

SOUTH TAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Victory Hall, South Zeal, on Monday 7th June 2010 at 7.30pm

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

Councillor J Darch
Councillor R Souness
Councillor C Curtis

Dr P Brotherton (Clerk)

10/053 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted for councillor Woolland (business matters) and from councillor J White (family matters)

10/054 Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda and update of Register of Interests.

Councillor A Sampson reported that he had presented his completed documents as a new councillor to the Borough solicitor. There were no declarations of interest and no other councillor wished to update his or her register of interests.

10/055 Minutes of the last meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th May 2010 were circulated, read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10/056 Clerk's Report

- a. Removal of planning applications over 5 years old.
The clerk reminded council that he had been given permission to destroy such planning records.
- b. The clerk said that he had been asked by a parishioner for an extra salt bin on Butts corner. The clerk was asked to proceed with this request and to add requests for bins beneath the lamp standard half way up the West Hill out of South Zeal (marked S), beside the lane to Spiltar House Farm on Spiltar Hill, at the top of Dishcombe Hill and at Prospect.

10/057 Questions from parishioners

- a. Councillor Souness asked if council were aware of the request from parishioners living at the Croft and Hillfield for a bus shelter to be built at Croft Gate. He also drew attention to reports that he had received concerning vehicles being driven at speed around the estates and to the congestion caused by parked vehicles. After debate, council asked the clerk to contact the police to ask them to monitor driving on the estates, especially in the evening and at weekends and give their views of parking, and to contact Mr B Banting (DCC Highways North) about a bus shelter at Croft Gate. Councillor Cann kindly volunteered to talk with councillor J McInnes and West Devon Homes about these and related matters.
- b. The Chairman (councillor A White) raised a question about funding seating for the new Recreation Ground play area. It was proposed that the grant of £1000 already budgeted for the Recreation Ground play area be used by the Parish Council to purchase this benching so that the VAT could be reclaimed and put towards this project. The clerk had consulted the secretary of the Devon Association of Local Councils on the legality of this and had been assured that this course of action was proper, as long as no monies were transferred from the Recreation Ground Association to the Parish Council, which would be considered tax-avoidance, and the Parish Council both placed the order and took delivery of the goods. It was proposed by councillor A White (Chairman) and seconded by councillor Sampson that council purchase these items from a company recommended by the Recreation Ground Committee for the Recreation Ground Committee. All agreed.

10/058 Correspondence

- a. **A Business Plan for 2010 – 2013 from Dartmoor National Park Authority.**
This document was presented to council.

10/059 Agenda Items for discussion and resolution

- a. **Request from the clerk for permission to purchase an on-line mapping service for the use of the parish council at an initial cost of £40 and an annual fee of £20.**
The clerk outlined the benefits of this system, sponsored by West Devon Borough Council. It was proposed by councillor Darch and seconded by councillor Coombs that the clerk could proceed with this application. All agreed.
- b. **Discuss tasks for parish lengthsman.**
Some tasks were added to the list.
- c. **Report by councillor Cann on a meeting of Dartmoor National Park Authority Forum, Friday 28th May.**
Councillor Cann reported that great concern had been voiced at this meeting about the uncertainty of funding from DEFRA. He also said that Parish Councils would shortly be asked for advice as to how DNPA might prioritise its spending, that there had been support for the policy of not using consultants and commented on the Local Development Framework.
- d. **Remaining reports from councillors on their parish paths and bridleways survey.**
Councillor Cann presented his.

- e. **Repairs to the toilet block in the Recreation Ground.**
Two quotations were considered by council and the contract awarded to Mr S McCaffery.
- f. **Report from Lead Persons on aspects of development of The Parish Plan.**

	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

On behalf of Mr J Packer (West Devon Borough Council Housing Champion), councillor Pillar asked for reaffirmation, which was forthcoming, that council supported research into the possible build of 5 houses on South Tawton Site 1, called Cannonmead. The clerk was directed to write a letter to Mr C Jarvis, (Head of Development Management, DNPA) to voice council's frustration at the Authorities apparent lack of support for a build of affordable houses at South Zeal Site 1,

