

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 7th MARCH 2018

Present: Cllr C King (Chairman), DCllr M Wilkinson, Cllrs S Ayre, 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 CCllr A Davis and PCSO P Grantham.

3753. Police Report. The Police Newsletter showed 0 crimes for the month in the West Down area.

3754. Public Speaking. The Clerk informed all, that due to ill health he will be unable to carry out his full role of Parish Clerk for the up and coming months. Throughout this period it was unanimously agreed that he will be assisted by Rebecca Pine.

3755. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February were signed and approved following 2 manual amendments.

3756. Matters Arising.

a. 3746a. Chair has visited the Pearl Dean site and spoken to site manager about concerns of a resident.

b. 3747b. Cllr Oades agreed to check if the 3 stiles have been cleared on FP5 in Cheglinch.

3757. CCllrs Report. CCllr A. Davis sent a written report which has been placed in the float file.

3758. DCllr Report, DCllr M Wilkinson reported the following:

a. Proposal to discontinue Parish Grants and DCllr Grants etc have been overturned, so may now continue in the future.

b. West Down sign tiles have come off as a result of cold weather.

c. Two Enforcement Officers will be leaving soon so the enforcement department will not be at full strength until replacements have been trained up.

d. Plastic Free North Devon – A meeting has been held concerning single use plastic with initiatives such as ‘We are Plastic Free’ notices for hotels etc.

e. Trimstone Lay By. Correspondence has been received from Mr P Milton of Trimstone Manor outlining his concerns about the lay by and picnic site which has been purchased by a private owner. The responsibility for Fly Tipping should be down to the new owner. DCllr Wilkinson will try and find out who the new owner is.

3759. Footpaths.

a. A tree has fallen down at FP12 and a Finger Post is needed by a kissing gate.

b. The Annual Footpath survey has been completed and sent off to P3.

3760. Planning Decisions. The following decisions have been made:

- a. 64341 - Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to 2 dwellings (class Q(A&B)) - Barn at Moore Farm. - Prior Approval refused.
- b. 64344 - Approval of details in respect of discharge of condition 11 (landscape proposals) attached to planning permission 63550 - Dogs Trust. – approved.
- c. Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 62518 in respect of alterations to window & door design and alterations to ridge & hip tile finish at Pipcott Road from Churchill House to Rose Cottage. Approved.

3761. Planning Applications.

- a. 64459 - Retrospective Application for siting of a caravan a Woodlane Farm. Blanket Dispensation to discuss and vote. Cllr R Watts declared an interest and left the room. Unanimous Approval.
- b. 64591 - Extension to dwelling at 13 Thorne Park. Unanimous Approval.
- c. 64610 - Variation to wind turbine from 25 to 30 years at Mullacott Cross Trading Estate. No Comment
- d. Installation of night time landing light for Air Ambulance Trust.
A sub-committee of Cllr R Watts, S Ayres, K Oades and R Drew to formalise a planning application and report back at next meeting.

3762. Correspondence.

- a. NDC - Have asked for a brief overview of impact of recent snow storms. It has been voiced that grit bins need refilling. Thanks go to local farmers and the snow warden who have helped with the gritting of the minor roads.

3763. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

(1) West Down Parish Council	wef 28 th February	£2122.40 – reconciled.
(2) 30 Day Notice Account	wef 28 th February	£5801.31.

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

c. Cheques

(1) Cheque No 554 to JA Godfrey - Community Website	- £73.00.
(2) Cheque No 553 to WDPHMC - 6 months hire of hall	- £90.00

3764. Any Other Business.

- a. The Chair thanked Cllrs R Drew and K Oades for agreeing to replace the West Down sign tiles.
- b. Cllr S Squire noted that a street light is not working by The Old Vicarage.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.