

# SOUTH TAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Parish Council held at Victory Hall, South Zeal, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 7.30pm

**Present**

Councillor A White (Chairman)	Councillor C Critcher
Councillor W Cann	Councillor A Sampson
Councillor J Jecks	Councillor J Christon
Councillor C Coombs	Councillor J White
Councillor M Watkins	Dr P Brotherton (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr. P.Howard, Mr. S. Tancock, Mr. J Redstone, Mrs. R Davies, Mr. J Rowlands and two other parishioners.

**11/079 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Woolland for business reasons.

**11/080 Declaration of Interest for items on the agenda and update of Register of Interests.**

Cllr. Cann declared an interest in item 11/086a. No councillor wished to update his or her register of interests.

**11/081 Minutes of the last meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were circulated, read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Councillor A White)

**11/082 Clerk's Report**

a. **Ford Cross finger post.**

It was reported that the old lettering on the finger post provided by Mr. Steve Dawe, (DCC Highways Neighbourhood Team Officer) had now been removed and that research was ongoing to provide letters for the new signage.

b. **Request for a maximum height sign on the road to Dry Bridge sent to DCC Highways.**

This request had been received and acknowledged by Mr. Steve Dawe, (DCC Highways Neighbourhood Team Officer).

**11/083 Questions from parishioners**

a. Councillor J White (Vice Chairman) asked a question on behalf of a parishioner concerning damage to a hedge at Dishcombe. Councillor A White (Chairman) volunteered to pursue the matter.

b. Mr S Tancock asked a question about council procedures that was answered by council.

c. Councillor Christon raised a question concerning the apparent deterioration of the appearance of the Oxenham Arms. Various steps were suggested aimed at discovering someone with the authority to take charge of the situation.

**11/084 Correspondence**

a. **Return of Audit Commission financial report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011.**

The clerk reported that the financial report had been returned from the Audit Commission and that on the basis of the Review, in the Auditor's opinion the information in the annual return was in accordance with proper practices and no matters had come to the Auditor's attention giving concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. The parishioners of South Tawton had been given the opportunity to scrutinise all the relevant financial papers for this tax year. Councillor Cann thanked the clerk.

b. **DNPA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dartmoor Community Quiz. Invitation to take part.**

Councillor J White (Vice Chairman) expressed an interest in this and took the papers.

c. **Document showing DNPA Ranger Sectors.**

The clerk presented this document to council who were very pleased to see that Mr I Brooker would remain as the Ranger for this sector.

**11/085 Agenda Items for discussion and resolution**

a. **Discussion of tasks for the parish lengthsman.**

No report had been received from Mr. Dawe concerning the work that the Lengthsman should have undertaken on the appointed visit dates.

b. **Report from Councillors Critcher and Woolland on the 'Superlink' consultative meeting.**

In councillor Woolland's absence, councillor Critcher gave an account of this meeting, which he thought on balance had been very productive, signposting the way forward in a number of areas. He also introduced a document published by Devon and Somerset County Councils on plans to develop broadband and 'Superfast Broadband' in all areas of the country by 2020.

c. **Visit from Mrs. Ros Davies, Mr. J Rowlands (DCC Parish Paths Liaison Officers) and Mr. M Jecks (South Tawton Parish P3 Organiser) concerning P3 matters.**

Electing to take this item first on the agenda, the Chairman (Councillor A White) welcome Mr. Jecks, Mrs. Davies and Mr. Rowlands to the meeting and invited Mrs. Davies to give a summary of the structure and purpose of the Parish Paths Partnership scheme for the benefit of new councillors. Following this full report and description, the present state, needs and future of each of the six Rights of Way in council's P3 scheme were discussed and various decisions made on maintenance issues. Invited to address the council, Mr. Howard raised several points concerning an application for diversion of Footpath 52 at Powlesland Farm. He said that there were in fact four different routes for Footpath 52. However, Mr. Howard was disabused of this by Mr. Rowlands who stated categorically that there was only one definitive route. At this point the conversation was curtailed by the chairman on the grounds that the council had not heard from the Parish

Paths Liaison Officers following council's submission of a response to this proposal. The chairman (Councillor A White) thanked Mr. Jecks, Mrs. Davies and Mr. Rowlands for their time and expertise, who then left the meeting.

