

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting  
at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at East Down Village Hall**

**Attendance:** Cllrs. Mrs S. Black (Chair), Mrs E. Kempf, Mr M. Mant, Mr K. Phillips, Mrs S. Price, County Cllr Ms A. Davis, District Councillor Mr J. Tucker, Mrs P. Stout, Mrs A. Mant, Mr & Mrs T. McLenaghan, Mr M. Wright and Mrs M. Done (Clerk).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. **Apologies:** Mr R. Fry, Mr R. Tarr
2. **Declarations of interest from members/Dispensation requests.** None
3. **Public Participation.** Mr & Mrs T. McLenaghan, Mrs A. Mant, Mrs P. Stout, Mr. M. Wright

**Part 'A'**

4. **Consultation on proposed development of a single 225kW, 30m to hub, 47m to blade tip wind turbine** on site at Brinscott Farm Camping, Combe Martin, Ilfracombe, EX34 0PA.

The Chair then introduced Tim Hudson of the Green Company, Renewables and invited him to explain the consultation process regarding the proposed development at Brinscott Farm Camping site. Tim explained the criteria to be considered when siting wind-turbines, which included proximity to properties, noise emitted, shadow flicker, impact on environment and ecology. The proposed medium size turbine would be continuously operating at 48 revolutions per minute and generate electricity for 200 households, all of which is destined for the National grid; none will be used by the landowner. A decision on how this will be financed has not yet been reached. A planning application is anticipated within the next 2/3 weeks once a reply is received from NDC regarding screening. Tim then answered questions after which Mrs Black thanked him and he then left the meeting.

5. **County Councillor Andrea Davis reported on:**
  - ▲ “Staying warm and well”, a joint project by Devon County Council and NHS Devon running to the end of March to help vulnerable people with cold homes or heating emergencies.
  - ▲ as part of current NHS Health Reforms a D of H grant of £20.7m will be given to Devon County Council from April to deliver public health responsibilities including stop smoking advice, drug and alcohol services, sexual health clinics. The public health team currently employed by the NHS will transfer to the council's employment. Andrea also reported on structural changes in progress.
  - ▲ B3230 Muddiford – Retaining Wall Repairs. There will be a five week road closure from 25<sup>th</sup> February to 13<sup>th</sup> March when the carriageway will be excavated to undertake the works. A diversion route will be signposted via the A361 and the A3123 and there will be a replacement bus service to the 301 to North Devon District Hospital.

Cllr Davis then left the meeting.

**District Councillor Joe Tucker reported on:**

- ▲ no council tax rise this year
- ▲ landlords with empty properties are requested to contact NDC
- ▲ positive reports on food premises inspections
- ▲ Parish Forum on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February where Andrew Austen would be making a presentation on the North Devon & Torridge Local Plan. Cllrs Mrs Black, Mrs E. Kempf, M. Mant, K. Phillips and Clerk would be attending.

With Council's approval it was agreed to take Item 8 Planning next.

8. **Planning Application No 55175** Erection of Open Agricultural Plant Housing/Store and Garage Ashelford Farm East Down Barnstaple EX31 4LU.

The Chairman invited the applicants to address the meeting with any further information relating to the application. Mr & Mrs McLenaghan said they had nothing further to add. After studying the plans it was proposed to recommend approval of the application. The vote was unanimous. It was resolved to recommend approval for the following material reasons:

- the building is in keeping with the property
- the proposed building will not be seen from the road

**6. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013** proposed, seconded and resolved to accept. Minutes then signed.

**7. Matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda. Clerk reported on:**

- ▲ **Highways:** Overhanging trees: Highways have been reminded this still needs to be done. Also date required for surface dressing;
- ▲ Confirmation from Cllr Davis that reflective tape for bollards round Wychway had been delivered.
- ▲ **Road Closure at Ashelford:** This work has now been cancelled as funding had been moved to maintenance of roads following damage in the severe bad weather. No date for Ashelford works yet fixed.
- ▲ **TAP Fund** application for both table tennis table and strimmer to be submitted. There was a shortage of a approximately £50 but the advice from the administrator of the fund was to apply for both items.
- ▲ **Grit bins:** Details for ordering awaited from Cllrs Ms A. Davis.
- ▲ **Enforcement:** update on Brinscott Farm. Unauthorised mobile home has been removed. Recent occupation of buildings on site is unauthorised; the owner has been advised and is having a submission of a CLU application prepared.
- ▲ **P3.** Copies of the year end summary reports including paths surveys, financial reports and grant request had been completed by James and submitted to County by the due date.

**9. Financial statement of accounts for the year to date and payments.** Bank balances on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 Parish Council Account £4379.01 and P3 Account £481.07. All cheques presented.

**10. Chairman's items:**

Lengthsman – Deep potholes and ruts in Churchill and Ashelford to be reported in view of planned works now being cancelled.

**11. Correspondence**

Paperwork received:

Torrige and North Devon Local Plan  
Lloyds Bank statement

Emails

SW Highways – Road Closure Ashelford Cross to Churchill Cross notification on cancellation  
NDC notification of Parish Forum 20<sup>th</sup> February (emailed to members)  
TAP fund – Hannah Harrington reply on our joint proposal with Arlington  
TAP Fund – update on applications  
Highways – reply to Clerk's request regarding potholes

Magazines and Leaflets

Devon's Senior Voice – January 2013

**Members Services Notices now received and forwarded by email**

**12. It was agreed the next meeting would be on:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 8.00 p.m.

**Part 'B'** (Confidential Restricted information) None

The meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.