

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON THE 4TH APRIL 2018

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm with apologies for absence received from CCllr A Davis, DCllr M Wilkinson, PCSO P Grantham and Cllr K Oades.

3765. Police Report.

- a. The Police Newsletter showed 0 crimes for the month in the West Down area.

3766. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March were approved and signed.

3767. Matters Arising.

- a. 3754. All present send their best wishes to the clerk, D. Lewis, following his recent surgical operation.
- b. 3756b. Cllr Watts agreed to check if the stiles have been cleared on FP5.
- c. 3758b. The Chair thanked Cllrs Oades and Drew for replacing the tiles on the West Down sign.
- d. 3758d. West Down village shop and the W.I are both looking in to ways on how they can reduce their use of plastic.
- e. 3758e. Still awaiting feedback from DCllr Wilkinson concerning ownership of the Picnic site.
- f. 3764b. The street light is still not working. Cllr Squire will try and report the light out via the internet.

3768. CCllrs Report. CCllr A.Davis sent a written report on the following:

- a. Due to snow the improvement works at Killacleave Recycling Centre are now running approx. 1 week behind schedule. The site will be running a limited service until it is fully back and running from 14th April.
- b. Snow events this year have meant an increased use of salt to grit the roads. Highway teams have worked non-stop and so far 21,000 tonnes of salt has been used on our roads this year in comparison to 9,000 tonnes throughout the whole of the winter season in 2017.
- c. Construction of a new junction to the east of Tiverton and nearby resurfacing work on the A361 remains on schedule, despite the recent bad weather. Works are due to be completed before the summer school holidays.
- d. The state of the road and potholes at Bradwell Mill are still causing concern.

3769. DCllr Report. - nil

3770. Footpaths.

a. Cllr R Watts spoke concerning information on the 'The Public Space Protection Order'. This allows Land owners to direct dog walkers to put leads on their dogs when on their land. This can be found in detail on the Dog Warden web site and it has been requested that it be published on the West Down web site, when it goes live in 6 weeks.

3771. Planning Decisions. The following application has been approved:

a. 64421. Demolition of one dwelling & erection of one dwelling with the attached double garage – Merryfields.

3772. Planning Applications.

a. 64579 - Change of use of unit 1B to D1 & B1 & Unit 1A to D2. Unit 1A & 1B Access to Mullacott Cross Industrial Estate. - Unanimous No Comment, insufficient information.

b. Installation of luminaire column and associated cabling to provide emergency night time landing light for Air Ambulance Trust.

The Chair thanked the working party of Cllrs Drew, Oades and Watts with particular thanks to Cllr Ayre for organising and putting together the planning application. It was unanimously agreed that the applications should be submitted. Cllr Ayre to find out cost for submission ready for next month's meeting.

3773. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

(1) West Down Parish Council	wef 31 st March	£3,453.95 – reconciled.
(2) 30 Day Notice Account	wef 31 st March	£5,801.53

b. Cheques

(1) BACS receipt – HMR&C – reclaimed VAT	- £502.05.
(2) BACS receipt – DCC – P3 grant	- £1000.00

3774. Any Other Business.

a. Cllr Squire raised the issue about vehicles parking illegally directly opposite the junction by the Parish Hall. Clerk to inform Police.

b. Cllr Hookway talked to Simon Horton of P3, regarding kissing gates by Easter Ground. He has agreed to take responsibility for them. Thanks to Cllr Hookway for facilitating this.

c. Cllr Ayre noted that the Council Tax bills this year indicate that West Down Parish Council will have a slightly reduced proportion of funding compared to last year.

d. Cllr Watts remarked about increased evidence of rats by the 'Triangle' area of the village.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm.