

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 5th JULY 2017

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

3654. Police Report. – nil.

3655. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June were approved and signed.

3656. Matters Arising.

- a. 3645a. The Chair thanked Cllr Oades for moving the litter bin into the Community Field.
- b. 3645b. The potential for a helicopter landing site in the Community Field is on the agenda for the next meeting of the West Down Village Green Field Association.
- c. 3646c. The verges at the top of Ilfracombe Hill and at Dean Cross need trimming.
- d. 3653a. The Giant Hogweed by Crackaway has been sprayed. It was considered that future spraying should take place in March and that someone else might spray it in order to reduce the cost.

3657. CCllrs Report. CCllr Davis sent a written report on the following:

- a. 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.
- b. The new roundabout at the North Devon District Hospital seems to be working well.

3658. DCllrs Report. DCllr P Barker sent a written report on the following:

- a. The new recycling and food collection service seems to be going well.
- b. There have been some new initiatives for Barnstaple including a new car parking strategy, a pedestrian/cycle bridge to link areas of Anchorwood and Severn Bretheren to the town centre and the grant funding for the Barnstaple Museum has now been awarded.

DCllr M Wilkinson reported on the following:

- c. He is delighted that acute services have been saved at NDDH.
- d. The next Parish Forum is next week.
- e. There are many concerns by residents towards the Willingcott planning application.

3659. Footpaths.

- a. The bottom of a finger post has rotted and is out of the ground by FP 14a. Mr G Hookway may have some replacement posts.

- b. Ros Davies from P3 to walk FP12 to see what help can be given.
- c. The seat along Stang Lane has been damaged. Cllr Oades agreed to price up materials for replacing the top.

3660. Planning Decisions. The following decisions have been made:

- a. 62883 - Erection of 1 commercial unit at Wilderbrook Way, Mullacott Industrial Estate – Approved.
- b. Appeal against application 61186, dated 6 May 2016, refused by notice dated 22 August 2016 - Prior approval for change of use and associated operational development of agricultural building to 1 dwelling. - Part of Moore Farm, Dean Cross. The appeal is allowed and approval is granted.

3661. Planning Applications.

- a. 63043 - Extension to garage, extension to porch & creation of ramped access to porch (amended plans) - Holly Cottage.
 - i. Cllr S Ayre declared an interest and left the room.
 - ii. Letter of objection received from Mr D Ayre.

Unanimous refusal. Reasons: The building has been completed prior to the plans being approved so this is now retrospective. These are supposedly amended plans but there is no change from the original.

- b. 63131 - Erection of one agricultural livestock building - Cheglinch Farm. - Unanimous approval. Concerns about drainage and run off of water from the roof following previous flooding affecting a neighbouring property.
- c. 63132 - Erection of one agricultural livestock building - Cheglinch. - Unanimous approval. Concerns about drainage and run off of water from the roof following previous flooding affecting a neighbouring property.
- d. 63133 - Erection of one agricultural general purpose building – Cheglinch. - Unanimous approval. Concerns about drainage and run off of water from the roof following previous flooding affecting a neighbouring property.
- e. 63241 - Erection of a silage pit enclosure - Lower Twitchen Farm
Cllr Squire declared an interest and left the room. - Unanimous approval. Concerns about drainage and run off of water from the roof.
- f. 63350 - Extension to & conversion of agricultural building to form one unit of holiday accommodation together with siting of temporary structure timber cabin to provide one unit of holiday accommodation (The Den) – Butterhills. West Down. – Unanimous approval.
- g. 61716 - Appeal against the decision of North Devon Council to refuse to grant planning permission for conversion of pub to 4 cottages, renovation of existing chalet & erection of 8 cottages - Foxhunters Inn & adjoining land. - Unanimous 'No Comment'.

3662. Correspondence.

- a. WDPCC – Letter of request for funding for the church roof. It was unanimously decided that the Parish Council was unable to support this request.
- b. Clerks and Councils Direct – July edition.

3663. Finance. nil

3664. Any Other Business.

- a. Cllrs Hookway and Squire were not happy with the standard of workmanship carried out by the Parish Highwayman. Waste from the school wall was dumped by the black shed and although the drain was found and cleared, the verge along the church wall was not scraped away and earth disposed of.
- b. Cllr Squire asked about white lines being painted outside Quicks Tenement.
- c. Silage time and again tractors are driving too fast through the village.
- d. The Chair explained the time frame that has been decided for the s.106 money connected to the Pearl Dean development.

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