

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018.**

Present: Cllr C King (Chairman), Cllr 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 PCSO P Grantham.

3865. Police Report. – Nil

3866. Minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

3867. Matters Arising.

- a. 3856a. Still no response regarding planning infringements at Pearl Dean site.
- b. 3856b. DCllr Wilkinson is still trying to find out about signage at the old picnic site.
- c. 3856c. Bin has been ordered, awaiting delivery.
- d. 3856d. Cllr Watts will fix damage to the bridge.
- e. 3858a. Cllr King has been in touch with Mr Pedlar from the Planning Dept who advised resubmitting the planning application, without charge if done soon. Cllr Ayre to resubmit.
- f. 3859a. Assistance asked of P3 regarding FP17. Currently waiting response.
- g. 3864b. This has been reported by Cllr Oades, but still nothing has been done.

3868. CCllr Report. CCllr Davis reported on the following:

- a. The Devon District Council will have to save £5 million in the coming year.
- b. The road at Bradwell is due to be resurfaced. CCllr Davis has asked if there are any landowners able to take any soil, as they clear it from the sides of the road.

3869. DCllr Report. DCllr Wilkinson reported on the following:

- a. At the Parish Forum it was made clear that the County Council will be making cuts for the next year. Staffing levels will be reduced and there will be deficit budgeting. This could result in Parish grants being cut. With this in mind and also Parish elections for the forthcoming year he advises and was happy to see election costs have been included in our 2019/20 draft Parish budget.
- b. The application for the coastal area between Lynton and Saunton to become a Surfing Zone has been turned down. They have been advised to re-apply.
- c. Cllr Drew raised his concerns regarding the Record Office being moved to Exeter.
- d. The litter bin opposite the school is overflowing and keeps being missed by the bin collection. DCllr Wilkinson advised notifying the head of waste collection at NDC.

3870. Speed Limit.

- a. In response to reducing the speed limit to 20mph in the village, CCllr Davis has advised that this would be unlikely to happen for numerous reasons including:
- 1) For the village to implement this, we would need to create self-regulating solutions and have public consultations.
  - 2) Currently waiting for the Government to come out with 20mph speed limit policy and guidance.

3871. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

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| (1) West Down Parish Council wef 30 <sup>th</sup> November | - | £4839.62 – reconciled. |
| (2) 30 Day Notice Account wef 30 <sup>th</sup> November    | - | £5803.48.              |

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

c. Cheques

- (1) Cheque No 575 to G Hookway for grass cutting and bus shelter cleaning 2018  
- £1846.09.

d. Forecast Budget 2019/20.

- (1) The present balances were considered and the Parish Council was satisfied with the level of balances held.

- (2) The forecast budget for 2019/20 was presented, discussed and approved. Contributions from balance were set at -£3451.00.

e. Precept/Parish Grant 2019/10.

- (1) After discussion, it was agreed to set the Precept at £7500.00, an increase of just under 5% from last year.

- (2) It was agreed the Parish Grant application be made out to the maximum of £335.00 and the support grant of £65.12.

3872. Footpaths.

a. Grass Cutting and Bus Shelter Cleaning 2019.

- (1) Cllrs Hookway and Squire declared an interest and left the room.

- (2) The sole tender from Mr G Hookway for £1538.41 + VAT was approved. This remains the same as his tender for the last 4 years.

- b. Councillors were reminded to walk and inspect their respective FPs in order to report findings to allow the annual footpath survey to be completed.

3873. Planning Decisions.

- a. 65514 – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing siting of one static caravan for use as a dwelling house - Pig Heaven. Approved

3874. Planning Applications.

- a. 65816 – Extension and alterations to dwelling at 2 Chapel Court. - 2 abstain, majority approval.

3875. Correspondence.

- a. Clerks and Councils Direct - November issue.

3876. Any Other Business. - nil.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.05pm.