

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

Attendance: Cllr. R. Tarr (Chair), Cllr. R. Fry, Cllr Mrs E. Kempf, 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:** County Councillor Ms A. Davis
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 whose latest update was very disappointing.
- Councillor Tucker had received information regarding two matters which required investigation by the enforcement team:
Broadlands where another caravan pitch has been taken out with a new drive leading to it.
South Indicott suspected residential occupation of a barn on land to the rear.
The Parish Council agreed to support Councillor Tucker's report to Enforcement.
- Community Oil Scheme
- Rural Seminar which Councillor Tucker urged parish councillors to attend
- Wind Turbine Application at Hartland View Farm – hearing to be held at Civic Centre early April

Councillor Tucker was asked about:

- the reported installation of fire doors to be fitted throughout the Civic Centre: Cllr Tucker said this a decision of Devon County Council who own the building
- the aerial for wildwestnet on the Civic Centre building in view of the changes: Councillor Tucker was not aware of any changes to this provision.

County Councillor Davis's emailed report which had been copied to each councillor covered:

- **Future of Youth Services** consultation ends 27th April 2014
- **Day Service Review** consultation ends 19th March 2014.
- Devon County Council proposes to formally cease providing **residential care services** at its residential care homes and to arrange and purchase alternative services for residents in the independent sector.
- Devon triples teams tackling **pothole repairs**
- **DCC Council Tax** to be raised by 1.99%

5. **Minutes of the Meeting 17th February 2014** were approved and signed.

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

Sand Bags The Clerk reported she had not yet requested these from the Civic Centre but would do so.

Amendment to start time of meetings. Cllr Fry explained that he could not make an earlier start time to meetings owing to his dairy herd and it was agreed to keep the time at 8 p.m.

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 February 2014 P3 Account £335.31. Two cheques were approved and signed for Mrs M. Done cheque 000272 for £295.50 reimbursement of strimmer and safety equipment and cheque 000273 for £366.70 4th quarter annual salary plus year's expenses (£66.70). It was noted that the expenses are less owing to members receiving most of the information by email rather than post. Notification had been received that the 2nd payment for the year of the PWLB (£175.50) would be debited on 30th March. Notification had been received that the P3 grant of £450 would soon be deposited. The VAT reclaim had been completed.

8. **TAP Fund.** The strimmer and safety equipment approved by the District Council was now ordered and paid for by the Clerk and the invoice had been delivered to the Civic Centre together with the relevant paperwork for the finance department to make the payment to the Parish Council before the end of the financial year.

9. **Parish Paths Partnership Update.** Councillor Tarr reported that he had submitted. bids for new gates and repairs to gates following the annual survey, the result of which was the increase in the P3 grant. A meeting had been arranged with a local contractor to obtain estimates for the proposed work. Councillor Tarr offered to contact Ros Davies to clarify what the increased grant was to cover.

10. **Planning.**

Consent by Planning Inspectorate (for information only)

Planning Application 56780. Creation of an outdoor horse riding area at Shortacombe Barton, East Down, Barnstaple. Permission granted 10th March 2014.

11. **Chairman's items.** In view of the recent removal of the service of the lengthsman there seems no benefit from reporting problems.

12. **Correspondence.**

Audit forms.

Register of Electors

Community First Renewal documents

PWLB direct debit advice

Emails forwarded to Councillors:

Planning consent for Shortacombe Barton

Rural Services Network weekly email

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

Parish census update

Parish Paths Update from Ros Davies

Keep Britain Tidy newsletter

DALC newsletter

Accredited Mental Health First Aid course information

NALC Events 2014

Best kept village competition details

13. **Date of next meeting.**

It was agreed the next meeting would be on Monday 14th April, 2014 at 8 p.m if the Hall is available.

Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted information) None.

The meeting closed at 9.14 p.m.