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Planning

- a. **WDBC 00428/2010 (Laura Batham, 7th July 2010) Mr R Hooper, Lower Sessland, Spreyton.** Erection of Building for Feed Storage.
Proposed by councillor White (Chairman) and seconded by councillor Curtis, all agreed that council does not support this application in its present form. Council is concerned at the unusual height of the building and would wish the matter be referred to committee for decision.
- b. **DNPA (Louise Smith, 14th June 2010) Mr I Hayes, 1 Prospect Place, Sticklepath. Full Planning Permission – Householder.** Replacement of existing shed with new larger shed.
Proposed by councillor Souness and seconded by councillor Cann, all agreed that council support this application but would wish that the stonework on the road side of the building match the existing stonework.
- c. **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.
Appeal lodged by Mr Gore with the Secretary of State against the refusal to grant a Certificate of Lawfulness.
- d. **DNPA 0222/10 (Christopher Hart, 15th June, 2010) Mr M Hambly, Maple Cottage, Throwleigh Road, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission.** Replacement dwelling at Maple Cottage.
Proposed by councillor Cann and seconded by councillor Souness, all agreed that council support this application.
- e. **DNPA 0177/10 (Jon Holmes, 10th May 2010). Mr T Diffey for Coopers Ash, Whiddon Down. Full Planning Permission.**
A site meeting was held on Monday 17th May at 6pm by a group of 7 councillors who had delegated powers from council to put forward the following recommendation.
Council unanimously support the application but feel strongly that there must be no on-site parking adjacent to the building, for staff or clients, and that the gateway must not be widened as shown on the plan. In addition to this, it was felt that the top section of glazing (two panes on the south elevation) should be of obscured glass.
Council noted the recommendation.
- f. **DNPA 0236/10 (Louise Smith, 22nd June 2010) Mr N Butlin, Vackadons, South Zeal. Listed Building Consent.** Re-render front of house and side of barn, replace existing wooden boards on gable ends with render, replace existing single barn door with two wooden doors.
Proposed by councillor Coombs and seconded by councillor Souness, all agreed that council support this application.
- g. **DNPA 0235/10 (Louise Smith, 22nd June, 2010) Mr N Butlin, Vackadons, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission – Householder.** Resurface existing concrete hardstanding at front of property with tarmac and delineate property boundary with granite setts.
Proposed by councillor Cann and seconded by councillor Darch, all agreed that council support this application.
- h. **WDBC 00501/2010 (Claire Reed) Mr J McDiarmid-Hall, Wood House, South Tawton. 2 applications.**
Construction of a plant room and alteration to door. This late application would be advertised for a further week.
Proposed by councillor Curtis and seconded by councillor Sampson, all agreed that council support this application.

10/061 Determination

- a. **DNPA 0902/07 (Christopher Hart, 12th May, 2010). Mr D Hassid, The Old Telephone Exchange, South Zeal.** Amended plans relating to the reposition of flue to rear (north-west) elevation. Refused. Detrimental visual impact on the appearance of the building and this part of the National Park.
- b. **DNPA 0122/10 (Lynn Amos, 22nd April, 2010) Mrs A Tankard, York, for The Linhay, Chilvery Farm, Whiddon Down. Full Planning Permission.** Installation of chimney flue through roof. Modification to application to read "installation of chimney flue. Refused. Detrimental impact on the character and appearance of former linhay, nearby listed building, the historic farmstead and this part of the national Park.
- c. **DNPA 0126/10 & 0127/10 (Louise Smith, 6th May, 2010). Mr J Bohling, Guildford. Shoestring Cottage, South Zeal. Listing Building Consent and Full Planning Permission** Provision of pitched slate roof to stone outbuilding. Amended plans.
Granted. Conditions: Natural slate, nailed only, samples of proposed ridge tiles and slate to be provided, traditional stonework to match.

10/062 Accounts

01-Apr-10	Balance brought forward	0	£ -		£ 8,391.90
01-Apr-10	NatWest Bank	Voucher STMNT Fee bank charge	£ 3.25	£ -	£ 8,388.65
06-Apr-10	West Devon Borough C	First half of Precept	£ -	£ 5,900.00	£ 14,288.65
23-Apr-10	Phil Squires. Feb 10 (LATE)	Toilet block+missing VAT	£ 84.00	£ -	£ 14,204.65
25-Apr-10	Phil Squires. Jan. 10 (LATE)	Cleaning toilet block	£ 80.50	£ -	£ 14,124.15
01-May-10	NatWest Bank	Voucher STMNT Fee bank charge	£ 3.25	£ -	£ 14,120.90
05-May-10	South Tawton PC council	Annual grant	£ 800.00	£ -	£ 13,320.90
05-May-10	Allianz Insurance plc (replace)	Extra for bus shelter insurance	£ 36.69	£ -	£ 13,284.21
05-May-10	Devon Assoc. Local Councils	Affiliation fee	£ 231.02	£ -	£ 13,053.19
05-May-10	Devon Playing Fields Assoc.	Membership fees	£ 35.00	£ -	£ 13,018.19
05-May-10	Mr P.Squires March 2010	Cleaning toilet block	£ 82.25	£ -	£ 12,935.94
05-May-10	EDF Energy (Electricity)	Post Office Ltd for toilet block	£ 53.95	£ -	£ 12,881.99
05-May-10	South West Water	For toilet block	£ 56.14	£ -	£ 12,825.85
25-Jan-10	Allianz Insurance plc (LATE)	Cheque from last year cancelled	£ -	£ 36.69	£ 12,862.54
14-May-10	Post Office	Postage	£ -	£ -	£ 12,862.54
29-May-10	West Devon Borough C	Emptying dog bin Oct09 - Mar10	£ 31.77	£ -	£ 12,830.77
29-May-10	Dr P.N.Brotherton	Clerk's wages April - June 2010	£ 494.00	£ -	£ 12,336.77
29-May-10	Dr P.N.Brotherton	Expenses April - June 2010	£ 41.74	£ -	£ 12,295.03
29-May-10	Aon	Annual insurance	£ 494.78	£ -	£ 11,800.25
29-May-10	Campaign to Protect Rur.Eng	Grant	£ 29.00	£ -	£ 11,771.25
01-Jun-10	NatWest Bank	Voucher STMNT Fee bank charge	£ 3.25	£ -	£ 11,768.00

- a. **Consideration of accounts.**
Proposed by councillor Darch and seconded by councillor Coombs, all agreed that the monthly accounts be adopted.
- b. **Report from financial internal report group on quarterly audit.**
Councillors Pillar and Curtis reported that they had found the management of the finances satisfactory.

The Chairman (councillor A White) adjourned the meeting at 9.25pm