

# SOUTH TAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Victory Hall, South Zeal, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.30pm**

Councillor A White (Chairman)  
 Councillor W Cann  
 Councillor J White  
 Councillor Coombs

Councillor J Darch  
 Councillor B Woolland  
 Councillor J Pillar  
 Dr P Brotherton (Clerk)

Before the start of the meeting the Chairman, councillor A White, asked that all councillors stand for a minutes silence to mark and remember the services to the community and the life of councillor C White, who passed away peacefully on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2010.

**10/001 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from councillors Souness and Curtis (Family matters).

**10/002 Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda and update of Register of Interests.**

Councillors Cann and Woolland declared a personal interest in item 10/008(b). No councillor wished to update his or her register of interests.

**10/003 Minutes of the last meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were circulated, read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**10/004 Clerk's Report**

- a. The clerk reported that the cost of a second dog bin would be in the region of £150. It was proposed by councillor Cann and seconded by councillor Coombs that a second dog bin be purchased. All agreed.

**10/005 Questions from parishioners**

- a. Councillor Coombs asked a question about gritting the roads during the recent bad weather, drawing council's attention to the fact that an ambulance called to attend a parishioner had not been able to get out of the village unaided and to the numerous complaints she had received from parishioners on the dangerous state of roads and pavements over this period. Further, sacks of mixed grit and salt had been stolen from various locations in the parish. On the other hand, council was pleased to hear that the grit bins had been refilled three times during this cold phase. It was suggested that parishioners who wished to report bad road conditions could ring the Highways Operational Control Centre on 01392 383329. The clerk was instructed to ask the Highways Superintendent for new grit/salt bins at a various locations, including Dry Bridge, Prospect, Shelly, South Tawton Mill and Dishcombe and grit/salt bags at other. It was also asked that he write to the chairman of Devon County Council Transport committee to highlight the problems and dangers that all parishioners in South Zeal faced when attempting to negotiate the hills out of the village in icy conditions.
- b. Councillor Cann drew council's attention to elements of the annual budget set by West Devon Borough council for the next financial year. He strongly regretted that both the Pest Control Service and the Dog Warden Partnership Scheme, both of which he strongly supported, were under review.

**10/006 Correspondence**

- a. **Agenda for a meeting of WDBC Standards Committee.**  
The clerk drew council's attention to these documents.
- b. **Letters from Police Inspector D.Hammond. An update and forecast of police work in the community.**  
The clerk read extracts from these letters to council.
- c. **Letter from Wren Music, asking for a letter to help a bid to put together a 'Dartmoor Folk Map'.**  
It was agreed that a suitable letter of support be sent to Wren Music but that, in the light of the recent grant of £200 to the organisation, no monies would be allocated to this venture.
- d. **Invitation by DNPA to an Annual Parish Council Conference at 7.00pm on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**  
Councillor Cann volunteered to attend this meeting.

**10/007 Agenda Items for discussion and resolution**

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

- a. **Discuss tasks for parish lengthsman.**  
The clerk reported that the next visits to parish was on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February. Some additional tasks were added to the list.
- b. **Discussion on the development of The Parish Plan. Would councillors please bring with them their copy of the Parish Appraisal report.**

The clerk prefaced the discussion with a description of the structure that he had had to adopt to enter the parish plan, issues, proposals and actions onto the Devon Communities in Action website. It was agreed that the same configuration could be used in this revision. Council went through the Parish Plan item by item and made some changes to the set priorities.

c. **Information concerning a direction sign on the old A30 advertising Church House in South Tawton.**

The clerk showed council rough plans drawn up by the Church House committee for a direction notice and sign near Ford Cross, advertising the venue. Whilst there had been objections and reservations from DCC Highways and from the DNPA planning department, it had been suggested by the DNPA Planning Department that support from the parish council might well over-ride these concerns. It was therefore proposed by councillor Cann and seconded by councillor Darch that council did support this initiative. All agreed. The clerk was asked to contact the Church House committee to inform them of this decision.

d. **Request from DCC to consider turning off street lighting between 12 midnight and 5.30 am.**

The proposal to turn off some or all of the public lighting in South Zeal and South Tawton between the hours of 12.30 am and 5.30 lead to the motion that "Council does not support turning off public lighting between the hours of 12.30 am to 5.30 am in residential areas", which, proposed by councillor Cann and seconded by councillor J White (Vice Chairman), was carried by a majority.

**10/008 Planning**

a. **DNPA 0590/09 (Jon Holmes, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010) Mr K Bedford, 38 Dartmoor View, Whiddon Down. Full Planning Permission.** Erection of stable block and hay store.

Proposed by councillor A White (Chairman) and seconded by councillor Coombs, all agreed that council support this application.

b. **DNPA 0015/10 (Christopher Hart, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010) Reddaways Removals Ltd, Hillways, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission.** Extension (368sqm) to existing storage building including additional parking and yard area.

Proposed by councillor J White (Vice Chairman) and seconded by councillor Coombs, all agreed that this application be supported by council. As this item had not been advertised for the requisite length of time, the clerk was asked to display this information, inviting comment, for a further 7 days. If no comment was forthcoming, council's recommendation would be forwarded to DNPA Planning department. The matter would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**10/009 Determination**

a. **DNPA 0532/09 (Jo Burgess, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009). Miss C Freeman, Dove Cottage, Dishcombe, South Tawton. Listed Building Consent.** Repair and alteration of existing front porch.

Granted. Conditions: New external joinery painted within one month of installation.

b. **DNPA 0491/09 (Louise Smith, 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

Granted. Conditions: Prior to commencement trees along southern boundary to be protected by fences with no storage on or use of the protected land.

c. **DNPA 0508/09 (Lynn Amos, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2009). Mr N Butlin, Vackadons, South Zeal. Listed Building Consent.** Reline existing chimney.

Granted. Conditions. Fill around chimney lining shall be a 1:10 mix of natural hydraulic lime and leca insulation.

d. **WDBC 13268/2009/OKE (Anna Henderson Smith, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009) North Wyke Research, North Wyke, Sampford Courtney. Full Planning Permission.** Construction of single storey research building.

Granted. Conditions: Start date within 3 years.

e. **DNPA 0563/09 (Jon Holmes, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Granted. No conditions.

**10/010 Accounts**

		Brought Forward			£ 11,900.93
01-Dec-09	NatWest Bank	Voucher STMNT Fee bank charge	£ 3.25	£ -	£ 11,897.68
01-Jan-10	NatWest Bank	Voucher STMNT Fee bank charge	£ 3.25	£ -	£ 11,894.43
05-Jan-10	Phil Squires. Oct. 09	Cleaning toilet block	£ 80.50	£ -	£ 11,813.93
09-Jan-10	Victory Hall	Hire of committee room for 2010	£ 40.00	£ -	£ 11,773.93
09-Jan-10	Post Office Ltd	EDF Energy (Sept 09 – Jan 10)	£ 60.14	£ -	£ 11,713.79

a. **Consideration of accounts.**

Proposed by councillor Pillar and seconded by councillor J White (Vice Chairman), all agreed that the monthly accounts be adopted.

b. **Grant from Devon County Council through Cllr. J.McInnes towards the cost of the new bus shelter.**

Council asked the clerk to thank Councillor McInnes for this helpful contribution through him from DCC towards the cost of this important parish facility.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.