

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 7th NOVEMBER 2018.**

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

3854. Police Report. The following crime was reported during the last month:

- a. Criminal damage x 1.

3855. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

3856. Matters Arising.

- a. 3844a. Still awaiting response regarding alleged planning infringements at the 'Pearl Dean' site.
- b. 3844c. DCllr Wilkinson to check regarding signage on the old picnic site.
- c. 3844d. Having investigated cost the decision has been approved to purchase a 35ltr metal bin at the price of £223.79 to replace the bin in the wooden bus shelter. Cllrs Oades and Drew have offered to install the bin.
- d. 3845c. CCllr Davies reported that although there was minor damage to the bridge, nothing will be done by DCC. Cllr Watts offered to fix the damage.
- e. 3845d. The flooding at Willingcott has cleared.
- f. 3852d. A poppy wreath has been purchased which Cllr King has agreed to lay on behalf of the Parish Council on Remembrance Sunday.

3857. CCllr Report. CCllr Davis sent a written report on the following:

- a. Food waste – Some households are still putting food waste in black bins instead of using food caddies provided.
- b. Recycling – Devon is doing well for recycling but householders are encouraged to recycle more.
- c. Road closures – Work is continuing to cause road closures on the A361 Link Road by Tiverton, the A399 by Combe Martin and the B3230 near Blakewell Fisheries.
- d. Parish Salt - Mr John Hookway has offered to store snow salt bags at the farm, provided they are waterproof.

3858. Devon Air Ambulance.

- a. Cllr Watts previously 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 has sent a letter to Planning to query this decision which also applies to the light at Woolacombe. The Chair has also drafted a letter to Des Brailey which was approved by the Parish Council.

- b. It was confirmed that the West Down Village Green Field Committee would be responsible for the air ambulance landing pad, supported by the Parish Council when appropriate.

3859. Footpaths.

- a. FP 17 is falling into the stream and becoming unpassable. Clerk to ask P3 for assistance.

b. Grass Cutting and Bus Shelter Cleaning 2019. The requirements were discussed and approved. Clerk to invite tenders as follows, with replies to be received prior to the next meeting:

Pulland Bridge Coronation Tree	) Strictly monthly — March to) November (incl)— 1st week of) month. Grass cutting (9 cuts)
Garden Lane Back of seat — Stang Lane Foxhunters seat	) Strictly monthly — March to) November (incl)— 1st week of) month. Grass cutting (9 cuts)
Heddon Mills Lane	) Strim 3 times.) First cut by) 30th April, final cut
Pembroke	) Strim 2 times.) by 31st October.
Austinhays to Rock Hill	) Strim 4 times and check) side growth. First cut by 30th) April, final cut by 31st October.
Stockland Hill Farm	) Strim 4 times. First cut by 30th) April, final cut by 31st October.) 2 kissing gates at start) of path near the farm and also) near the seat halfway along the) path. Strim path between 2) gates by stockade.
Fairview to Cheglinch	) Strim path by stiles 3 times a year.) First cut in early May, second cut) in mid-Aug, last by end Oct. —3 stiles.
Roborough Bridge	) Strim path 3 times a year. First) cut in early May, second cut) in mid-Aug, last by end Oct. — 3 stiles.
Footpath 6 (Off Ilfracombe Hill)	) Village end of path — strim) 3 times and check side growth.) 1st cut by 30th April, second cut) by 30th June and third cut by) 30th September. — 3 stiles.
Cleaning four bus shelters, two at Foxhunters and two at Dean Cross	) ) Every 2 weeks.

3860. Planning Decisions. The following applications have been approved:

- a. 65508 – Stabilisation works to 10m length of river bank together with new bridge over stream – Badgers Drift.
- b. 65559 – Recladding and renovation of existing bungalow accommodation – Dogs Trust.
- c. 65291 – Increase the capacity of the campsite from 15 to 25 tourism units (any mix) per night (all year), erection of one facility building. Construction of a hardstanding area & installation of associated utilities - Pipcott Field.

3861. Planning Applications.

- a. 65514 – Application for a lawful development certificate for the existing siting of one static caravan for use as a dwelling house – Pig Heaven. – Majority No Comment
- b. 65629 – Listed building application for replacement windows – Lower Aylescott Farmhouse. – Majority approval subject to following advice from Collette Hall.
- c. 65691/65692 – Listed building application – Conversion of agricultural building to form one unit of holiday accommodation – West Stowford Barton, Strawfields, West Down. – Unanimous refusal. Reasons: Serious concerns about retaining the agricultural and local historical heritage of this listed building by using unsuitable materials and creating additional features. This also breaches planning strategy in conjunction with Grade 2 listing by creating additional disabled access without providing internal disabled facilities.

3862. Correspondence.

- a. WDPHMC – Thanks for for £250 grant.
- b. WDPCC – Thanks for £550 grant.
- c. WDVGFA – Thanks for £400 grant.
- d. DCC Highways – Notification of a road closure from Dean Cross to Ilfracombe Hill junction from 24th - 29th January.

3863. Finance.

a. Bank Statements:

(1) West Down Parish Council wef 1 st Nov	£5,761.45 – reconciled.
(2) 30 Day Notice Account wef 1 st Nov	£5,803.23

b. Petty Cash - £nil.

c. Cheques –

(1) C/n 573 to Poppy Appeal – Remembrance poppy wreath	- £16.00
(2) C/n 574 to D. Lewis – Clerk's salary	- £862.50

3864. Any Other Business.

- a. Cllr Watts raised the possibility of reducing speed through village from 30 to 20mph. Agenda for next meeting.

- b. Cllr Oades reported the bad repair of road at Fullabrook Down.
- c. Cllr Hookway raised concerns regarding the number of people living in caravans within the parish. Seek advice with DCllr Wilkinson at next meeting.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm.