

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 6th FEBRUARY 2019.

Present: Cllr C King (Chairman), CCllr A Davis, Cllrs S Ayre, R Drew, F Hookway, K Oades, S Squire and R Watts.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30pm with apologies from DCllr M Wilkinson and PCSO P Grantham.

3888. Police Report. – PCSO P Grantham sent a written report on the following:

a. There were 6 reported crimes in the area last month including: theft of a motor vehicle, theft (Industrial estate), disqualified driving, criminal damage, non-dwelling burglary and harassment without violence..

3889. Minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

3890. Matters Arising.

a. 3879a. Reply received from NDC regarding alleged planning infringements at Pearl Dean site. The 'detailed programme which had been approved' was not thought satisfactory. The Chair and Cllr Ayre arranged to meet with the local MP, Peter Heaton-Jones, where concerns were raised about this and other issues, in what was described as 'a most constructive meeting with a well informed and prepared MP'. Clerk to invite him to a meeting after the election.

b. 3879b. The main sign has now been removed from the old picnic site but the wooden frame still remains.

c. 3879d. Cllr Watts has bought materials to fix damage to the bridge. It was agreed that his expenses should be reimbursed.

d. 3879e. The Devon Air Ambulance landing site in the Green Field has now been completed. The Chair thanked everyone concerned and will send off a 'Press Release'.

e. 3879f. Simon Haughton of P3 has visited FP17 and assessed the work required.

f. 3887a. Cllr Watts agreed to assess the bench by Pulland Bridge.

g. 3887b. The road by Town Estate is in a bad state following utilities work and has been reported.

h. 3887e. The pile of rubbish dumped by the rear of Barton Lodge is on private land.

3891. CCllr Report. CCllr Davis reported on the following:

a. Planning permission has now been approved for various improvement works on the A361 Link Road.

b. An unmarked grit bin has been found by Higher Aylescott and discussion was had about what to do with it.

c. The road by Bradwell Mill is scheduled to be re-surfaced by the end of March.

d. A tree stump is moving down towards the A361 by Pines Dean.

e. The potholes on Chivenor roundabout are getting worse.

3892. DCllr Report. nil

3893. Footpaths.

a. The annual footpath survey is to be completed by 11th February.

b. FP5 – the second stile needs clearing again.

c. FP17 – following the assessment by Simon Haughton of P3, it was agreed to ask Gareth Hookway to proceed with works to re-instate the eroding footpath by the stream at his quote of £350. (Cllrs Hookway and Squire declared an interest and did not vote).

3894. Neighbourhood Plan - In last month's meeting, DCllr Wilkinson encouraged the Parish Council to consider forming a Neighbourhood Plan and suggested looking at the Georgeham example. Agenda for June meeting having sought more advice from DCllr Wilkinson.

3895. Planning Decisions. The following decisions have been made:

a. 65982 - Installation of lighting pole to provide emergency lighting for air ambulance landing site - West Down Community Field, Farriell Lane. - Approved.

b. 65925 – Erection of a bungalow – Pearl Dean. - Approved.

c. 65071 – Appeal decision against NDC refusal for change of use from agricultural building to a dwelling (Use Class C3) and associated operational development – Moore Farm. - Appeal dismissed.

3896. Planning Applications.

a. 66106 - Change of use from D2 (leisure) to B2 (industrial) - North Devon Arena, Mullacott Industrial Estate. – Unanimous approval.

b. 66110 - Conversion of existing rural building to form a single dwelling house (class C3) - Oakdene - Faithful Friend Kennels Road, Over Lower Stockland Bridge, Heddon Mills. – Unanimous approval.

c. 66175 - Conversion of store building to dwelling with off-road parking spaces - London House. – Unanimous approval.

3897. Correspondence.

a. Anonymous – Letter concerning the welfare of 2 dogs.

b. Stuart Mee, Historic England – History of West Down War Memorial. Cllrs Drew and King to respond.

c. Clerks and Councils Direct – January issue.

3898. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

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| (1) West Down Parish Council wef 31 st January | - £5105.44 – reconciled. |
| (2) 30 Day Notice Account wef 31 st January | - £5803.97. |

b. Petty Cash expenditure since last meeting - £nil.

c. Cheques

(1) BACS receipt from NDC – 2 x £200 DCllr grant for Devon Air Ambulance landing light - £400

(2) BACS receipt from DCC – CCllr grant for Devon Air Ambulance landing light - £2000

(3) Cheque No. 602 to MAT Electrics for Devon Air Ambulance landing light - £7823.05

(4) Cheque No. 603 to D Lewis – Clerk's salary - £862.50.

3899. Any Other Business.

a. Cllr Ayre confirmed that the necessary information regarding the defibrillator is reported on a monthly basis.

b. The rubbish bin from the car park has gone missing.

c. The Chair publicly thanked John Hookway, assisted by Josh Clark, for gritting the roads and paths around the village during the recent snowy weather.

d. The Post Office service at the Parish Hall is likely to be reduced, as in other villages, in the near future. Residents are encouraged to use the service.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm.