

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 7th JUNE 2017

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

3643. Police Report. – PCSO P Grantham sent a written report as follows:

a. There have been 6 crimes during the last month, 4 of which were outside of the village. They included theft, criminal damage and possession of an offensive weapon. Offenders have all been dealt with by police.

3644. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

- a. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed.
- b. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting were approved and signed.

3645. Matters Arising.

- a. 3631a. Cllrs Oades and Drew agreed to put the now redundant litter bin from Pulland Bridge into the Community Field.
- b. 3636. The potential for a helicopter landing site in the Community Field has developed with a site being identified. The owners of Farriel Lane will be consulted with regard to hard standing along the lane and at the entrance to the field to allow access for ambulances. Funding will need to be sought and the West Down Village Green Field Association to be very much involved in the management of the development.

3646. CCllrs Report. The Chair congratulated CCllr Davis on her recent election victory.

CCllr Davis reported on the following:

- a. She is delighted to have been re-elected as County Councillor for Combe Martin Rural. Following the Boundary Review, the ward has increased by 6 parishes so she may not be able to attend as many of our Parish Council meetings as she has done in the past.
- b. There is a new consultation document concerning the Link Road from the South Molton junction to Bideford and she urges people to have their say.
- c. The contract for verge cutting at road junctions has changed however some of the cuts have not been very good, particularly at Dean Cross and Trimstone Cross. She advised complaining.
- d. Cllr Watts complained about having to pay to dispose of building rubble at the Council Re-cycling Centres which has brought about an increase in fly tipping. CCllr Davis explained that we have had to pay for some time now and although there has been an increase in fly tipping, there have recently been 2 successful prosecutions.

e. Ilfracombe Hill is to have surface dressing in the near future. CCllr Davis was reminded that the white lines outside Quicks Tenement were not re-instated after that road was resurfaced.

f. Changes to waste collection are soon to take place with food waste not allowed in wheelie bins and new food caddies being distributed for weekly collection with the recycling boxes.

3647. DCllrs Report. Nil

3648. Footpaths.

a. The hedges along Austins Hay are overgrown.

b. There is a finger post out of the ground by FP 14a.

c. Ros Davies from P3 to walk FP12 to see what help can be given.

3649. Planning Decisions. The following decisions have been made:

a. 62692 - Outline application for the erection of 10 small industrial units all matters reserved - Mullacott Industrial Estate – Approved.

b. 63042 - Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 52212 in respect of wording of condition 2 - Philip Dennis Foodservice, Mullacott Industrial Estate – Approved.

3650. Planning Applications.

a. 62888 - Change of use to camping (up to 10 wheeled shepherds' huts, private motor vehicles & camper vans), use of existing building as amenity facility & creation of access - West Stowford Barton Hill, West Stowford. Unanimous approval.

b. 63043 - Extension to garage, extension to porch & creation of ramped access to porch - Holly Cottage.

i. Cllr S Ayre declared an interest and left the room.

ii. Mr D Ayre spoke raising various observations about the application.

iii. Letter of objection received from Mr K Sprason.

Unanimous refusal. Reason: Concerns that there are very important discrepancies to the garage extension which are now retrospective and recommend a site inspection.

c. 63133 - Erection of one agricultural general purpose building – Cheglinch. Defer until next meeting.

3651. Correspondence.

a. WDPHMC – Letter of thanks for £250 grant.

b. WDPCC – Letter of thanks for £550 grant.

c. WDVGFA – Letter of thanks for £400 grant.

d. Clerks and Councils Direct – May edition.

3652. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

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| (1) West Down Parish Council | wef 31 st May | £8481.27 – reconciled to £5081.27 (uncashed cheque £3411). |
| (2) 30 Day Notice Account | wef 31 st May | £5799.09 |

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

c. Cheques

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| (1) BACS receipt – HM Revenue & Customs – reclaimed VAT | £595.95 |
| (2) C/n 457- Getmapping plc – Parish Online | £33.60 |
| (3) C/n 458 – Community First – Annual insurance | £357.41 |
| (4) C/n 459 – Julie Snooks – Internal audit | £200.00 |

d. Review Annual Insurance. The Community First Insurance Policy was reviewed and agreed.

e. The Annual Return Internal Audit was returned with no comments.

3653. Any Other Business.

- a. The Giant Hogweed by Crackaway needs spraying as soon as possible.
- b. Cllr Ayre proposed a big thank you to the Solar Park Working Group on the village website, which was unanimously agreed

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.