- d. **Report from Councillors Coombs and Jecks on the recent meeting of the ad hoc RES parish group committee.**  
After discussion council agreed that satisfactory progress over the distribution of the RES funds had been made. It was reported that the next meeting would be the full RES committee in September. Councillors Jecks and Coombs were thanked for the work on this matter.
- e. **Report on matters concerning the car park at Hillcrest, South Tawton. (Brought Forward).**  
This item was carried forward.
- f. **Report from Councillor Critcher on progress concerning the bus shelter destined for Croft Gate.**  
Councillor Critcher reported that plans were in hand to transfer the bus shelter from North to South Tawton. Council thanked Councillor Critcher for his time and work on this enterprise.
- g. **Report from councillor Cann on the DNPA evening Parish Council Planning Workshop on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July (Brought Forward).**  
Councillor Cann presented the minutes of this meeting.
- h. **Invitation to take part in a four-yearly review of Polling Places and procedures.**  
This document was made available to council and it was decided that council would recommend no change to the various arrangements and procedures.
- i. **Invitation to consider recommendations concerning the Future of Standards.**  
After discussion, council agreed that this was an important area but decided to wait for future developments made by other agencies before making a recommendation.
- j. **Discussion on Communication, lead by Peter Brotherton.**  
Mr Brotherton presented council with a discussion document, a list of possible subjects to be addressed under this topic heading. Working their way through this council indicated which they thought should and should not be pursued further.
- k. **Decision on the Parish Plan area for review at the September council meeting.**  
It was decided that Highways, Roads, Transport and Parking would be the focus of discussion under this heading at the September meeting of the council, lead by Councillors A White (Chairman), J. White (Vice Chairman) and Critcher.

11/086

- Planning**
- a. **DNPA 0385/11 (Brian Corcoran, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011) Mr K Redstone, Moorlands, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission. Extension to form porch and cloakroom and erection of garage.**  
Proposed by councillor Coombs and seconded by councillor J White (Vice Chairman) all agreed that this application be supported.
- b. **WDBC 01730/2011 (Mr L Dulling, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011) Mr and Mrs P Howard, Powlesland Farm, Spreyton. Retrospective Application.** Change of use of agricultural building to equestrian use.  
Proposed by councillor Jecks and seconded by councillor Watkins all agreed that this application be supported.
- c. **DNPA 0387/11 (Brian Corcoran, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011) Mr J Berry, Mulberry, Sticklepath. Full Planning Permission.** Wet room extension to dwelling at Mulberry, Sticklepath.  
Proposed by councillor Critcher and seconded by councillor J. White (Vice Chairman) all agreed that this application be supported.
- d. **DNPA 0404/11 (Oliver Dorrell, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2011). Mr J Pillar, Beacon Lodge, South Zeal. Initial Consultation.** Installation of solar panels on rear roof.  
A parishioner's letter of objection to this application was read to council.  
Proposed by councillor Cann and seconded by councillor Sampson, all agreed that this application be supported if the Planning Authority deem it satisfactory to allow this development within South Zeal Conservation area.
- e. **DNPA 0408/11 (James Aven, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2011) Ms C Capper, Birchy View, Week Cross, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission.** Single storey rear extension.  
Proposed by councillor Jecks and seconded by councillor Coombs, it was agreed by all that this application be supported.
- f. **WDBC 01785/2011 ( Laura Batham, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2011) Mr. J Deeley, Liverton Farm Barns. Removal of Condition.** Removal of condition 14 on planning Appeal decision for previous planning application 12824/2009/OKE, in order to allow residential use only and no business use element.  
Proposed by councillor Cann and seconded by councillor A White (Chairman), it was agreed by all that a recommendation on this application be postponed until further investigations had been completed.
- g. **DNPA 0326/11 and DNPA 0327/11 (Jo Burgess, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2011) Mrs G Hazeldine, Moorside, South Zeal. Amended Plans.** Internal and external alterations including reconstruction of the front extension and new hip to rear roof at Moorside, South Zeal.  
Proposed by councillor Coombs and seconded by councillor Christon, it was agreed by all that these applications be supported.

**11/087** **Determination**

- a. **DNPA 0256/11 (Jon Holmes, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2011) Mrs. C Barkwell, Mount Pleasant, South Zeal. Full Planning Permission.** Single storey replacement extension.  
Granted. Conditions: Started within 3 years.
- b. **DNPA 0323/11 (Louise Smith 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011) Mrs. H Poustie, South Tawton Primary School. Initial Consultation.** Internal reconfiguration of main school building.  
Granted. Conditions: Full details of the proposed new doors shall be submitted for approval.

**11/088** **Accounts**

- a. **Consideration of accounts.**

Proposed by councillor Jecks and seconded by councillor Cann, the accounts were adopted.

01-Jul-11		Brought forward			£ 11,239.33
09-Jul-11	Mr. T.Sanderson	Toilet cleaning. June 2011	£ 85.00	£ -	£ 11,154.33
09-Jul-11	Post Office Ltd. Mar - July	EDF. Rec.Ground: Electricity	£ 45.00	£ -	£ 11,109.33
18-Jul-11	DNPA	Chipping ST trough	£ 36.00	£ -	£ 11,073.33
18-Jul-11	CPRE	Annual grant	£ 29.00	£ -	£ 11,044.33
20-Jul-11	North Tawton Town Council	Second hand bus shelter	£ 400.00	£ -	£ 10,644.33
30-Jul-11	Audit Commission	Annual audit	£ 162.00	£ -	£ 10,482.33

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 9.55 pm.