

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

Present: Cllr C King (Chairman), Cllrs S Ayre, R Drew, F Hookway, K Oades, S Squire and R Watts.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm with apologies for absence received from CCllr A Davis, DCllr P Barker, DCllr M Wilkinson and PCSO P Grantham.

3591. Police Report. – PCSO P Grantham sent a written report as follows:

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

3592. Solar Park Working Group Report. Karen Bryant reported as follows:

a. The last meeting was on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

b. The following grant applications were recommended for Parish Council approval:

(i) Gardening Club – screen, ceiling mount, wireless connection stick - £492.52.

(ii) W.I. – projector and spare bulb - £486.41.

*Both applications were unanimously approved by the Parish Council.*

c. An application is pending from the PTFA.

d. The Parish Hall Committee are discussing an extension and upgrades to the hall with expenditure exceeding £150,000. The first stage would be the kitchen upgrade, costing over £24000. The Working Group recommend between £10 - £12k for Parish Council approval.

*The Parish Council unanimously agreed £12,000 for the Parish Hall.*

3593. Minutes of the Last Meeting. - The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

3594. Matters Arising.

a. 3583a. The clerk has purchased a laptop and accessories.

b. 3583b. The clerk has got a new dog bin to replace the decaying one by the school.

c. 3587a. Ros Davies from P3 has agreed to walk the FP12 to see what improvements are needed and what help can be given.

d. 3588. Cllr Watts attended the New Councillor training course on 16<sup>th</sup> January.

e. 3590a. Despite the litter pick by Councillors, it is disappointing to see that litter is still being discarded.

f. 3590c. Cllr Ayre cleared the litter bin by Pulland Bridge which was in a disgusting state, and a sign was placed on the bin identifying the dog excrement bin on the Triangle. Despite this, already there are bags of dog excrement in the bin. The Chair thanked Cllr Ayre for clearing up the mess. The purchase of another dog bin was discussed.

g. 3590b. Areas in need of the services of Mr Chris Wallis were discussed but as the full remit was not really known, it was decided that the clerk should invite Mr Wallis to the next meeting to find out what he can and cannot do.

3595. CCllrs Report. CClr Davis sent a written report on the following:

a. Consultation on Public Health Nursing Service. The consultation is on the DCC website and will end on 22 February 2017.

b. New Healthy Lifestyle Service - A free service commissioned by Devon County Council. For more information, visit [www.onesmallstep.org.uk](http://www.onesmallstep.org.uk).

c. Hospital Roundabout - A scheme to construct a new roundabout to upgrade the current signalled controlled junction on the A39 North Road in Barnstaple, serving Westaway Plain and North Devon District Hospital is due to start in early February 2017. It is anticipated that construction will take place for 15 weeks until the middle of May.

3596. DCllrs Report. Nil.

3597 Footpaths.

a. The footpath along Austins Hay is muddy. Mr Hookway has previously spread plainings along this path. Ask for quote to re-do the path, to include in the P3 survey and grant application.

3598. Planning Decisions. The following decisions have been made:

a. 62189 - Reserved matters application for erection of one dwelling (outline planning permission 61615) (amended plans) at garden of 1 Eaton Place – Approved.

b. 62340 - Agricultural building works prior notification for - excavation/waste material for the creation of a hardstanding for the storage of silage - Cheglinch Farm - Prior approval not required.

c. 61716 - Conversion of pub to 4 cottages, renovation of existing chalet & erection of 8 cottages at Foxhunters Inn & adjoining land – Refused.

3599. Planning Applications. Nil.

3600. Correspondence.

a. Clerks and Councils Direct – January edition.

b. Voicewatch – Newsletter.

3601. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

(1) West Down Parish Council	wef 31 <sup>st</sup> January	£2115.26 – reconciled.
(2) 30 Day Notice Account	wef 31 <sup>st</sup> January	£24175.53

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

c. Cheques

(1) C/n 541 to Glasdon UK Ltd – dog bin	- £222.48
(2) C/n 542 to D Lewis – Laptop and ancillaries	- £812.50
(3) C/n 543 to Mr D Lewis, Clerk's salary	- £727.98
(4) C/n 544 to WD Gardening Club – Solar Park Farm grant	- £492.52
(5) C/n 545 to WD WI – Solar Park Farm grant	- £486.41

3602. Any Other Business.

- a. The 'Give Way' white road lines around the Square need re-painting since the road was re-surfaced.
- b. The hedgerows at Willingcott have not been trimmed for at least 3 years and need doing.
- c. The drain by the Old Longhouse is blocked again.
- d.. The Parish Council expressed sadness at the recent sudden closure of both The Queen's Theatre in Barnstaple and The Landmark Theatre in Ilfracombe.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.