

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting
at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 17th February 2014 at East Down Village Hall**

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

Cllr Mr. Richard Tarr welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** None received
2. **Declarations of Interest/Dispensations.** None
3. **Public Participation.** None

Part A

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

District Councillor Tucker reported on:

- The meeting that had taken place in London in Downing Street with Nick Bowles, Nick Harvey and several District Councillors regarding the loss of new homes bonus in relation to Planning proposals.
- Councillor Tucker agreed to allocate £35 (towards safety equipment) from his District Councillor grant in April 2014 in view of there being no funds left from the current year.
- There being no questions Councillor Tucker left the meeting.

County Councillor Davis's emailed report covered:

- **Future of Youth Services** consultation ends 27th April 2014. Our Local meeting is on Wednesday 26 March (11am – 1pm) at The Cedars Inn.
- **Devon County Council** is considering new ways to give people more choice about the hot or frozen meals they pay for, as its contract with meals service provider, *apetito*, is set to end in July 2014. The Council is consulting with people in receipt of their meals service on new proposals this month.
- **Day Service Review** consultation ends 19th March 2014.
- **Proposal to transfer care to private sector.** There is a 45 day period of consultation (10th February-26th March 2014) on proposals for the future of services at all our residential care homes.
- **Barnstaple Hospital Junction Improvement scheme.** Devon County Council's cabinet on the 12th February approved consultation plans regarding the junction at Westaway Plain, the A39 North Road and the Roborough Road/North Devon District Hospital access junction, known as the 'Hospital Junction' are underway. Consultation period 14th February to 14th March 2014.
- A copy had been given to each councillor.

5. **Minutes of the Meeting 20th January 2014** were approved and signed.

6. **Matters arising from the minutes.**

Village Hall signs – still no positive progress.

Complete list of cases under enforcement had been forwarded to councillors.

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

Bank Balances:

2nd January 2014 East Down Parish Council Account £3865.74 and 22nd January 2014 P3 Account £610.74. Cheque 000003 for £275.56 to Mr R. Tarr reimbursement of strimmer and tools as authorised by Ros Davies approved and signed.

8. **TAP Fund.** The application had been submitted for a strimmer and safety equipment (East Down and Arlington) and was on the update amongst applications received. Councillor Tucker's grant of £35 for safety equipment will be applied for in April when new funds are available. Discussion on security of the trimmers was discussed. It was agreed that they would be kept in separate locations.

9. **Parish Paths Partnership Update.** Most of the paths had now been surveyed. Photographs had been taken of the problems and forwarded to Ros Davies. Other parishes had been unable to complete the surveys in view of the weather. Thanks were recorded to Peter Bunch, Malcolm Smith, Richard Tarr and Mrs Done for surveying. The remaining paths were allocated. The annual survey and financial forms had been completed and would be emailed to P3 Office. Any additional surveying would be forwarded when done.

10. **Planning.**

Planning Application 56780. Creation of an outdoor horse riding area at Shortacombe Barton, East Down, Barnstaple. The plans and supporting papers were studied and following discussion it was resolved to recommend approval of the application. The Clerk to advise the Case Officer.

Consent by Planning Inspectorate (for information only)

Application 56811. New Build To Re-instate Corn Mill Together With Conversion Of Corn Mill To Form One Unit Of Holiday Accommodation (amendments To Planning Permission 55031). Bugford Cottage, East Down, Barnstaple. Permission granted 31st January 2014

11. Chairman's items.

Insurance – Community First had confirmed that East Down Parish Council Employees, Volunteers and Committee Members have up to £25,000 of Personal Accident cover for this type of activity.

Amendment to start time of meetings It was suggested that future meetings start at an earlier time – it was agreed to wait until Cllr Fry was in attendance to make a decision.

Sandbags – Clerk had received a phone call asking if we would like some sandbags. Clerk to request a supply.

12. Correspondence.

Lloyds Bank statement

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Nick Harvey's surgery dates for year

Letter from Conservative Peter Heaton-Jones requesting to speak at a meeting; resolved not to offer an invitation.

Rural Services Network weekly email

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

Public meeting notification of Health Service changes

DALC Training and events

Changes to mobile library service

Brochure for TrapBAG Flood Protection

13. Date of next meeting.

It was agreed the next meeting would be on Monday 17th March 2014 at 8 p.m.

Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted information) None.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.