

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 2nd AUGUST 2017

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

3665. Public Speaking.

a. Mr Terry King, Chairman WDPHMC, showed those present around the new improvements to the Parish Hall and thanked the Parish Council and District Councillors for their support.

3666. Police Report. – PCSO Dale Kingdom sent a written report on the following:

a. There have been no crimes to report during the last month.

3667. Minutes of the Last Meeting. Following two manual amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July approved and signed.

3668. Matters Arising.

a. 3656c. The verges at the top of Ilfracombe Hill and at Dean Cross need trimming. Keep reporting this in DCC website.

b. 3656d. The Giant Hogweed by Crackaway seems to be dying.

c. 3658a. The new recycling and food collection service does not seem to be going well in West Down with some collections being missed and others collected on a different day than advised by NDC.

d. 3662a. Cllr Drew has previously given an 'Application Guide for Church Roof Repair' to the WDPCC to enable them to apply for funding.

e. 3664b. Cllr Davis agreed to 'chase up' the painting of the white lines outside Quicks Tenement.

3669. Cllrs Report. Cllr Davis reported on the following:

a. The Chair thanked Cllr Davis for the resurfacing of Ilfracombe Hill in the village.

b. The potholes by Bradwell Mill are very bad. Water from springs makes the potholes break up as quickly as they are filled and Cllr Davis said that it needs a drainage scheme to sort out the problem.

3670. DCllrs Report. DCllr M Wilkinson reported on the following:

a. The final Draft Joint Local Plan is now out.

b. Planning application consultations are now being done online. This is OK for minor applications but he is not happy about major applications where there is a lot of information and believes this should be hard copy sent through the post as usual.

c. He was pleased to announce that S.106 money from a Mullacott Industrial Estate application has been awarded to The Aerial Centre.

d. The Local Government Boundary Commission are conducting an Electoral Review of North Devon consultation to reduce the amount of DCllrs from 42 to 40.

3671. Footpaths.

a. The bottom of a finger post has rotted and is out of the ground by FP 14a, and the gate post of the kissing gate leading out of the Green Field is broken. New posts should be arriving shortly.

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

c. The seat along Stang Lane has been damaged. It was unanimously agreed to remove the seat.

3672. Annual Review of Health and Safety.

a. A sub-committee of Cllrs Drew and K Oades will review Parish Council property and report at the next meeting.

3673. Planning Decisions. The following decisions have been made:

a. 63131 - Erection of one agricultural livestock building - Cheglinch Farm. – Approved.

b. 63132 - Erection of one agricultural livestock building - Cheglinch. – Approved.

c. 63133 - Erection of one agricultural general purpose building – Cheglinch.– Approved.

3674. Planning Applications.

a. 63409: Variation of conditions 4 (occupancy restriction) attached to planning permission 86/1302/66/1 (proposed holiday units & clubhouse with sewerage treatment plant) & 5 (occupancy restriction) attached to planning permission 7310 (approval of details: proposed 24 no. holiday cottages) to allow holiday use all year - Providence Cottage, 24 Willingcott Valley. – Unanimous approval.

3675. Correspondence.

a. WD Gardening Club re strimming around West Down stone sign at Dean Cross. Cllr Hookway agreed to ask Mr Morley Hookway if he would do this.

b. The Local Government Boundary Commission re Electoral Review of North Devon consultation.

3676. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

(1) West Down Parish Council	wef 31 st July	£4438.26 – reconciled.
(2) 30 Day Notice Account	wef 31 st July	£5799.61

b. Cheques

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| (1) C/n 460 to C Wallis – Highway maintenance | - £82.50 |
| (2) C/n 461 to D Lewis – Clerk salary | - £812.50 |
| (3) C/n 462 to G Hookway – P3 maintenance, Austins Hay FP | - £384.00 |

c. Annual Review of Clerk's Salary. The clerk left the room for this item.
It was agreed to raise the clerk's salary by £100p.a., making a total of £3350.00 p.a.

3677. Any Other Business.

a. The Parish Council thanked the WDPHMC for all their work with recent improvements to the Parish Hall. Their next meeting is on 30th August and Cllr Oades agreed to attend.

b. Complaints about the smell of bonfires with burning tyres and also noise, especially at night, with dogs barking which are being kept in a lorry container in one of the fields up Ilfracombe Hill. Clerk to notify Environmental Health at NDC.

c. Village Forum – Clerk to agenda for September meeting.

d. Highway Maintenance – Clerk to agenda for September meeting.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.