

# SOUTH TAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Victory Hall, South Zeal, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30pm

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

Councillor C Curtis  
Councillor J Pillar  
Councillor R Souness  
Dr P Brotherton (Clerk)

**10/031 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from councillors Darch and Woolland for family and business reasons.

**10/032 Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda and update of Register of Interests.**

An interest in 10/034(a) was declared by councillor A White (Chairman). No councillor wished to update his or her register of interests.

**10/033 Minutes of the last meeting.**

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

**10/034 Clerk's Report**

a. **Contract for cleaning the recreation ground toilets.**

- i. Council discussed the options available, including quotations from Focsa Services (UK) Ltd at £240 per month and from Mr T Sanderson at £85 per calendar month. As there had been no communication with Mr Squires and noting that the recent contract with him (Building and Cleaning Contractors Ltd) had cost £82.25 per month, it was proposed by councillor Cann and seconded by councillor Souness that the contract be awarded to Mr T Sanderson for one year at 3 days a week. All agreed. A draft job description and contract were examined and accepted.
- ii. Repairs to the toilet block were discussed and it was proposed by Councillor Coombs and seconded by councillor Curtis that two quotations be sought for the replacement of the cupboard door, the repair of two windows and other minor works.

b. **Boundary stone found in Millfield.**

There were no further developments to report on this matter at the moment.

c. **Offer to help from STOC.**

The clerk reported that he had suggested to Mr Hatch (Representative of South Tawton, Sticklepath and Okehampton Conservation Group) that he contact Councillor Woolland to discuss possible work on Ramsley that could be undertaken by these volunteers. It was also suggested that they might trim the hedge alongside footpath 1 in Millfield, with the landowner's permission.

d. **Offer to attend council meeting to discuss P3 matters by Ms R Davies (DCC Public Rights of Way Officer).**

It was agreed to ask Ms. Davis to update the council when decisions had been made concerning these paths.

**10/035 Questions from parishioners**

Councillor J White (Vice Chairman) asked if apparent damage to Moons Cross had been noticed. It was agreed that Ms Jane Marchant (DNPA Archaeologist) be asked if she would give her opinion about the state of the cross and its possible reconstruction.

**10/036 Correspondence**

a. **Reply to letter concerning road salting and provision of salt and grit bins.**

The clerk read this letter from Mr B Pedrick of DCC Area North Highway Management to council. Council asked that Mr Pedrick and Mr Dawes be thanked for the new salt and grit bins. However, council would be very grateful if others could be installed at Prospect and the top of Dishcombe Hill. It was also reported that the new bin on the road between Zeal Head and Ford Cross needed to be re-sited slightly further from the hedge in order that the hedge can be seasonally trimmed behind it.

b. **Invitation to attend a highways maintenance surgery on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010.**

The clerk had not been able to attend this event.

**10/037 Agenda Items for discussion and resolution**

a. **Discussion with Mr T Argles concerning Community Energy Generation.**

Unfortunately Mr Argles was unable to attend the meeting.

b. **Planning for the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2010.**

Beside reports from the Chairman (councillor A White) and from the Borough councillor, councillor B Cann, it was decided to ask County Councillor J. McInnes and the Headteacher of South Tawton Primary School, Mrs. H Poustie, to give annual reports.

c. **Discuss tasks for parish lengthsman.**

Several tasks were added to the list. The clerk informed council of the dates when the lengthsman would visit.

- d. **Reminder to councillors to complete their survey of parish paths.**  
The clerk asked that councillors complete their path and bridleway surveys. It was agreed that the list of paths would be up-dated at the next meeting.
- e. **Election of councillor to fill casual vacancy.**  
After discussion, council agreed to add Mr J Bradley's name to the list of candidates, which included Mr B Jeffery, Mr C Critcher, Ms. C Newman and Mr A Sampson. Having read the candidates' application letters, council proceeded to the vote. After two rounds Mr A Sampson was declared elected to South Tawton Parish Council and it was agreed that he be summoned to the May meeting of the council as a councillor for this parish.
- f. **Report on inaugural meeting of RES Community Liaison Group by councillors Cann, Coombs and Pillar.**  
Councillors Cann, Pillar and Coombs gave a brief résumé of this meeting, which they thought well chaired and run. There was evidence that there was still opposition to building the wind farm. It was thought that the next meeting would determine financial distribution.
- g. **Report from Lead Persons on aspects of development of The Parish Plan.**

	Parish Plan areas	Parish Plan Lead person
<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>

Councillor Pillar reported that correspondence with Mr. Packer (West Devon Borough Council Housing Champion) and Mr Jarvis (Senior Planner, Dartmoor National Park Authority) had left him with the feeling that there was no point in pursuing site 1 in South Zeal further. He would continue to look for other sites both in South Zeal and South Tawton to place the remaining five houses.

