

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting
at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 19th February 2018 at East Down Village Hall**

Attendance: Cllrs Mr M Wright (Chair), Mr R. Crossman, Mrs E. Kempf, Mr M. King, Mr. K. Phillips, Mr R. Tarr, D. Cllr J. Tucker and Mrs M. Done (Clerk).

Cllr M Wright, Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr Ms A. Davis.

2. **Declarations of Interest/Dispensations:** none.

3. **Public Participation:** Mr N. Caley.

Neil was seeking clarification on the designation of the route as on Proposal 3 of the Definitive Map Review. A copy of DCC Public minutes and decisions to be forwarded to Mr Caley.

Part 'A'

4. County/District Councillors' Reports

District Cllr J. Tucker's report covered:

- LGUi daily newsletters
- Boundary Commission – final submission made by NDC. No changes to East Down
- NDC are recommending a 2.99% increase in Council Tax, plus of course increase by Fire Authority, DCC, Police Commissioner. It could make a total overall increase in Council Tax in the region of 6%. I shall certainly not be voting for the increase of 2.99% from NDC.
- NDC collect 57.7 Million in Council Tax. We only keep 10%. 5.7 Million.
- Enforcement cases in the parish

County Councillor A. Davis's report had been received and emailed out covering:

- Winter Service and Emergencies
- Safety defects and a reminder on how to report a highway problem
- Killacleave Recycling Centre in Ilfracombe - details on revised opening times during the upgrade.

5. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 15th January 2017.** Resolved to accept and minutes signed.

6. Matters arising.

The Clerk reported:

- The Clerk had returned the precept form confirming Precept to remain at £2216 for the year 2018-2019
- Projector and dongle – confirmation of funds from Fullabrook CIC (£130) and DCC (£100)
- A sign unsuitable for HGV had now been positioned on A39 by turn-off towards Churchill.
- Martin Stoddard had been reminded about the authorised work at Churchill still waiting to be done. This has resulted in a gang of men clearing ditch but still more needed to be done.
- drain by Mowstage had been cleared out by a resident.

7. Planning

References 64483 and 64491 Not discussed waiting for further details.

Decision by Planning Inspectorate: (for information only)

64394. Agricultural prior notification for erection of agricultural building (storage of fodder & machinery) at North Devon Equestrian Centre), Muddiford. Planning Department have responded to this notification that planning permission is required for this in light of the equestrian use it cannot be considered as permitted development.

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

Bank balances on 12th February 2018

Parish Council Account: £6200.86. Includes £130 from Fullabrook CIC and £100 from DCC towards projector and dongle)

Ring-fenced money: £600 computer equipment; £323.32 for High visibility clothing; £180.35 for defibrillator, £230 for projector and dongle.

Parish Paths Account: £1156.83.

The Clerk reminded Council that the TAP Fund approved allocation needs to be spent and the invoice submitted to District by 14th March. Invoices for projector and dongle also had to be submitted by end of February.

9. Projector purchase. With the funding for these items in place it was resolved that they should be purchased. Cllr Wright was keen to check that the most appropriate equipment be obtained and he would do further research. The equipment would be purchased and reimbursement made at the next meeting. It was agreed that should the equipment cost more than the funds obtained then the Parish Council would cover up to an extra £50 unless this could be obtained from other sources.

10. Chairman's items

Tap Fund – drains/gullies needing work:

- by Shortacombe where there is heavy flooding
- just above Churchill Farm
- Above Wigmore Farm road completely flooded from side to side
- Chris Wallis to clear drain near Village Hall.

Cllr R. Crossman would check the road at Bugford and liaise with Chris Wallis for drain clearing and request invoice.

Potholes – Councillors asked to report to Clerk within the next two weeks any potholes (with location) that had been filled recently but were already in need of further work.

Grant request from East Down Village Hall. Following discussion. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved to award £500 towards the £5300 quotation for maintenance work including painting inside the Village Hall. The Clerk would advise The Trustees of the decision and that the payment would be made on completion of the work.

Reminder: Rural Alliance Meeting Wednesday 7th March at East Down Village Hall – 7 p.m. start

11. Correspondence.

Email:

- Enforcement had reported an authorised development and change of use in the parish which was under Enforcement action.
- Police monthly newsletter
- DALC Devon Communities together
- Rural Services Network
- Public Sector Executive
- Rural Opportunities bulletin
- Rural Vulnerability Service
- Rural Services Network
- NDC weekly information sheets, planning applications lodged, determined and enforcement cases closed

12. Date of next meeting. Monday 19th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.