

WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting held via Zoom on
Wednesday 1st July 2020 commencing at 7:30pm.

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

Apologies. C Cllr. A Davis, Cllr. R Watts. Andy Frisby PCSO.

4149. Public Speaking.

Mr N Stratton. Unfortunately, did not join the meeting.

The issue was regarding a danger to road users by loose livestock. This has become a regular occurrence. The reports received have been passed to the Environment Agency to follow up on.

4150. Police Report.

There was no Newsletter available at the date of the meeting. Therefore, no crime figures to report.

A few residents in the village have reported suspicious and illegal activities around the area and have brought it to our attention. The Parish Council have contacted the Police for advice and the message received was,

‘If there are criminal activities, they need to be reported using the usual platforms such as 101 or the Devon and Cornwall police website. If there are intelligence submissions then they can be reported using crimestoppers-uk.org or by calling 0800555111.’

The Parish Council would also like to ask the residents to be vigilant and call 999 if they feel it is necessary and to keep a log of details and descriptions and report to the authorities on the details above. The Parish Council are to use Facebook to reach a wider demographic.

4151. Minutes of the last meeting.

The June Minutes were approved and signed.

4152. Matters Arising.

a. The Acorn/Lower Broad Park situation is still ongoing. The Parish Council have many concerns with regard to the working of Acorn, DCC and NDC. The decision was taken that the Parish Council will demand the attendance of the planning department at an extraordinary meeting. It was felt that a report was needed to be compiled on behalf of the council. It was proposed that the Parish Council invite as many of the people concerned to attend the extraordinary meeting. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

b. 4138. DCllr Grant – New village sign for Ilfracombe Hill junction.

Cllr S Ayre has spoken with Heanton Parish Council about their new signs and was advised that they cost approx. £1000. CCllr A Davis has also expressed an interest in working with the Parish Council on this. It was put forward that maybe a self-help project to produce our own sign would be possible.

- c. 4142. Dog Fouling signs are still to be put up around the village. The Clerk to complete.
- d. 4144b. Police advocate, Sue Ayre has provided her details and is waiting for further information.
- e. 4144e. A letter was sent to Mrs Ellis & Mr Swan.

4153. Report from County Councillor.

No report received at the date of the meeting.

4154. Report from District Councillor.

The tourist trade is to open on July 4th, but the situation so far has been astounding, lots of litter waste has been left behind, parking was causing traffic congestion. Visitors seem to have forgotten their manners and are causing the residents distress. The police are going to have a lot to deal with. It is very concerning.

An email has been received from Sarah Hambleton to confirm our interest in S106 monies. Confirmation to be returned asap.

More grants from the government are to be announced and North Devon Council are hoping for a £2m input to help make up the deficit they face.

The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Cllr Wilkinson for his support on many issues.

4155. Footpaths.

Austins Haye No.11. Is much better and walkable. The weeds are growing and will need attention soon. A protruding piece of metal has been identified as a telegraph pole anchor and not removable but has been highlighted with tape to make it obvious.

Garden Lane No.12 A new finger post sign has been supplied and Cllr. T Verney is to fix it to the existing post.

Churchyard No.10. The grass area by the Churchyard/Manor House has been strimmed by Cllr K Oades.

Stocklands. The Parish Council wish to thank the individual/s that have strimmed this area, it looks lovely.

The footpath by the Vicarage has been strimmed.

4156. Planning - Decisions from NDC.

None.

4157. Planning Applications

None.

4158. Climate and Environment Grant.

After discussion with the Parish Hall it seems that the addition of more panels would reduce the money raised by selling back to the grid. Therefore, it may be more

appropriate to install some batteries to store the electricity that has been produced. Cllr M Reeves is to investigate this option further. The Parish Council need to find out how much the grant may provide.

4159. Correspondence.

a. Wales & West Utilities have recently been undertaking essential gas mains upgrade work at Ilfracombe Road, West Down. Wales & West Utilities will now require a road closure in order to continue with the remainder of these works. The necessary road closure application and all supporting paperwork will be submitted to Devon County Council for consideration. They are proposing to have a road closure in place from the 5th October and they anticipate the remainder of these works will take 6 weeks to complete.

b. Parking issues around the village have been reported. Some residents are parking on the road, not using their driveways and allocated parking for its intended purpose, thus making it difficult for residents that do not have allocated parking. One such occasion has resulted in limited access to a property and the residents unable to get through their gate with a baby buggy. The Parish Council would like to remind people to use the public Car Park in Thorne Park.

4160. Finance.

a) Bank Statements.

(1) Current Acc.	As at 30 th June 2020.	£ 4,577.86 reconciled.
(2) 30 Day Notice Account.	As at 30 th June 2020.	£ 4,807.38 reconciled.
(3) Petty Cash.	As at 30 th June 2020.	£ 30.00 reconciled.

b) Cheques.

649	J. Snooks	Internal Audit	£ 175.00
650	NDC	Clerk Salary	£ 183.58
651	NDC	Dog Waste Collection	£ 156.00

4161. Unresolved Questions.

None.

4162. Items to be added to next meeting Agenda.

J Snooks Internal Audit Report.

4163. Any other business.

None.

The meeting was closed at 21:18.