

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

Present: Cllr C King (Chairman), CCllr A Davis, DCllr M Wilkinson, Cllrs S Ayre, R Drew, F Hookway, S Squire and R Watts.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30pm with apologies from Cllr K Oades and PCSO P Grantham.

3842. Police Report. The following crimes were reported during the last month:

1 x Sent letter conveying a threatening message, 1x assault, 1x burglary at Mullacott.

3843. Minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

3844. Matters Arising.

- a. 3832a. Still awaiting response regarding alleged planning infringements at the 'Pearl Dean' site.
- b. 3832d. Julie Brett from North Devon Homes will notify Becky Pine when cutting hedgerows by Dean Road/Barton Road junction.
- c. 3832g. DCllr Wilkinson to check regarding signage on the old picnic site.
- d. 3832h. Clerk to investigate cost of new metal bin for the wooden bus shelter.
- e. 3837d. Cllr Watts has questioned why it has been requested that planning permission be re-applied for in 3 years, (in regards of the planning application for the air ambulance landing light). DCllr Wilkinson to confirm.

3845. CCllr Report. CCllr Davis reported on the following:

- a. Rumsam Bridge in Barnstaple will be closed at various times at night for road works.
- b. Essential works will be being carried out on the link road, these are likely to cause on going traffic problems.
- c. Cllr Watts is concerned that damage has been made to Pulland Bridge when the gullies were being cleared out. Clerk to email CCllr Davis with concern.
- d. Cllr Squire has raised the issue of flooding on the road by Willingcott golf course. CCllr Davis will investigate.

3846. DCllr Report. DCllr Wilkinson reported the following:

- a. North Devon Local Plan has been passed by inspectors, it is now just waiting to be signed off.
- b. There will be a joint Party conference regarding the possible effects of Brexit.
- c. An application for the coastal strips of Lynmouth, Woolacombe, Morthoe, Croyde and Saunton to be made a Surfing reserve. If successful these will be the only locations in the UK. This will be great for tourism and the community it is hoped.

- d. Cllr King raised concerns regarding the number of houses being built from Chivenor to Braunton and how the extra traffic will impact on an already busy road.
- e. The Chair thanked CCllr Davis and DCllr Wilkinson for their work supporting West Down's best interests.

3847. Footpaths. Nil.

3848. Devon Air Ambulance.

- a. Approval of District Councillor Grants of £200 each from DCllr Pat Barker and DCllr Malcom Wilkinson has been confirmed. The Chair thanked the DCllrs.
- b. The Chair thanked the West Down Women's Institute for £600 donation raised by their Cream Tea event
- c. The Chair will notify details of a site meeting as soon as all parties are able to attend.

3849. Planning Decisions. Nil

3850. Planning Applications.

- a. 65559 - Recladding and renovation of existing bungalow accommodation – Dog Trust – Unanimous approval
- b. 65508 – Stabilisation works to 10m length of river bank together with new bridge over stream – Badgers Drift. – Majority Approval.
- c. 65514 – Application for a lawful development certificate for the existing siting of one static caravan for use as a dwelling house. – Pig Heaven. Defer until next meeting.

3851. Correspondence.

- a. WDPHMC – Insurance policy and confirmation of this year payment.
- b. Invitation from the new owners of Willingcott Holiday Village to a public consultation on 20th October.
- c. Clerks and Councils Direct - September Issue.

3852. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

(1) West Down Parish Council	wef 3 rd October	£7004.78 – reconciled.
(2) 30 Day Notice Account	wef 3 rd October	£5803.00.

b. Cheques

(1) BACS payment received from NDC for £3975.12 being 50% Annual Precept (£3575) and 50% Parish Grant (£335) and £65.12 Grant Assistance.	
(2) Cheque from WD WI towards Devon Air Ambulance project -	- £600.00
(3) Cheque No 570 to WDPHMC – 50% grant	- £250.00
(4) Cheque No 571 to WDPCC – 50% grant	- £550.00

(5) Cheque No 572 to WDVGFA – 50% grant

- £400.00

c. Mid-Term Account. The Mid-Term Account was presented and approved.

d. Purchase of Poppy Wreath. It was agreed to purchase a wreath to be laid on behalf of the Parish under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972. 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.

3853. Any Other Business.

a. Cllr Ayre had reported damaged to a manhole cover by Sunnymead on the main road. This has now been fixed.

b. West Down School will run a 'mental health' training course in the spring and councillors are invited to attend.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8:35 pm.