

WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting held via Zoom on
Wednesday 6th May 2020 commencing at 7:30pm.

Present. Cllrs. C King (Chair), S Ayre (Vice Chair), R Drew, M Reeves, T Verney, S Squire, K Oades.

Apologies. Cllr. R Watts. C Cllr. A Davis and D Cllr. M Wilkinson.

4112. Public Speaking.

Councillor C King (Chair) addressed the meeting by saying;
'I would normally start the meeting with a bit of Parish Council history but we are making history ourselves today with our first ever remote meeting. People have really come together during these difficult times. The community have been looking out for each other and our thanks go out to the parishioners who work for the NHS and other vital service providers, to others who have volunteered to look after the more vulnerable members of our community by collecting prescriptions and shopping and to the shop for doing a marvellous job. I am sure that the Parish Councillors would like to express and record their thanks to the community for their support'. This statement met with unanimous agreement.

4113. Police Report.

No newsletters are being produced at the moment. Crime figures for the area of Morteheo/Woolacombe, West Down, Mullacott & Bittadon are 1 Malicious Communication (resolved).

4114. Minutes of the last meeting.

The March Minutes were approved and signed.

4115. Matters Arising.

4096. Lambing/Sheep worrying. No reports of any incidents.
4098d. Dog mess around the village has become a big issue with lots of complaints. It was decided to put notices up to deter this problem from continuing and it was decided that people seen not to comply will be reported to the relevant authorities.

4116. Report from County Councillor.

£2.2m is to be spent on a roundabout and ancillary works at Lynton Cross to improve safety on the A3123. Recycling centres will re-open from Monday 11th May 2020.

4117. Footpaths.

It has been reported that the top bar on the stile has been split on footpath 6. This will be reported to P3. Repairs to the signpost at Lower Aylescott Footpath 17 are still awaited. This is to be chased. No other problems reported.

Following an email from P3 with regard to Coronavirus, maintenance work to our green areas and public rights of way has had to be postponed. Only DCC contractors can work on the rights of way and our requirements have been forwarded to them. Issues to be clarified with P3.

4118. Planning - Decisions from NDC.

a. 71055 Kinver, West Down, Devon. EX34 8NF. Approved.

4119. Planning Applications.

a. 71378. 12 Thorne Park West Down.

Application for a lawful development certificate for proposed extension and alterations to dwelling. Approved.

b. 71280/71281. Solar Farm West Hill.

Variation of condition 2 and 3 (lifetime of development). Approved.

4120. Willingcott S106 Money.

It has been noted that the S106 money has been allocated to Braunton Burrows and not the adjoining parishes. Our Chair Cllr. C King has spoken to D Cllr. M Wilkinson, he has spoken to Mr B. Pedlar and his comment was that, many future visitors to Willingcott will visit Braunton Burrows. There is no educational implication to the development and plenty of recreation provided, so therefore there is no reason for the payment of s106. The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Mr E. Ley has said that he doesn't see why this has happened and that West Down would be more entitled. Disappointment was expressed that this has happened and the need to voice concerns was felt. It was noted that Woolacombe and Morteohoe would be just as entitled being adjoining Parishes. S106 monies was not discussed at the public meeting or at the planning meeting. Agreed to contact the relevant people to find out how much money is to be made available and the criteria on how it is to be spent and to suggest that it could be better utilised by the Tarka Trail. Woolacombe and Morteohoe have leisure facilities that would also benefit from extra funding. There are parishioners close to the development that will be affected greatly and should see some consequence of the money available.

4121. D Cllr M Wilkinson Grant.

Map Case purchased. It is now necessary to be thinking about the next £250-500 available. One idea is to get new signs into the village at Stang Lane and Ilfracombe Hill in line with the Village sign at Dean Cross.

4122. Climate and Environment Grant.

The possibility of using this grant for the purchase and fitting of an Electric Charging Point was discussed. Cllr. M Reeves mentioned the possibility of having extra solar panels fitted to the roof of the Parish Hall to increase the system generation capacity from 3Kw to 4Kw. It was decided that the Parish Hall Management Committee should be consulted on this.

4123. Map Case.

Has been purchased and needs to be erected.

4124. Correspondence.

Letter from Mrs G Ellis and Mr P Swan re: The planning decision process. A letter in return is to be drafted.

4125. Finance.

a) Bank Statements.

(1) Current Acc.	As at 30 th April 2020.	£ 5,881.38 reconciled.
(2) 30 Day Notice Account.	As at 30 th April 2020.	£ 4,806.98 reconciled.
(3) Petty Cash.	As at 30 th April 2020.	£ 30.00 reconciled.

b) Cheques.

642	WDPHMC	Room hire and 50% Grant	£ 352.00
643	WDPC	50% Grant	£ 550.00
644	WDVGFA	50% Grant	£ 400.00
645	DALC	Subscription	£ 151.36
646	NDC	Clerk Salary x 2	£ 367.16
647	Community First	Insurance	£ 341.62

4126. Unresolved Questions.

None

4127. Items to be added to next meeting Agenda.

AGM.

Stang Lane crossing to Tarka Trail

Village Forum

Review dog fouling situation.

Green space maintenance.

4128. Any other business.

a. The AGM is to be postponed until such time as the Parish Council can meet in public. This has been confirmed as in order by the Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC). Cllr C King (Chair) and Cllr S Ayre (Vice chair) are both happy to continue until the meeting is possible.

b. In response to Philip Milton's letter about the Stang Lane crossing to the Tarka Trail, he was advised that it would be discussed when the Parish Council meets in public again.

The meeting was closed at 21:02.

Handwritten signature and date:
C King
4/16/20