

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 1st NOVEMBER 2017

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

3704. Police Report.

a. The Police Newsletter showed 4 crimes for the month in the West Down area including 1 x non-dwelling burglary, 1 x theft, 1 x Public Order Offence and 1 x ABH.

3705. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October were approved and signed.

3706. Matters Arising.

a. 3694a. No further developments have happened regarding P3 walking FP12 to see what help can be given.

b. 3694b. A response has been received from NDC regarding the complaint about the noise from dogs and smell from bonfires from one of the fields up Ilfracombe Hill. A visit was made by an Enforcement Officer who witnessed a fire and advised the culprit.

c. 3695c. The Post Office is still closed with no notification of when it will re-open.

d. 3695d. CCllr Davis has asked about the possibility of erecting a Pedestrian Protection Barrier outside the Iron Room, however this is not possible as there is a dropped kerb there. It may be possible to have a protection bar there instead.

e. 3697a. The rotten tread on a stile on FP6 has been removed.

f. 3698a. The Chair thanked Mr J Pearce for clearing some of the watertable along the road by the church wall.

g. 3703a. Advice has been sought from DALC and it is alright for the Parish Council to apply for planning permission for the aerial for the Devon Air Ambulance.

3707. CCllrs Report. CCllr Davis sent a written report on the following subjects:

a. She advised the Parish Council contact the contractor about the road surface outside Churchill House.

3708. DCllrs Report. DCllr M Wilkinson reported on the following:

a. There is still some money available in his DCllr Grant Fund. Agenda for next meeting.

b. The Tarka Community Development charity has funds available for conservation projects.

c. He reminded residents to reply the Electoral Roll questionnaire.

3709. Footpaths.

- a. Mr J Pearce has kindly offered to replace the bench along Stang Lane.
- b. Grass Cutting and Bus Shelter Cleaning 2018. The requirements were discussed and approved. Clerk to invite tenders as follows, with replies to be received prior to the next meeting:

Pulland Bridge Coronation Tree) Strictly monthly — March to) November (incl)— 1st week of) month. Grass cutting (9 cuts)
Garden Lane Back of seat — Stang Lane Foxhunters seat) Strictly monthly — March to) November (incl)— 1st week of) month. Grass cutting (9 cuts)
Heddon Mills Lane Pembroke) Strim 3 times.) First cut by) 30th April, final cut) Strim 2 times.) by 31st October.
Austinhays to Rock Hill) Strim 4 times and check) side growth. First cut by 30th) April, final cut by 31st October.
Stockland Hill Farm) Strim 4 times. First cut by 30th) April, final cut by 31st October.) 2 kissing gates at start) of path near the farm and also) near the seat halfway along the) path. Strim path between 2) gates by stockade.
Fairview to Cheglinch) Strim path by stiles 3 times a year.) First cut in early May, second cut) in mid-Aug, last by end Oct. —3 stiles.
Roborough Bridge) Strim path 3 times a year. First) cut in early May, second cut) in mid-Aug, last by end Oct. — 3 stiles.
Footpath 6 (Off Ilfracombe Hill)) Village end of path — strim) 3 times and check side growth.) 1st cut by 30th April, second cut) by 30th June and third cut by) 30th September. — 3 stiles.
Cleaning four bus shelters, two at Foxhunters and two at Dean Cross)) Every 2 weeks.

3710 Highways Maintenance.

- a. Clerk to ask for a quote to clear the verge along the road, back to the church wall and to dispose of the waste.
- b. The verge along Stang Lane needs clearing.

3711. Planning Decisions. The following decisions have been made:

- a. 61914 - Erection of seven industrial units at land at Wilderbrook Way, Mullacott Cross Industrial Estate. - Approved.
- b. 63550 - Erection of a new training barn facility with associated parking spaces & turning head at Dogs Trust. – Approved.
- c. 62117 - Outline application for erection of 11 holiday units (plus reception/shop & recycling centre) some matters reserved - Willingcott Valley. Finally disposed of.
- d. 61967 - Conversion of Golf Club House to form three units of holiday accommodation - Willingcott Valley. Finally disposed of.

3712. Planning Applications.

- a. 63893 - Variation of condition 10 (drainage ditch) attached to planning permission 60385 (erection of 17 dwellings (3 bungalows & 14 houses) (amended plans & documents) (landscaping information & plan)) to allow a change of description - Land off Ilfracombe Hill.
 - (1) Cllrs Ayre, Hookway and Squire declared an interest and left the room.
 - (2) Cllr R Watts Chaired this item.
 - (3) Mr John Hookway spoke about the application stating that he has never been approached about the subject.

Unanimous 'No Comment'. Concerns that the landowner has not been approached on the matter.

3713. Correspondence.

- a. WDPHMC – Letter of thanks for grant.
- b. WDPCC – Letter of thanks for grant.
- c. WDVGFA - Letter of thanks for grant.
- d. NDC – Street name consultation letter for new development on land off Ilfracombe Hill. It was unanimously decided to agree with the suggestion of 1-17 Lower Broad Park.
- e. Mr J Pearce of Aylesdene – re proposed 'West Down Link' from the Tarka Trail being moved from Dean Cross to Foxhunters and then being withdrawn altogether with no consultation. Clerk to inform CCllr Davis and invite Mr Cornish to talk about it at the next meeting.
- f. Clerks and Council Direct – November issue.
- g. Healthwatch Voices – Autumn issue.

3714. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

- (1) West Down Parish Council wef 1st November £5514.99 – reconciled.
- (2) 30 Day Notice Account wef 1st November £5800.33.

b. Purchase of Poppy Wreath. It was agreed to purchase a wreath for laying on behalf of the Parish under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as the purchase is, in the opinion of the Council, in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and benefits them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

c. Cheques

(1) Cheque No 469 to Poppy Appeal – Remembrance Wreath	- £16.00
(2) Cheque No 471 to Mr D Lewis – Clerk salary	- £837.50

3715. Any Other Business.

- a. Cllr King confirmed her attendance on behalf of the Council for the wreath laying ceremony on Remembrance Sunday.
- b. The car park has been weeded.

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