10/038

**Planning**

- a. **WDBC 00238/2010 (Laura Batham, unknown date). Mrs. Buhl-Nielson, 9 Langdown Cross, Spreyton. Listed building.** Removal and replacement of 2 windows and secondary glazing to 13 windows . Proposed by councillor Cann and seconded by councillor A White (Chairman), all agreed that this application be supported by council.
- b. **DNPA 0126/10 & 0127/10 (Louise Smith, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010). Mr J Bohling, Guildford. Shoestring Cottage, South Zeal. Listing Building Consent and Full Planning Permission.** Demolition of attached stores and workshop and replacement of existing corrugated metal roof over kitchen and bathroom with a new raised slate roof and internal alterations. Demolition concrete block garden store attached to stone outbuilding and construction of pitched slate roof. Proposed by councillor Coombs and seconded by councillor Curtis, all agreed that this application be supported by council.
- c. **DNPA 0122/10 (Lynn Amos, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2010) Mrs A Tankard, York, for The Linhay, Chilvery Farm, Whiddon Down. Full Planning Permission.** Installation of chimney flue through roof. Proposed by councillor Curtis and seconded by councillor Cann, all agreed that this application be supported by council.
- d. **DNPA 0154/10 (Lynn Amos, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010). Mr D Youle for Church House Committee, Olditch Farm, Sticklepath. Advertisement Consent.** Proposed warning sign at Olditch Farm, Sticklepath. Proposed by councillor Souness and seconded by councillor J White (Vice Chairman), all agreed that this application be supported by council.
- e. **DNPA ENF/0163/06.** Regarding: Construction of new garage/workshop in curtilage of listed dwelling, alterations to lean-to extension on rear elevation and various other breaches within curtilage, Crossways, South Zeal. Proposed by councillor Pillar and seconded by councillor A White (Chairman), all agreed that council support the views of Dartmoor National Park Planning Department whilst hoping that compromise solutions may be found in some areas.
- f. **DNPA BB/BM/12/3/10/25 (Brian Beasley, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2010). Mr J Bohling, Guildford. Shoestring Cottage, South Zeal. Proposed Tree Work.** Felling two birch trees. Proposed by councillor J White (Vice Chairman) and seconded by councillor Coombs, all agreed that this application be supported by council.

**10/039**     **Determination**

- a. **DNPA 0066/10 (Louise Smith, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010) Higher Gooseford, Whiddon Down, Listed Building Consent.** Replacement of damaged section of stone wall at boundary.  
Granted. Conditions: Details of lime mortar to be agreed, sample panel for re-built stonework to be prepared.
- b. **DNPA 0064/10 (23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2010) Mr D Parker, Summer Glen, Ford Lane, Sticklepath..** Timber garage.  
Granted. Conditions: Details of boundary screening to be submitted. Screening to be retained for 5 years. Doors to be vertical timber boarding, samples of all surfacing to be submitted. Garage to be used only for storage of private motor vehicles and domestic storage and for no other purpose.  
The clerk reported that DNPA Planning Department had asked that council please review the recommendation decided upon at the last meeting as to set the building low in the ground would inevitably damage tree roots. On advice the clerk had got permission from a quorate group of councillors to accept the Planning Department's suggestion that they would insist that sufficient screening be provided to reduce the visual impact of the development.
- c. **DNPA 0055/10 (Jon Holmes, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010) Mr K Bradford, 48 Dartmoor View, Whiddon Down. Full Planning Permission.** Construction of three unit stable block to include vehicle access and hardstanding.  
NOTE: Previous application has been withdrawn.  
Granted. Conditions: Samples to be provided. No tree or hedge shall be felled, lopped, topped, cut down or grubbed out.
- d. **DNPA BB/BM/27/12/3/10/24 (Brian Beasley, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010) Mr A Stone, Acres Wild. Tree Preservation Order.** Proposed Tree Work.  
Provisional Tree Preservation Order issued for a period of six months.
- e. **WDBC 00138/2010 (Laura Batham, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010) Mr T Speyer, 3 Garden Cottages, South Tawton. 2 Applications, Full and Listed Building.** Erection of replacement porch and door.  
Granted. Conditions: Lime based mortar and render, granite steps reinstated in accordance with drawings.

**10/040**     **Accounts**

08-Mar-10		Brought forward		£ 8,243.80
30-Mar-10	Devon County Council	Annual grant	£ 115.00	£ 8,358.80
31-Mar-10		Carry forward to 2010-2011		£ 8,358.80

- a. **Consideration of accounts.**  
Proposed by councillor A White all agreed that the accounts be adopted.  
The Chairman (councillor A White) adjourned the meeting at 9.10pm.

*Pete Brotherton*  
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