- d. **DNPA 0469/09 (Nicola Daniel, 6th November 2009) Mr and Mrs N Maunder, Olditch Farm, Sticklepath. Full Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent.** Replacement garage, porch and conservatory.
Grant of Conditional Planning Permission. Conditions. Black cast iron gutters and downpipes, external joinery painted within one month of installation, render to porch lime based mortar, natural slate with samples, conservation rooflights, studio ancillary to existing dwelling.
- e. **DNPA 0471/09 (Nicola Daniel, 5th November 2009) Mr M Bother, Townend, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission.** Demolition /reconstruction part of rear elevation. Replacement of existing greenhouse and summerhouse
Granted: Conditions. Matching materials, conservation type rooflights, no development to be started until after 28 days notice of intention to start the development.
- f. **DNPA 0468/09 (Nicola Daniel, 1st December 2009) Mrs H Poustie, for South Tawton Primary School, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission.** Installation of 32 ground-mounted solar photo-voltaic panels in the corner of the playing field.
Granted. Conditions: Solar panels and supporting structures to be removed if redundant and land reinstated to former condition.
- g. **DNPA 0512/09 (Nicola Daniel. 3rd December, 2009) Dr P Brotherton for South Tawton Parish Council, Brookside Cottage, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission.** Community bus shelter at Ford Cross, South Zeal
Granted. Conditions: Natural slate, nailed, samples of these and ridge tiles to be submitted. Timber stained within 30 days after completion. Example to be submitted.

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Account

15-Nov-09		Brought forward	£	£ -	£ 13,191.89
18-Nov-09	South West Water	Gratuity refund for leakage	£ -	£ 921.38	£ 14,113.27
19-Nov-09	South West Water	August-November 2009	£ 205.45	£ -	£ 13,907.82
19-Nov-09	Mr M White	Repairs to toilet block system	£ 193.68	£ -	£ 13,714.14
19-Nov-09	Scout Group	Grant for repair of scout hut	£ 600.00	£ -	£ 13,114.14
19-Nov-09	South Zeal Rec.Grd. Comm.	Grant for repair of football area	£ 600.00	£ -	£ 12,514.14
02-Dec-09	Phil Squires. Oct. 09	Cleaning toilet block	£ 80.50	£ -	£ 12,433.64
02-Dec-09	Dr P.N.Brotherton	Clerk's wages April - June 09	£ 494.00	£ -	£ 11,939.64
02-Dec-09	Dr P.N.Brotherton	Expenses July - Sept 09	£ 38.71	£ -	£ 11,900.93
03-Dec-09	Constantine Stores Ltd	Auditors.	£ 45.95	£ -	£ 11,900.93

a. **Consideration of accounts.**

Proposed by councillor C White and seconded by councillor Souness, all agreed that the monthly accounts be adopted.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm