



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

Present: Cllr C King (Chairman), CCllr A Davis, DCllr M Wilkinson, 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 Pat Barker & PCSO P Grantham.

3799. Due to the late publication of the notice for this meeting, it was agreed, following advice from DALC that this meeting should proceed but no decisions are to be made. It was agreed that an Extraordinary meeting be scheduled for 11th July to address any matters where decisions are required.

3800. Police Report.

a. The following crimes occurred during the last month: Aggravated vehicle taking and theft of a purse. Both occurred outside of the village but within the West Down area.

3801. Minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting were corrected, approved and signed.

3802. Matters Arising.

a. 3789b. CCllr Davis confirmed the new owner of the picnic area.

b. 3789c. The planning application for the Air Ambulance landing light needs to be amended to specifications requested by the Planning Dept. Cllr Ayre to request extension.

c. 3789g. The Clerk has spoken to Barry Scobling, the hogweed has been sprayed.

d. 3789h. There has been an acknowledgement of receipt of letter but no response from the Enforcement Dept as yet.

e. 3791b. CCllr Davis to seek further advice with regards to funding goal posts for the Green Field.

f. 3792a. Cllr Watts confirmed the stile on FP5 had been cleared by road, however the other stiles are still very overgrown.

3803. CCllr Report. CCllr Davis reported on the following:

a. It has been asked that when reporting highway defects reference numbers are given.

b. Even with the on-going dry weather there continues to be a flood by Willingcott, this could be the result of a burst pipe.

c. The Tour of Britain cycle race will be coming to North Devon on the 3rd September.

d. £2.2 Million has been granted and will be going towards road safety improvements for areas including Lynton Cross.

e. The Highway Officer responsible for Fullabrook Road has been notified of the poor state of the road.

3804. DCllr Report. DCllr Wilkinson reported the following:

- a. The Parish Forum has been postponed until Thursday 26th July at 7pm. Agenda to remain the same.

3805. Footpaths. Nil

3806. Village Maintenance.

- a. Cllr Ayre has put together a poster for 'Community Action Weekend'. This will be put up in the village and promoted on the website and newsletter. The weekend of 28th and 29th July were agreed upon. It has been asked that people take photos of themselves doing their bit.

3807. Village Forum.

- a. The Chair proposed the next Village Forum be held on 8th August 7pm. Agreed. The Chair also informed all that the village has a new Vicar.

3808. Planning Decisions. The following applications have been approved:

- a. 64459 – Retrospective application for siting of a caravan - Woodland Farm.
- b. 64579 - Change of use of units to form a gym, beauty room and creche - Unit 1A & 1B Mullacott Cross Industrial Estate.

3809. Planning Applications. To be decided at the meeting on the 11th July 2018.

3810. Correspondence.

- a. DCC - The library are asking people what they want from the library service. Councillors requested to fill out a library survey.
- b. West Down school have given tickets for their year 5 & 6 play. Received with thanks.
- c. Mrs M Turner – re Disruption caused by Pearl Dean building site.
- d. Clerks & Councils Direct July issue.
- e. Western Power – re notification of road closure in West Down from 30th July to 10th August.
- f. Letter presented complaining that homeowner is unable to park in village car park as it is always full. Cllr Ayre has informed the homeowner that the car park belongs to North Devon Council, so WDPC is unable to help.

3811. Finance.

- a. Bank Statements:

(1) West Down Parish Council wef 30th June

£4,492.75 – reconciled.

(2) 30 Day Notice Account wef 30th June

£5802.28

- b. Petty Cash - £nil.
- c. Cheques - To be signed on 11th July 2018.

3812. Any Other Business.

- a. Cllr Watts was concerned that he had not seen planning for works being carried out on The Old Vicarage. Chair advised these works are from an old planning permission.
- b. Cllr Ayre raised that rats are still present in the village. She has been advised it is the responsibility of landowners to hire pest control.
- c. Rubbish and recycling isn't always being collected, which could be contributing to rat problem.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9:15pm.