

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting
at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 18th November 2013 at East Down Village Hall**

Attendance: Cllr. R. Tarr (Chair), Cllr. K. Phillips, Cllr. M. Smith, Cllr. M. Wright, County Cllr Ms A. Davis and Mrs M. Done (Clerk).

Cllr Mr. Richard Tarr welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Mrs E. Kempf, Cllr. R. Fry, District Councillor J. Tucker
2. **Declarations of Interest/Dispensations.** Declarations of Interest and Dispensation requests had been received from Cllrs. M. Smith & M. Wright for Agenda Item 8 (Setting of Annual Precept). These were approved.
3. **Public Participation.** Mr. M. Mant

Part A

4. **County/District Councillors' Reports**
District Councillor Tucker had asked the Clerk to remind Councillors about the meeting on Friday evening at Shirwell regarding Deer Poaching
County Councillor Davis would present a report for the next meeting. Cllr. Davis was asked about the request from the Village Hall trustees for advice on how to obtain warning signs for the entrance to the Hall. Proposed locations were to be forwarded to Andrea. Cllr. Davis reported that road salt/grit would be/had been delivered and she was asked about having a grit bin up at Bowden Corner.
5. **Minutes of the Meeting 2nd September 2013** which had been approved were signed. Minutes of meeting 14th October 2013 were approved and signed.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
A get well card had been sent to Cllr Kempf.
Comments on Hartland View Farm Wind Turbine appeal had been sent to the Inspectorate
Confirmation received from Ros Davies for three members to attend the November P3 workshop.
7. **Financial Statement of accounts for the year to date and payments.**
Bank Balance 21st October 2013: P3 Account £619.87; Parish Council Account £4,574.74. This includes payment of £92.20 from Cllr Prowse to cover Arlington shortfall.
Cheques authorised and signed: 000267 £300 Arlington & East Down PCC (churchyard maintenance), 000269 £84 to East Down Village Hall (towards maintenance) and 000270 £25 to Arlington & East Down PCC (towards war memorial spruce up).
8. **Precept and Parish Grant 2014-2015.**
The Clerk distributed copies of budget to date and for the remainder of the year. The grant remains the same and it was agreed to endeavour to keep the precept as last year. The final paperwork would be received from District in December when adjustments could be made.
9. **Planning. REF:56256 -Proposed Planning Application. Erection of one 500kW Wind Turbine (height 74m, height to hub 50m, blade diameter 48m) (amended plans and documents) at land at Middle Field (OS 255153, 138058) Marwood Grid ref. 255153; 138058.**
Following discussion the recommendation was refusal, the reasons being:
 - We believe it to be in breach of Policy ENV 1
 - The applicant has not demonstrated good design by choosing a turbine generator of less capacity than could be supported by the structure
 - It will create a negative visual impact
 - This will appear to be an extension of Fullabrook
 - This addition will change it to a wind turbine landscape
 - It will impact on Whitefield Down AGLV
 - Sited closer to Prixford than to the applicants

- No benefit to the local community
The Clerk would email the recommendation to the Case Officer.

10. **Highways, Capital Development and Waste Management – Consultation.** The Clerk reported that the notification of the lengthsman visit on 14 and 15th November had been received on 7th November. Members were urged to look at the website www.toughchoices.co.uk and make recommendations as they thought appropriate. One suggestion for the recycling centres was that rather than reduce the opening hours each working day it would be easier for all to remember if they closed one full day each week. Several comments are already posted.
11. **Mobile Library – Consultation.** Discussion resulted in various comments around the criteria used to decide which mobile library was cut. Questionnaire on website at www.devon.gov.uk/yourmobilelibrary

Councillor Davis then left the meeting

12. **Chairman's items.**
Clerk would send a further get well card to Cllr Mrs E. Kempf.
Lengthsman. Following discussion on the continuing grave concern over the road up through Churchill and Ashelford it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Martin Stoddard and ask if something could be done urgently about this including the drain up at Ashelford.
13. **Correspondence.**
P3 Workshop Confirmation on places for Cllrs Tarr, Phillips and Mrs M. Done.
PWLB – Request that notification of payments be sent by email – agreed to approve. Clerk to advise.
Request for help in obtaining appropriate safety signs for entrance to Village Hall
Request for funding for War Memorial cleaning
Members Services Notices, Planning applications, decisions and enforcement cases now received and forwarded by email.
14. **Date of next meeting.**
It was agreed the next meeting would be on Monday 16th December 2013.

Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted information) None.

The meeting closed at 10.01 p.m.