

SOUTH TAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Victory Hall, South Zeal, on Monday 22nd March 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
Councillor R Souness
Dr P Brotherton (Clerk)

09/021 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from councillor Curtis.

09/022 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.

09/023 Minutes of the last meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22nd February 2010 were circulated, read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

09/024 Clerk's Report

- a. Bench insurance. Report on cost.

To insure the parish benches would cost either £13.86 per bench per year for £1000 worth of cover or £6.93 per bench per year for £500 worth of cover. At this time council decided not to pursue this matter.

09/025 Questions from parishioners

A question for Mr J Hatch, offering the services of the conservation group STOK, were discussed and a suggestion made of a project that needed work. The group was thanked for their offer.

Councillor Cann asked that the people who arranged the swaling on Ramsley be thanked in the minutes.

Councillor Cann also reported that a grant from West Devon Borough Council towards flood guards for houses at the foot of the village be recorded. He furnished the dates of Garden Waste collection up until July, reported on the work of OCRA within the village and mentioned his visit to Okehampton Hospital to investigate concerns about the quality of care afforded. He concluded that these concerns were probably linked to considerable underfunding.

09/026 Correspondence

- a. **Note from DCC concerning Exeter Unitary status.**

Parts of this letter, highly critical of the proposed change, was read to council.

- b. **A practical guide to the duty of regard from Natural England.**

This document was made available to council

- c. **Minutes for Monday 15th March 2010 from the Standards Committee.**

The clerk presented this document to council.

- d. **Monthly letter from Inspector Hammond.**

It was noted that body armour was to be worn by all police on patrol in future.

09/027 Agenda Items for discussion and resolution

- a. **Tasks for parish lengthsman.**

A range of tasks were added to the list.

- b. **Discussion with Mr T Argles concerning Community Energy Generation.**

Unfortunately Mr Argles was not available.

- c. **New contract for cleaning the Recreation Ground toilets.**

The clerk said that he had been instructed by Mr Squires that, although he had lost the Borough Council contract to clean their facilities, he was trying to maintain a service to some of his other customers. In the event that this was not possible, the clerk had approached Focsa who were in the process of preparing a quotation.

- d. **Discussion concerning a Boundary Stone discovered in Millfield.**

The clerk outlined the conversation that he had had with Mr and Mrs Worthington about a large boundary stone (SZ4) that had been found in Millfield by an archaeologist from Dartmoor National Park. It was agreed that the clerk ask Mr Brooker (Senior Dartmoor Ranger) and Ms Marchant (Dartmoor National Park Archaeologist) for their advice.

- e. **Report on Easter Links meeting.**

Councillors Cann and Woolland outlined the discussion about Den Brook Windfarm and council prepared for the inaugural meeting of the Den Brook Farm Community Liaison Group on Tuesday 23rd March 2010.

- f. **Discussion concerning the Parish Council vacancy.**

The clerk explained the present situation and presented a draft notice asking those parishioners with an interest in standing for co-option to write to the Chair (Councillor A White). The wording of this was modified and agreed. It was agreed that the notice would be sent to the two parishioners who had already put their names forward. The clerk and two councillors agreed to distribute the notice as soon as possible.

	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	Bryan Woolland

g. **Report from Lead Persons on aspects of development of The Parish Plan.**

Councillor Pillar reported that the Housing Association, Hastoe Group, had agreed to build four houses on a site in South Tawton. A site for a further 5 houses was being sought.

09/028

Planning

- a. **WDBC 00132/2010 (12th March, 2010) Mr N Payne, the Mill, Taw Green, South Tawton.** Erection of Polytunnel. Proposed by councillor Souness and seconded by councillor Woolland, all agreed that this application be supported by council.
- b. **DNPA 0064/10 (23rd March, 2010) Mr D Parker, Summer Glen, Ford Lane, Sticklepath.** Full Planning Permission. Timber garage
Proposed by councillor Cann and seconded by councillor A White (Chairman) ,all agreed that this application be supported by council with the proviso that the ground level be lowered to mitigate the visual impact on the near neighbour and the view from the road.
- c. **DNPA 0066/10 (Louise Smith, 19th March 2010) Higher Gooseford, Whiddon Down, Listed Building Consent.** Replacement of damaged section of stone wall at boundary.
Proposed by councillor Coombs and seconded by councillor Darch, all agreed that this application be supported by council.
- d. **DNPA 0071/10 (James Aven, 24th March, 2010) Galerie Woods, South Tawton. Certificate of Lawfulness** for the proposed use for a construction of a store at Galerie Woods.
Description emended on 26th February to read;" Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed development for the construction of a store at Galerie Woods, South Tawton" Noted.
- e. **WDBC 00138/2010 (Laura Batham, 19th March 2010) Mr T Speyer, 3 Garden Cottages, South Tawton. 2 Applications, Full and Listed Building.** Erection of replacement porch and door.
Proposed by councillor J White (Vice Chairman) and seconded by councillor Coombs, all agreed that this application be supported by council.
- f. **DNPA BB/BM/27/12/3/09/24 (Brian Beasley, 12th March 2010) Mr A Stone, Acres Wild. Tree Preservation Order.**
Proposed Tree Work
Proposed by councillor Coombs and seconded by councillor J White (Vice Chairman), all agreed that this application be supported by council.

