

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 6th JANUARY 2017

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm with apologies for absence received from DCllr P Barker, PCSO P Grantham and Cllr F Hookway.

3580. Police Report. – PCSO P Grantham sent a written report as follows:

a. There have been no reported crimes over the last month.

3581. Solar Park Working Group Report. – nil.

3582. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

a. Following a manuscript amendment to Ser 3574e(1), the Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

3583. Matters Arising.

a. 3570a. The clerk will proceed with the purchase of a laptop and accessories.

b. 3570d. The clerk has applied for a DCllr grant for a new dog bin to replace the decaying one by the school, which has been approved by DCllr Wilkinson.

c. 3571a. CCllr Davis has sent details of the person who does Parish Lengthsmen type work for Marwood and Pilton. The clerk has got in touch with Chris Wallis, who charges £15 per hour for him and his truck.

d. 3572a. DCllr Wilkinson said that the Local Plan has been well received by the inspectors.

3584. CCllrs Report. CCllr Davis reported on the following:

a. The road from the Square to the Triangle has now been resurfaced and looks good.

b. She asked that the potholes by Bradwell Mill be reported on the DCC website.

3585. DCllrs Report. DCllr M Wilkinson reported on the following:

a. The Air Ambulance has been looking for local landing sites with floodlit facilities and Woolacombe now have funding for their football pitch to become one.

3586. Planning Applications.

a. 62117 - Outline application for erection of 11 holiday units (plus reception/shop & recycling centre) some matters reserved - Willingcott Valley. Majority Refusal, 1 abstention. Reasons: Local Plan policy ECN 9 is being contravened. There were concerns regarding:-

1. The adverse visual impact with the style of the accommodation in the Coastal Protection Area.

2. The lack of any recreational facilities in a 'holiday village'.

3. The poor infrastructure and quality of the access roads.

It was also felt that there was:-

- (i). Poor maintenance of existing stock.
- (ii). Poor drainage and risk of flooding.
- (iii). Light pollution.
- (iv). Over development.

b. 62340 - Agricultural building works prior notification for - excavation/waste material for the creation of a hardstanding for the storage of silage - Cheglinch Farm. – Unanimous Approval.

3587 Footpaths.

a. Cllr Squire, having surveyed FP12, gave an account of works required. As there is quite a lot, it was agreed that P3 should be asked to walk the path to see if they can help with anything.

b. Councillors reported on their respective FPs in order for the annual footpath survey to be completed, however, the clerk has still not received the required forms from P3.

3588. Correspondence.

a. Message offering New Councillor Training at The Castle Centre, Barnstaple on 16th January at a cost of £25. Cllr Watts agreed to attend if places were still left.

3589. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

(1) West Down Parish Council	wef 31 st December	£2141.26 – reconciled.
(2) 30 Day Notice Account	wef 31 st December	£24174.50.

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

c. Cheques - nil

3590. Any Other Business.

a. Village clean up. Cllr Ayre has done a litter pick along Stang Lane. Councillors volunteered to litter pick other areas around the village.

b. Councillors were encouraged to identify and list areas that may need the services of Chris Wallis, (see Ser 3583c).

c. The litter bin by Pulland Bridge is in a disgusting state, being engulfed and surrounded by dog excrement bags. Cllr Ayre volunteered to clear this so that the bin men will empty the litter bin. A sign to be placed on the bin saying about the dog excrement bin on the Triangle.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.