

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 3rd JANUARY 2018

Present: Cllr C King (Chairman), DCllr M Wilkinson, Cllrs S Ayre, R Drew, F Hookway, K Oades, and R Watts.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm with apologies for absence received from CCllr A Davis, DCllr P Barker, PCSO P Grantham and Cllr S Squire.

3730. Police Report.

- a. The Police Newsletter showed 2 crimes for the month in the West Down area including 1 x damage to property and 1 x assault.

3731. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December were approved and signed.

3732. Matters Arising.

- a. 3716. Awaiting instruction from WDVGFA to proceed with initiating planning application for Devon Air Ambulance.
- b. 3717 Mr Jamie Pearce has had a meeting with Cllr A Davis regarding the 'West Down Link' to the Tarka Trail.
- c. 3720a Simon Haughton from P3 has walked FPs 12, 13 and 14 and has made some comments about them. It was a shame that he arrived unannounced and walked the paths without the P3 Co-ordinators who would have been able to outline their concerns as they walked.
- d. 3723d. It was requested that in the future, the Clerk issue the forecast budget prior to the meeting to allow Councillors more time to deliberate.
- e. 3725. The Village Forum took place as planned.
- f. 3729b. The Chair thanked Cllrs Drew and Oades for replacing the tiles on the stone West Down sign.

3733. CCllrs Report. CCllr Davis sent a written report on the following:

- a. She has done an audit of some of the roads in the parish with her Highways Officer.
- b. The bid for Phase 1 of improvements to the North Devon Link Road has been presented to the Minister of State for Transport.

3734. DCllrs Report. DCllr Wilkinson reported on the following:

- a. The Boundary Commission have decided to implement their report as per the recommendation.
- b. Coastal issues:
 - (i) Three North Devon beaches have failed the water quality tests.
 - (ii) He will be supporting the Surfers Against Sewage group for their drive for a 'plastic free sea'.

DCllr P Barker sent a written report on the following:

c. In Barnstaple, funding is available for a new leisure centre and there are new plans for parking, including the possibility of a new multi-story in the Queen Street/Bear Street area.

3735. Footpaths.

a. Councillors were again reminded to walk and inspect their respective FPs in order to report findings to allow the annual footpath survey to be completed.

b. Cllr Watts complained that both he and his partner had been subject to verbal abuse when requesting dog owners have their dogs on a lead whilst walking through fields with livestock. Cllr Hookway sympathised with Cllr Watts' concern and agreed to investigate the possibility of obtaining 'Keep dogs on leads' type signs.

3736. Planning Decisions. – nil.

3737. Planning Applications.

a. 64270 - Listed building application for replacement of windows & doors - Lower Aylescott Farmhouse. – Unanimous approval.

3738. Correspondence.

a. DCC Highways – Notification of A361 road closure by Spreacombe turnoff from 10th January.

b. NDC – Confirmation of Precept of £7150.00 representing a Band D Council Tax of £26.22.

3739. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

(1) West Down Parish Council	wef 2 nd January	£5311.99 – reconciled.
(2) 30 Day Notice Account	wef 2 nd January	£5800.83.

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

c. Cheques

(1) Cheque No 475 to St John Ambulance – Child defibrillator pads - £72.00

3740. Any Other Business.

a. Cllr Ayre pointed out that the child defibrillator pads were out of date. It was unanimously agreed to purchase a new set.

b. A sign is hanging off a metal railing by Lower Aylescott.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.