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Determination

- a. **DNPA 0015/10 (Christopher Hart, 12th February 2010). Reddaways Removals Ltd., Hillways, South Zeal, Full Planning Permission.**
Granted. Conditions: Details of proposed surfacing materials, landscaping and planting scheme to be submitted. Landscaping and planting maintained for 5 years.
- b. **DNPA 0029/10 (Louise Smith, 23rd February 2010). Mr C Harvey, Middle Gooseford Cottage, Whiddon Down.** Extension to existing agricultural barn to form tractor shed (24sqm)
Granted. Conditions: roof to be covered in grey/black material, details of proposed joinery to be submitted.
- c. **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
The appeal is allowed.
- d. **WDBC 13593/2009, (Claire Reed, No return date given). North Wyke Research, North Wyke, Sampford Courtney, Full.** Construction of Field Drains Pipes, Ditches, Hardstanding and Farm Tracks, Fencing and Associated Works for "Farm Platform" Scheme.
Granted. Conditions: Archaeological work to be done, must adhere to all details of scheme, Meldon quarry stone to be used, protected species recommendations and Environmental statement to be adhered to.

13-Feb-10	Allianz Insurance plc	Extra for bus shelter insurance	£ 36.69	£ -	£ 11,530.66
01-Jan-10	NatWest Bank	Voucher STMNT Fee bank charge	£ 3.25	£ -	£ 11,527.41
10-Feb-10	WHSmith Retail Ptd	Stationery	£ -	£ -	£ 11,527.41
17-Feb-10	Devon County Council	Grant from DCC Highways	£ -	£ 7,110.00	£ 18,637.41
21-Feb-10	J Pillar	Construction of bus shelter	£ 7,110.00	£ -	£ 11,527.41
22-Feb-10	South Zeal RG Association	For Play Area and Car Park	£ 1,500.00	£ -	£ 10,027.41
22-Feb-10	The Victory Hall Committee	Roof fund	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ 9,027.41
22-Feb-10	The Brownies	Grant towards expenses	£ 200.00	£ -	£ 8,827.41
25-Feb-10	Nat West Bank	Annual Transfer	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 8,327.41
01-Jan-10	NatWest Bank	Voucher STMNT Fee bank charge	£ 3.25	£ -	£ 8,324.16
06-Mar-10	Mr N Butlin	P3 Expenses	£ 20.98	£ -	£ 8,303.18
07-Mar-10	Dr P.N.Brotherton	Clerk's wages Jan-Mar 2010	£ 494.00	£ -	£ 7,809.18
07-Mar-10	Dr P.N.Brotherton	Expenses Jan-Mar 2010	£ 78.85	£ -	£ 7,730.33
07-Mar-10	Phil Squires. Feb 10	Cleaning toilet block	£ 82.25	£ -	£ 7,648.08
07-Mar-10	Phil Squires. For Jan 10	VAT increase not charged in Jan.	£ 1.75	£ -	£ 7,646.33
08-Mar-10	HM Revenue and Customs	VAT refund part 08/09 and 09/10	£ -	£ 597.47	£ 8,243.80

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Accounts

- a. **Consideration of accounts.**
Proposed by councillor Cann and seconded by councillor Darch, all agreed that the monthly accounts be adopted.
- b. **Report from the Finance monitoring group.**
The monitoring group said that they were satisfied with the management of the finances.
- c. **Presentation of draft year-ending accounts for 2009 – 2010.**
The clerk presented draft Receipts and Payments and Statements of Funds documents.
The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 9.05 pm.