

North Tamerton Parish Council

Monday 17th February 2025

The meeting of North Tamerton Parish Council was held on the above date at 7:30pm, in Victory Hall.

Councillors Present:

Chair Cllr Williams, Vice-chair Cllr Barringall, Cllr Britton, Cllr Harper.

Also in attendance: Clerk Julie Gray and Cllr N Chopak.

2 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr Williams opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Record and Approve Apologies.

2.25/143:

All Councillors were in attendance.

Confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

2.25/144:

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes and ratify all decisions made at the meeting held on Monday 18th November 2024.

Declarations.

2.25/145:

- (i) There were no declarations.

Dispensations.

2.25/146:

- (i) There were no dispensation requests.

Matters Arising.

2.25/147:

- (i) The Clerk contacted the previous Chairman re the compost and Cllr Williams will collect the compost at a convenient time.

Public Participation.

2.25/148:

No member of the public chose to speak.

Community Benefit Fund Review.

2.25/149:

The s.106 agreement has been circulated. The Clerk and Cllr Williams had a meeting with CALC on this agreement. The Clerk received a pro forma policy and application form. The Clerk adapted the form to include the s.106 agreement and circulated the draft. Cllr Williams was unable to hold a working party meeting on this draft due to circumstances therefore a working party consisting of the Councillors will be held to consider the draft and then the draft will be run by CALC for advice.

Signed: _____ Chairman. 10/03/2025

Report from Cornwall Councillor.

2.25/150:

Elections are to be held in May. Councillors are under pre-election restrictions from the 14th March to the day after the election.

Cornwall Council already has a £6.5mil deficit due to the new National Insurance rules as well as the £48mil deficit already in existence. Adult Education Centres are to be closed although Launceston's has had a reprieve.

The car parks that are to be transferred to a third party may be happening in May.

The Special Education Needs (SEN) services have had their budgets cut.

The recycling centres may be closed twice a week to reduce costs.

There is to be a full Cornwall Council meeting next week and an alternative budget will be proposed by the opposition.

The Government has given £10mil to Cornwall Council for pot holes.

The A39 at Wainhouse Corner will undertake work from the 2nd March to the 22nd. The road will be closed totally on 16th to the 20th and diversions will be in place.

Correspondence.

2.25/151: – all correspondence circulated via email.

- (i) The Rural Bulletin.
- (ii) Bridge Site Meeting.
- (iii) Keeping Cornwall Updated.
- (iv) Presentation Slides to Telephone Switch.
- (v) Indicative Bid to Acquire 25 Car Parks.
- (vi) Cornwall Council Car Parks.
- (vii) Email from Cornwall Council re Car Parks.
- (viii) NHS 10-yr Engagement Event.
- (ix) Off Street Parking Order.
- (x) Town & Parish Council Newsletter.
- (xi) CALC: Improving Standards.
- (xii) Planning Policy Consultation.
- (xiii) Research Survey: Community Connections.
- (xiv) Planning News.
- (xv) Emergency Closure – Tamerton Hill to the Grove.
- (xvi) CALC: Response to Standards Consultation.
- (xvii) Small Grants for Businesses and Community Organisations.
- (xviii) Housing and Economic Land Availability.
- (xix) Policy Update, Call for Sites.

Planning.

2.25/152:

a) Decision Notices/Updates:

- (i) None.

b) Planning Applications/Appeals:

Any late planning applications received will be discussed but not decided under this section.

- (i) None

Signed: _____Chairman. 10/03/2025

To receive oral or written reports and authorise any action.

2.25/153:

a) Chairman / Councillor.

Cllr Williams apologised for not setting up the working party prior to this month's meeting.

b) The Clerk.

- The Streetlight Initiative came to North Tamerton in January – the streetlights are switched off from midnight to 5am.
- The Clerk checked the grass cutting service and only five cuts were completed. It was thought six might be preferable and would request the sixth if it was felt needed. There is a £5 price rise per cut. The contractor is happy to undertake cutting around the beech tree. Cllr Britton will send the Clerk a map including around the bench at the bridge and around the new North Tamerton sign and we will request Cornwall Council include this in the cutting contract.
- The Community Area Partnership meeting has been rescheduled to March 31st. The Clerk will send the agenda to Cllr Britton when she has received them.

Quarterly Financial Check: Oct – Dec 2024.

2.25/154:

The finance documents will be reviewed by Cllr Harper.

Concerning the previous review, the payment that was on the payment list but was not paid was on the next month's bank statement. Cllr Britton checked this and there were no concerns.

Budget Review.

2.25/155:

The budget was circulated to the Councillors.

Refuse Bin.

2.25/156:

The refuse / dog bin invoice was due before the meeting therefore the Clerk paid the fee of £908. This was paid by authority of rule 5.5 of the Financial Policy - the Clerk has delegated authority to authorise the payment of items if the due date for payment is before the next scheduled Meeting of Council, where the Clerk certifies that there is no dispute or other reason to delay payment, provided that a list of such payments is brought to the next meeting. The Clerk has certified this and has made the payment.

Elections. Dates and restrictions

2.25/157:

The election notice will be circulated on the 14th March and will be put up in the noticeboard and uploaded to the website. Pre-election rules will apply from the 14th March until the day after the election concerning use of council facilities and resources; the member's code of conduct, developing new policies and holding of events featuring elected officials.

The nomination packs are being delivered the week commencing 3rd March and the Clerk will bring them to the next meeting. Nomination packs can also be obtained from Cornwall Council.

The deadline for submission of the nomination is 4pm on 2nd April. They cannot be submitted online.

The May meeting has to be held within two weeks of notification of the result therefore the May meeting shall be held on the 12th May instead of the 19th May.

Training.

2.25/158:

The Clerk attended election training for approximately £12. It was unanimously agreed to reimburse the Clerk for this.

Signed: _____ Chairman. 10/03/2025

Parish Matters.

2.25/159:

(i) Christmas Tree Stand.

The Christmas Tree stand was broken due to the high winds. It was unanimously agreed to pay the £25 out of the maintenance budget.

(ii) VE Day 2025.

It is the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, which marked the end of the war in Europe and WWII as a whole on 8th May 1945. On Thursday 8th May 2025 parishes and towns are encouraged to:

Raise a VE Day Flag at 9am.

Ring Cathedral or Church Bells at 6.30pm.

Light a beacon or a Lamp Light of Peace at 9:30pm.

Sing 'I Vow To Thee My Country' at 9:30pm.

It was unanimously agreed to purchase a VE flag for the church tower. The Clerk will order one at the agreed size.

Finance & Legislation.

2.25/160:

- a) Ratification of payments totalling £2,162.11 as per February schedule. It was unanimously resolved to ratify the payments.
- b) To note Bank reconciliations at 1/02/25 of £5,495.41 and £28,262.79.
- c) To note Income & Bank Balances as per the schedule and reconciliations.

Urgent Matters raised with the Chairman since the Agenda was published.

2.25/161:

None.

Date of next meeting and note items from Councillors for the Agenda.

2.25/162:

Due to attendance difficulties the meeting has been brought forward to 10th March 2025 @ 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 21.39pm

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) Act 1960 S1(2) & S1(6)

During the meeting it may arise that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential or special nature of the business to be transacted and the press and public will be instructed to withdraw.

When this arises, the Chair will recommend to consider passing the following resolution: "to resolve that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business to be discussed, the public are excluded and instructed to withdraw."

Signed: _____ Chairman. 10/03/2025