

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting
at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 15th June 2015 at East Down Village Hall**

Attendance: Cllrs. K. Phillips (Chair), R. Crossman, Mrs E. Kempf, M. King, M. Wright, District Cllr J. Tucker and Mrs M. Done (Clerk).

Cllr. Mr Keith Phillips welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. R. Tarr and County Cllr. Ms A. Davis
2. **Declarations of Interest/Dispensations.** None
3. **Public Participation.** None

Part A

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

County Councillor Davis's report:

Submission on proposed boundary changes.

District Councillor Tucker's report:

- New administration running North Devon District Council
- New Planning Advice service. Charge for pre-application advice on extensions and conservatories
- Cllr Tucker NDDC representative on CAB
- Licensing Committee - Central government close to banning Legal Highs
- Anonymous letter delivered prior to election – Cllr Tucker has been interviewed by the police as have the suspects.

5. **Minutes of the Meetings:**

Annual Parish Meeting 18th May, 2015. Resolved to accept. No matters arising.

Annual General Meeting 18th May, 2015. Resolved to accept. No matters arising.

Parish Council 18th May, 2015. Resolved to accept.

All minutes were signed.

6. **Matters arising from the minutes**

- Safety mirror at bottom of Churchill. No details yet received from County Cllr. Ms A. Davis.
- CSPO Ade Drury had reported that there is nothing that can be done regarding the removal of the notice and map since it is posted on Highways website. Following a request future notices on declarations will be notified to the Parish Council.
- P3. Still no copy of the surveys or work assigned received from Ros Davis.
- No response from Marwood PC.

7. **Planning**

Application 59183. Prior Approval application for change of use from agricultural to one dwelling [Class Q (A)] at Lower Viveham Farm, Muddiford.

Decision by NDDC to approve had been received by email on 15th June so there was no point discussing this. It was noted that this application had previously been refused on 5th January 2015.

Application 59328. Prior Approval Application for change of use of agricultural buildings to three dwellings [Class Q (a)] at Maddox Down Farm, East Down.

The plans were studied and following discussion the following comments were to be submitted to the Case Officer.

In view of the roads being well used by horse riders and dog walkers, there were concerns over the speed and increase in volume of traffic. One route to the site is through Bugford and this road is very narrow and in an extremely poor state of repair as well as affected by lots of surface water. The positive reasons were the increase in employment and help to tourism.

In view of the recent changes in planning laws it was agreed that guidelines on Prior Approval applications be requested from the Planning Department.

Decision by Planning Inspectorate: (for information only) **Application 59033.** Erection of one wind turbine with tower hub height of 36.6m & a blade tip height of 46.3m with associated works including cable run at Honeywell Farm, Muddiford, Barnstaple GRID REF: 256933; 140771. Refused by ND Council 21st May 2015.

Cllr Tucker left at 8.50 p.m.

8. Financial Statement of accounts for the year to date and payments

Bank Balance 1st May, 2015 P3 Account £1160.61; Bank Balance 2nd June 2015 Parish Council Account £4813.40. DALC cheque not yet presented. The following cheques were approved and signed:
000290 £20 to Barnstaple Town Council (Cllr R. Crossman's one day training)
000291 £52.74 to R. Tarr (website annual renewal)
000292 £300 to Mrs M. Done (Clerk's 1st quarter salary).

9. Chairman's items.

TAP Fund – drains/gullies needing work. List being compiled for prioritising.

1 x near Churchill House/Farm

1 x near bridge in Bugford

Councillor Training – Cllr. Crossman gave a brief report on his day's training which he had found to be intensive, interesting and worthwhile. He recommended that others attend.

North Devon Rural Alliance Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 4th August 2015 at Bratton Fleming Sports and Social Club starting at 7 p.m. Speakers will be Mike Kelly, Planning Manager, Graham Townsend, Senior Planning Officer, Hannah Harrington (protecting community assets) and Vanessa Harrison (superfast broadband).

10. Correspondence.

Lloyds Bank statement

SLCC Training and events programme

Emails:

Electoral review of Devon consultation ends 6th July

Rural Opportunities bulletin

DALC – various

Rural Vulnerability Service – Rural Broadband

Lydiate Lodge Care Home – decision to end residential services

Helping Hands Home Care – people with dementia

Rural Services Network weekly email

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

11. Date of next meeting.

It was agreed the next meeting would be on Monday 17th August 2015 at 8 p.m.

Should any planning applications be received before this date an extraordinary meeting would be called by the Chairman. Cllr Tarr agreed to post the notices and inform parish councillors.

Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted information) None.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.