

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting
at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 16th August 2021**

Attendance: Cllrs Mr M. Wright (Chair), Mr R. Crossman, Mrs E. Kempf, Mr. M. King, Mr. K. Phillips, Mr R. Tarr, County Cllr Ms A. Davis, District Cllr Mr J. Tucker and Mr G Dwyer (Clerk).

Cllr Wright introduced Geoff Dwyer who had taken over as Clerk following the resignation of Mrs Done.

Apologies: none.

1. **Declarations of Interest/Dispensations:** None.
2. **Public Participation:** none.

Part 'A'

3. **County/District Councillors Reports**

District Cllr Tucker reported on the improvements in the NDC Planning Office following the appointment of Maria Bailey as the new Planning Manager. He briefly mentioned

- The problem caused by littering. A small NDC committee of members is meeting to address the problem.
- It is now possible to report planning breaches on-line at the NDC website. In response to a query from a Councillor he confirmed that the confidentiality of people reporting planning breaches was maintained.
- He also highlighted the work carried out by the CAB.

County Cllr Davis had forwarded her report and attended the meeting

- Members discussed the issue of the foul smelling water and after discussion as to the best way to proceed it was **RESOLVED** to wait for the outcome of the discussion between Cllr Tucker and the head of Environmental Health and the matter to be placed on the agenda for the September meeting of the Council
- Cllr Davis asked that the Council reply to the Bus Back Better survey. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should respond asking for a village bus stop as well as other improvements.
- Cllr Davis raised the problem of a damaged stile (discussed under agenda item 9).

2. **Minutes of meetings held on 21st June 2021 and 5th July 2021** confirmed, resolved to accept and signed
3. **Matters arising from the minutes**
There were none that are not on the agenda

4. **Planning Application**

62/50/20/004 - Location: Land in Field to the North of the A39 West of Holwell Wood, and Land on Access track to Rowley Barton

Proposed reinstatement of railway line, creation of cutting and embankment previously removed together with new railway bridge. (amendment to approved application ref 62/50/16/001). As per further information in respect of Environmental Statement.

Decision by Planning Inspectorate: (for information only)

5. **Financial statement of accounts for the year and to agree payments**

Bank balances August 2021

Parish Council Account: £8221.51

A cheque for £420.14 for 4 months Clerks salary was signed at the meeting

Parish Paths Account: £1156.83

A cheque for £96.00 to KS fencing was signed at the meeting

6. **Chairman's items.**

Dog bin request. Costings for the bin and fixings and emptying had been requested from the Civic Centre relevant department but not yet received..

The following footpaths were identified as requiring maintenance/replacement

- Footpath 2 sign missing.
- Footpath 13 Dudmoor Lane sign pointer missing.
- Footpath 13 Ashford/Bugford sign missing.
- Footpath 1 stile collapsing 'wobbly' stile with the lower step missing.

Amalgamation with Arlington Parish Council

The Chairman had received an informal contact from a member of Arlington parish Council regarding amalgamation. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that no further action be taken until the Chairman had discussed the matter informally with the Arlington councillor.

7. **Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been forwarded

- Dalc elections of members
- Bus survey
- Peninsular Transport survey

In addition general correspondence had been forwarded for information.

Members discussed the amount of information routinely forwarded and it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk exercise his discretion in what needed to be forwarded.

8. Cllr Mrs E Kempf advised the Council that she would be resigning as Councillor at the next meeting

9. **Date for next meeting Monday 20th September 2021 starting at 7.30 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 9.08pm