

**Minutes of the Extraordinary East Down Parish Council Meeting
at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 2nd October 2014 at East Down Village Hall**

Attendance: Cllr. R. Tarr (Chair), Cllr. R. Fry, Cllr. Mrs E. Kempf., Cllr. M. Smith, District Councillor J. Tucker, Mrs M. Done (Clerk), Mr Andy Cole (Licensing Dept Environmental Protection.), Mr. Jeremy Mann, (Environmental Health), and about 35 parishioners from East Down, Churchill, Ashelford, Arlington, Shirwell and Loxhore.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs. K. Phillips, M. Wright, and County Cllr. Ms A. Davis, Police Constable Daw, Mr M. Mant, Mrs A. Mant and Mrs E. Smyth.
2. **Declarations of Interest/Dispensations.** None
3. **Public Participation.** Approximately 35 residents from East Down, Churchill, Ashelford, Arlington, Shirwell and Loxhore

Cllr Mr. Richard Tarr welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the reason the extraordinary meeting had been called was to gather information from the District Council regarding Temporary Events. The previous one day event had caused a lot of disruption with both noise and traffic and now a 3 day music event was due to be held at the same location. Richard introduced Jeremy Mann, Head of Environmental Health, and Andy Cole, Licensing Environmental Protection, and invited them to address the audience.

Mr. Jeremy Mann spoke first and explained that a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) is given by an individual (a premises user) and authorises the premises user to conduct one or more licensable activities at premises for no more than 168 hours. TENs can only be used to authorise relatively small scale ad hoc events held in or on any premises involving less than 500 people at any one time, subject to certain conditions. The same premises cannot be used more than 12 times, or more than an aggregate total of 21 days, in a calendar year (irrespective of the number of occasions on which TENs have actually been used). A person responsible for a temporary event may only give a set number of temporary event notices.

The premises user must give a copy of the TEN to the licensing authority, the police, Health Food & Safety Team and Environmental Protection Team for the area in which the premises is situated. Only the police, the Council's Health Food & Safety Team or Environmental Protection Team may

- a) intervene to prevent an event covered by a TEN taking place on the grounds of the four licensing objectives:
 - The prevention of crime and disorder
 - Public safety
 - The prevention of public nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm
- b) agree modification of the arrangements for such an event.

Any objection notice must be given no later than three working days after the police and the Council's Health Food & Safety Team and Environmental Protection Team are given a copy of the TEN.

Jeremy said they had been assured by the applicant (a different person from last time), that the character of this event would be different from the last one: not so loud.

Questions from the floor covered:

- the length of the event during the night and early hours of the morning, resulting in loss of sleep for residents and visitors.
- sound-testing started around 7 am and continued intermittently until event started around 1 p.m.

The officers said that they would be issued with a Noise Abatement Notice and if breached they could be prosecuted and get a fine of £20,000.

- Inadequate size – 6 acre field for the event which included pitching tents, toilets, food, drink and rubbish facilities. The remains of a bonfire from the 2nd August event was still in evidence containing bottles and cans.

The officers agreed to visit the site.

- Traffic movement – last event resulted in a “Brands Hatch” situation through Shirwell in the early hours when the event was over.

The officers agreed to request a police presence to try to ensure road safety.

When all the questions were answered the Officers agreed to put a list of conditions on the notice and to have officers in and around for the duration of the event. It was also agreed to forward contact numbers and postal/email addresses should there be a need to complain. Any complaint must be specific and individual. For instance loss of sleep affected ability to concentrate when driving or loss of sleep made it difficult for a child to concentrate when starting the school day rather than a general complaint that it was too noisy.

The Chairman invited Jeremy and Andy to join us at the next Parish Council meeting on 20th October to give us feedback on the event. This they agreed to do. It was also suggested that we invite Sir Nick Harvey MP and make a further invitation to P.C. Daw.

The Chairman then thanked the officers and everyone for their contribution to the evening and invited them to join us at the next meeting for feedback.

4. Date of next meeting.

It was agreed the next meeting would be on Monday 20th October 2014

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.