

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting
at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 16th November 2015 at East Down Village Hall**

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

Cllr K. Phillips welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies: County Councillor A. Davis

2. Co-option of Councillor.

Resolution: To Co-opt Lorraine Yardley of Barton House, East Down to the casual vacancy. Proposed, seconded and unanimously approved. Cllr Ms L. Yardley then signed all the relevant forms.

3. Declarations of Interest/Dispensations.

Declarations on agenda item 9 Setting of Precept for 2016-2017 received and dispensation granted by Council for: Cllrs. R. Crossman, M. King, K. Phillips, R. Tarr, M. Wright and Ms L. Yardley

Declaration of Interest on agenda item 10 Planning application 60109 Removal of Condition 3 (agricultural occupancy restriction) attached to planning permission 79/103/24/1 at Barton House, East Down by Cllr. Ms L. Yardley since this is her home.

4. Public Participation. None

Part A

5. County/District Councillors' Reports had been emailed to members

District Councillor Tucker reported on:

- **Refuse collection calendars** only available online. This will save District Council £18000. Clerk will print and display on parish noticeboard.
- **North Devon Crematorium new chapel** seating 256 and lots of outside covered space costing £1.4 million.
- **North Devon Open Art Show.** Film, photography, glass and ceramics. Closing date for entries 1st December 2015. Contact museum@northdevon.gov.uk or telephone 01271 346747.
- **Citizens Advice Bureau.** Increase of 27% enquiries on council tax arrears; child benefit enquiries also increased. The advice line has had increased number of calls. Some users prefer to be able to visit the Bureau.
- **Energy Supplies.** Significant savings can be made by switching suppliers.
- **Government grants** for loft insulation, cavity wall, boiler replacement. www.government-grants.co.uk
- Rural Alliance meeting Tuesday 24th November at Marwood Community Hall from 7 p.m.

County Cllr A. Davis's report had been circulated to members and covered:

- **Devolution** update
- **Flu vaccination** reminder
- **Car share in Devon** to win a free tank of fuel

Cllr Davis to be advised on:

Link Road diversion which is very long and has deep ridges which could badly damage vehicles' suspension;

Spoil from cleared drains/ditches between Hartland View Farm and Okewill Cross has been dumped on the verges and concern was expressed that this could spread the Himalayan Balsam seeds further through the parish as well as causing further blocking of the drains when it falls back down onto the road;

Severe flooding on the road by South Indicott which needs urgent attention;

Pot holes repaired at Bugford have not lasted and the bridge has serious damage. It was suggested that photographs be taken of the state of the roads and forwarded to Highways.

6. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 19th October 2015.

Resolved to accept and signed.

7. Matters arising from the minutes.

Acknowledgement of cheque received from Village Hall treasurer.

Confirmation received of comments on Electoral Review of Devon consultation.

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

P3 Account Bank Balance 10th September, 2015 was £1360.61. Cheque 000006 for £24 to KS Fencing for strimming ladder stile on Dudmoor Lane was authorised and signed.

Parish Council Account Bank Balance 28th October, 2015 was £5061.39 (Cheque 000295 for £300 not yet presented).

9. Precept 2016-2017.

All councillors had received from the Clerk details of the current year's expenditure and proposed budget for the year 2016-2017. The recommendation was that the precept request should remain at £2114. This was agreed unanimously.

10. Planning:

Application 60109 Removal of Condition 3 (agricultural occupancy restriction) attached to planning permission 79/103/24/1 at Barton House, East Down. The paperwork was studied and following discussion it was agreed to send the following response to the Planning Case Officer. "East Down Parish Council has no further comment on the application".

Cllr Tucker left at 8.45 p.m.

Application 60020 Prior approval for change of use from agricultural building to one dwelling (Class Q(A)(B)) at Lower Viveham Farm, Muddiford. The plans were studied and there were no comments to be made on this application.

Planning Consent by Planning Inspectorate: (for information only) none

11. Village Hall A.G.M.

Mrs S. Price, one of the Parish Council's representatives as a Trustee had resigned. It was proposed and agreed that Cllr K. Phillips take over this role.

12. Parish Paths Partnership.

Repairs: The work at Wood Park on the Bridge which has been approved and assigned to KS Fencing has not yet started. DCC Warden for our area, Simon Houghton, has authorised the work to be done on the steps and footpath opposite Lower Clifton Farm. DCC will be financing this work.

Survey of footpaths. The footpaths need to be surveyed to identify what work needs to be actioned. Cllr Tarr will forward last year's survey of the footpath prior to inspection if he is advised which footpath each member is willing to walk. All footpaths need to be done and the paperwork completed by 15th February 2016 so that any remedial work and the next year's grant can be applied for.

Autumn Workshop. The format for this has been changed this year and will be a 'drop-in' session to ask questions over a coffee. Since we are in regular communication with P3 personnel it was not viewed as helpful nor as interesting as the formal presentations and organised walk illustrating possible problems and solutions.

13. Chairman's items.

TAP Fund – drains/gullies needing work.

Severe flooding on the road by South Indicott which needs urgent attention. Clerk to check with Shirwell P.C Clerk who is doing the work on drains/gullies clearing.

14. Correspondence.

Acknowledgement of cheque from Village Hall Treasurer

Lloyds Bank Statement

Rural Opportunities bulletin

DALC – various

Rural Services Network weekly email

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

Magazines: Clerks & Councils Direct, Senior Voice, Health Watch

15. Date of next meeting.

It was agreed the next meeting would be on Monday 14th December 2015 starting at 7.30 p.m.

Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted information) None.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.