

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting
at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 14th April 2014 at East Down Village Hall**

Attendance: Cllr. R. Tarr (Chair), Cllr. K. Phillips, Cllr. M. Smith, Cllr. M. Wright, District Councillor Mr. J. Tucker, and Mrs M. Done (Clerk).

Cllr Mr. Richard Tarr welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs. R. Fry and Mrs E. Kempf
2. **Declarations of Interest/Dispensations.** None
3. **Public Participation.** None

Part A

4. **County/District Councillors' Reports**

District Councillor Tucker reported on:

- The Draft Local Plan which is now on the District Council website. Councillor Tucker agreed to email the link to Cllr Tarr for inclusion on the Parish Council website.
- Councillor Matthew Wilkinson is the new Chairman of the District Council.
- Devon County Council is moving out of the Civic Centre.
- Concern expressed again regarding the continuation of the aerial for wildwestnet currently sited on the Civic Centre building.
- North Devon Council Licensing Committee are concerned about “legal highs” and have written to MP Nick Harvey
- Councillor Tucker agreed to give £50 from his District Councillor Grant Fund as promised last financial year to East Down towards safety equipment for use with the strimmers.
- Rural Seminar at Bishops Nympton
- Wind Turbine Application at Hartland View Farm – no decision yet following the hearing.
- Court View Cottage Planning Application approved subject to 106 agreement being signed.

Councillor Tucker then left the meeting.

5. **Minutes of the Meeting 17th March 2014** were approved and signed
6. **Matters arising** from the minutes.
Sand Bags The Clerk reported 200 would be delivered in the near future.
7. **Audit 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014.** The Clerk had emailed all councillors a copy of the accounts for inspection. Resolved to approve and the audit forms and accounts book were signed.
8. **Financial Statement of accounts for the year to date and payments.**
Bank Balances:
14th April 2014 East Down Parish Council Account £3492.58 (includes £49.25 VAT reclaim) and
17th March 2014 P3 Account £1085.31 (includes 2 BGCs from DCC for approved purchases £450 and £300).
Two cheques were approved and signed: Community First Insurance cheque 000274 for £144.59 and 000275 to DALC for year’s membership £55.65.
9. **Chairman’s items.**
 - ✓ **Parish Paths Partnership.** Cllr Fry had been consulted and advised of the need to replace the gate on Footpath 2. A & B’s quote of £73.50 plus VAT was approved. Ros Davies had agreed to cover the cost.
 - ✓ **Parish Plan.** It was suggested that we revisit the Parish Plan and explore aspirations over the next twenty years in view of the changes in the new local plan and developments in energy production.
10. **Correspondence.**

DALC Membership renewal
DALC survey

Emails forwarded to Councillors:

Planning appeal hearing notification on April 9th at Civic Centre starting at 10 a.m. for Wind Turbine at HARTLAND VIEW FARM (LAND AT OS 258550,139000) Shirwell, Barnstaple.

NDC On-street parking enforcement notice.

Acknowledgement of enforcement notification.

Rural Services Network weekly email.

NDC weekly information sheets and planning applications lodged and enforcement cases closed.

11. Date of next meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed to hold all three meetings on the same day, i.e. Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council meeting and the May meeting. The first meeting would commence at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 19th May.

Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted information) None.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.