

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 6th DECEMBER 2017

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

3716. Prior to the meeting starting, the Chair introduced Mr Toby Russell from Devon Air Ambulance who discussed the options for a flood lit landing site on the 'Green Field'. Funding in the region of £3140 would have to be raised and CCllr Davis offered help from her grant allocation. In other areas, Parish Councils have applied for the Planning Application which has helped reduce costs.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.40pm with apologies for absence received from DCllr P Barker, DCllr M Wilkinson and PCSO P Grantham.

3717. Tarka Trail. Following on from correspondence from Mr Cornish of DCC and Mr Jamie Pearce, The Chair invited CCllr Davis to update the meeting of the current situation with the 'West Down Link' to the Tarka Trail. She explained the West Down Link was dangerous as it stands and so has been removed from the plan. The important issue in the wider scheme, is to get the Tarka Trail up and running and then details such as the West Down Link can be addressed at a later date. The Parish Council agreed with CCllr Davis, having her assurance that public safety would be guaranteed.

3718. Police Report.

a. The Police Newsletter showed 5 crimes for the month in the West Down area including 1 x fraud (internet based), 1 x theft and 3 x assaults. The Chair requested clarification on where these crimes took place?

3719. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st November were approved and signed.

3720. Matters Arising.

a. 3706a. No further developments have happened regarding P3 walking FP12 to see what help can be given. CCllr Davis offered to 'chase' this.

b. 3706c. The Post Office at the Parish Hall has re-opened.

3721. CCllrs Report. CCllr Davis reported on the following subjects:

a. More than £3 million of Pothole Action Funding is to be used to fund over 250 road repair schemes across Devon before April 2018.

b. DCC has over 20,000 tonnes of salt ready for the winter roads, however a severe winter is not predicted.

c. Bradwell Lane is flooded by the buddle hole

3722. DCllrs Report. CCllr Davis reported on the following:

a. The Boundary Commission consultation. It was agreed that West Down Parish Council respond as per the recommendation.

3723. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

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| (1) West Down Parish Council | wef 30 th November | £5337.99 – reconciled. |
| (2) 30 Day Notice Account | wef 30 th November | £5800.58. |

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

c. Cheques

- (1) BACS payment received from NDC, TAP Fund for spraying Giant Hogweed etc - £702.50.
- (2) Cheque No 472 to Grant Thornton – Annual Audit - £240.00
- (3) Cheque No 473 to G Hookway for grass cutting and bus shelter cleaning 2017 - £1846.09.
- (4) Cheque No 474 to G Hookway for P3 maintenance work - £132.00.

d. Forecast Budget 2018/19.

- (1) The present balances were considered and the Parish Council was satisfied with the level of balances held.
- (2) The forecast budget for 2018/19 was presented, discussed and approved. Contributions from balance were set at -£2169.00.

e. Precept/Parish Grant 2018/19.

- (1) After discussion, it was agreed to set the Precept at £7150.00, the same as last year.
- (2) It was agreed the Parish Grant application be made out to the maximum of £335.00 and the support grant of £130.24.

f. Grass Cutting and Bus Shelter Cleaning 2018.

- (1) Cllrs Hookway and Squire declared an interest and left the room.
- (2) The sole tender from Mr G Hookway for £1538.41 + VAT was approved. This remains the same as his tender for the last 3 years.

3724. Footpaths.

- a. Councillors were reminded to walk and inspect their respective FPs in order to report findings to allow the annual footpath survey to be completed.
- b. The entrance to the Green Field via Garden Lane is very muddy. Cllr Oades agreed to arrange for plainings to be put down.

3725. Village Forum.

- a. The next Village Forum will take place at the Parish Hall at 7.00pm on 12th December.

3726. Planning Decisions. The following decisions have been made:

- a. 64007 - Approval of details in respect of discharge of condition 7 (arboricultural) attached to 63350 at Butterhills - Approved.
- b. 63678 - Concreting of an existing farmyard area - Foxhill Farm - Approved.
- c. 63784 - Alterations and extension to four units of holiday accommodation - Little Comfort Farm. – Approved.
- d. 63833 - Erection of agricultural building over existing livestock yard area (associated applications: 63833, 63834, 63835, 63837, & 63838) – Cheglinch Farm – Approved.
- e. 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. – Approved.

3727. Planning Applications.

- a. 64146 - Installation of 1.5mw battery storage facility (alternative electricity storage facility to that approved by planning permission 60677) at land at Mullacott Cross. – Unanimous approval.

3728. Correspondence.

- a. Mr G Cornish DCC re Tarka Trail.
- b. Mr J Pearce re Tarka Trail.

3729. Any Other Business.

- a. Clerk to get a quote for clearing the watertable along the church wall.
- b. Two tiles have fallen off the West Down sign at Deans Cross. Cllrs Drew and Oades offered to refit them.

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