

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2016**

Present: Cllr J Oades (Chairman), CCllr A Davis, DCllr M Wilkinson, Cllrs S Ayre, R Drew, C King, P Knowles, K Oades, and J Willmott.

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

3434. Police Report. – PCSO P Grantham sent a written report as follows:

- a. There has only been one reported crime this year: theft of 2 chainsaws from a garage.

3435. Minutes of the Last Meetings.

- a. The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February were approved and signed.
- b. The Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February were approved and signed.

3436. Matters Arising.

- a. 3426. The Solar Park Grant will be an agenda item at meetings until the money has been distributed.
- b. 3432a. DCllr Barker has kindly agreed to pay for a replacement dog bin from her DCllr Grant when it is renewed at the start of the new financial year in April.
- c. 3432c. Workmen arrived to replace the damaged railings at Eaton Place only to find that they were the wrong size! The saga continues.

3437. CCllrs Report. CCllr Davis reported on the following:

- a. Budget 2016/17 – She highlighted the disparity of government funding between urban and rural funding with Devon receiving much less than average. Devon County Council will have to increase Council Tax by 3.99% which represents a £46.35 increase on a Band D Property.
- b. A Devolution prospectus has now been submitted to government.
- c. Work is going ahead to fund and explore options to improve and develop the Link Road.

3438. DCllrs Report. DCllr Wilkinson reported on the following:

- a. The CAB grant and DCllr Grant will remain following this year's budget.
- b. A second consultation about Wind Energy Development as part of the local plan has been circulated with replies by 24<sup>th</sup> March. The Chair asked if this could be extended as we have only recently been informed of the consultation.
- c. The hedge going along Dean Road from the Barton Lane junction needs cutting. DCllr Wilkinson advised to notify Mark Cantell, the local contractor.

3439. Solar Park Grant.

- a. The Chair hosted an informal introductory meeting with the working party where the remit was looked at and clarified. Suggested changes to the remit were approved by a majority decision of the Parish Council with Cllr Willmott voting against.
- b. There may be occasions when the £20000 limit may need to be amended and the Parish Council reserve the right to do this.
- c. A representative of the working party is invited to attend Parish Council meetings. The 7 members of the working party are: Karen Bryant, Fay Hookway, Richard Kenshole, Roger Milsom, Sally Parsons, Tony Potter and Richard Watts.

3440. Footpaths.

- a. The annual P3 survey and grant application has been submitted.

3441. Planning Decisions. The following decisions have been made:

- a. 60544 - Retention of dwelling to be used in conjunction with boarding kennels - Darragh Lodge, Heddon Mills. - Approved.
- b. Certificate of Lawfulness for occupation of a caravan as a single dwelling – West Stowford Barton Mill. - Approved

3442. Planning Applications.

- a. 60591 - Change of use of land to campsite for tents & shepherds huts & erection of toilet block - West Stowford Barton. – Unanimous approval.
- b. 60696 - Prior approval for the installation, alteration or replacement of other solar photovoltaics (pv) equipment on the roofs of non-domestic buildings up to a capacity of 1 megawatt subject to certain limitations - Philip Dennis Foodservice, Mullacott Cross Industrial Estate. – No comment needed.
- c. 58162 - (As an adjoining Parish) Hydrogen generating facility with underground storage system- Fullabrook Farm, Fullabrook. – Unanimous refusal. Reason: Does not meet requirements of Local Plan ENV1 or Local Plan DVS4.
- d. 60751 – Erection of pitched roof over existing flat roof – Sunningdale, Cheglinch. – Unanimous approval.

3443. Correspondence.

- a. David Ayre WDPHMC – Notification that subsidence cover has been added to the Parish Hall insurance policy.
- b. Barnstaple Town Council – Planning School on 12<sup>th</sup> March.
- c. Peter Heaton-Jones MP – reply to letter concerning speed restriction on A361. Offer to attend a Parish Council Meeting. Clerk to reply with suggested dates of June, July, August, September or November meetings.
- d. Royal Mint – Celebratory medal to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of HM The Queen for schools and councils.
- e. Junk Mail – Issue 17.
- f. Clerks and Councils Direct – March issue.

3444. Finance

a. Bank Statements

(1) West Down Parish Council wef 29<sup>th</sup> February £1023.94 – reconciled.

(2) 30 Day Notice Account wef 29<sup>th</sup> February £35643.45.

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

c. Cheques

(1) C/n 000514 to WDPHMC – 6 months + 1 extra hire of hall - £112.00

3445. Any Other Business.

a. Cllr Knowles is making progress with the Standing Orders.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.20pm.