

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm with apologies for absence received from, DCllr P Barker, DCllr M Wilkinson, PCSO P Grantham and Cllr S Ayre.

3741. Public Speaking. Mr A Odell spoke about the recent flooding into the 3 properties at the bottom of Ilfracombe Hill. Despite self-help clearing the drains outside the properties, the water still spilled over into the driveways. The drains at the bottom of Barton Road are blocked which causes the rainwater to overwhelm the capability of the drains at the bottom of Ilfracombe Hill.

3742. Police Report.

a. The Police Newsletter showed 4 crimes for the month in the West Down area including 1 x harrasment without violence, 1 x sheep worrying (control order implemented), 2 x criminal damage– Dwelling (domestic, Resolved).

3743. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January were approved and signed.

3744. Matters Arising.

a. 3732a. Correspondence received from WDVGFA to proceed with initiating planning application for Devon Air Ambulance. CCllr A Davis agreed to forward an example application.

b. 3735b. Cllr Hookway has obtained some 'Keep dogs on leads' type signs. Cllr Watts proceeded to update the meeting about issues, including deliberate acts of leaving gates open and cutting gate chains and locks, thereby releasing his livestock at Wood Lane Farm. Following a visit by Simon Haughton of P3, it has been agreed to install cattle grids and gates. Clerk to include items required in the P3 Footpath Survey and funding bid.

3745. CCllrs Report. CCllr Davis reported on the following:

a. There will be some improvement works at Killacleave Recycling Centre from 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to 6<sup>th</sup> April. There will be limited opening hours, facilities and services available during this period.

b. There have been numerous flooding incidents following recent storms and she urged incidents to be reported to DCC.

c. The Chair raised the issue that Devon education system is allocated less funding than other authorities. CCllr Davis agreed and has been lobbying about this for many years including the argument that rural Devon has to spend far more for school transport than inner cities for example.

d. The Chair spoke of the current and planned housing projects in North Devon and that without suitable transport links there is little to attract new businesses to provide work.

3746. DCllrs Report. DCllr Barker sent a written report on the following:

- a. Following a complaint that the houses at the building site next to the Village Hall were going to be built not according to the approved plans, she visited the site and didn't see anything different from the plans. She wants to reassure villagers that the buildings inspector will make sure that the plans are adhered to and there is no cause for concern.
- b. NDC has succeeded in their application for some grant money for infrastructure to facilitate the building of the Southern extension in Ilfracombe and for the Westacott Estate project and will soon hopefully, be able to announce other grants that have had applications put forward.

3747. Footpaths.

- a. The footpaths have now been surveyed and the clerk will submit the P3 Survey and funding bid by mid February.
- b. All 3 stiles on the Cheglinch FP5 are blocked. Clerk to ask landowner to clear them.

3748. Planning Decisions. The following applications have been approved:

- a. DCC – 64341 - Construction of a trail at Buttercombe Barton to Spreacombe Bridge.
- b. 64270 - Listed building application for replacement of windows & doors - Lower Aylescott Farmhouse.
- c. 64146 - Installation of 1.5mw battery storage facility (alternative electricity storage facility to that approved by planning permission 60677) at land at Mullacott Cross.

3749. Planning Applications.

- a. 64263 - Extension to dwelling to include erection of porch (amended description & amended red line) - 2 Chapel Court. Unanimous refusal. Reason: Whilst the Parish Council has no objection to the proposed extension to the rear of the dwelling, the porch will be out of character and encroach onto the already narrow footpath.
- b. 64341 - Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to 2 dwellings (class Q(A&B)) - Barn at Moore Farm. No details received – defer until next meeting if required.
- c. 64344 - Approval of details in respect of discharge of condition 11 (landscape proposals) attached to planning permission 63550 - Dogs Trust. No details received – defer until next meeting if required.
- d. 64421 - Demolition of one dwelling & erection of one dwelling with attached double garage - Merryfields. Unanimous approval.

3750. Correspondence.

- a. Mr James Pearce – re the bench on Stang Lane. He has positioned a new bench on Stang Lane and the top piece of larch timber was donated by Paul Berge of Chivenor Sawmill. The Parish Council thank Mr Pearce and Mr Berge for reinstating the bench, the original of which had been so badly damaged it was taken down.
- b. Clerks and Councils Direct – January issue.
- c. Healthwatch Voices - Winter edition.

3751. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

(1) West Down Parish Council	wef 31 <sup>st</sup> January	£3067.90 – reconciled.
(2) 30 Day Notice Account	wef 31 <sup>st</sup> January	£5801.06.

- b. Petty Cash expenditure since last meeting - £nil.
- c. Purchase of child defibrillator pads. It was agreed to purchase replacement child defibrillator pads on behalf of the Parish under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as the purchase is, in the opinion of the Council, in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and benefits them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

d. Cheques

- (1) Cheque No 551 to St John Ambulance – Child defibrillator pads - £82.00  
(note: Cheque No 475 cancelled as it did not include transport charge).
- (2) Cheque No 552 to Mr D Lewis – clerk salary - £837.50

3752. Any Other Business.

- a. Cllr Squire brought up the problem of parking during the ‘school run’. With current building projects ongoing, places to park have been reduced and so it was requested that parking at the Parish Hall be authorised. It was noted that some parents park there anyway.
- b. Cllr Watts said that there was no wheel washing facilities for the building site by the Parish Hall but conceded there was a hose pipe available for this purpose.

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