

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting
at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 20th October 2014 at East Down Village Hall**

6 p.m. Feedback on Music Event at Oakford Farm 10, 11 and 12 October.

Attendance: Cllr. R. Tarr (Chair), Cllr. Mrs E. Kempf, Cllr. K. Phillips, Cllr. M. Smith, Cllr. M. Wright, District Councillor J. Tucker, Mr Jeremy Mann, Head of Environmental Health, Mr. Andy Cole, Lead Officer of the Environmental Protection Team, P.C. Paul Daw, Mr Andrew Tucker-Jones, Press Officer & Constituency Caseworker to Sir Nick Harvey MP for North Devon, Miss G. Crossman, Mr. R. Crossman, Mrs N. Guppy, Mr T. & Mrs E McClenaghan, Mrs R. Baxter, Mrs P. Shaw, Mr. M. Mant, Mrs P. Koval, Mrs V. Cranfield and Mrs M. Done, Clerk.

Councillor Tarr welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the speakers. He then handed over to Jeremy Mann who reported that the site had been visited on the Friday with District Councillor Joe Tucker when the owner of the premises and the applicant had been on site and discussed the noise abatement notice. P.C. Daw had also been involved and obtained agreement that tickets would only be sold on entry in order to ensure accuracy of numbers and a counter would also be used. This was important should any incident of fire etc. occur. It was also noted that cold water and toilet facilities were available. The officers saw two places where legal highs were being sold. The site was also visited during the event by officers and Councillor Tucker. It was noted that the numbers had been fewer than expected

P.C. Daw said only five complaints had been received; these included, people noise, music noise, report on a person urinating in the village and directions being sought from household. There had also been a minor assault.

The Officers from the Environmental Health Department had very strong opinions that the site was totally inappropriate for this type of event owing to its elevated rural location.

Questions were then taken and concerns expressed over possible future similar events. Several suggestions were put forward from the floor including complaining directly to the premises owner, boycotting his farm shop, his public house in Ilfracombe and his *Wizard ales*.

Mr Anthony Tucker-Jones agreed to report to Nick Harvey M.P. On the problems that the Temporary Event Notices cause to rural communities with a view to seeing if the regulations could be reviewed.

The Chairman then thanked the speakers and the parishioners. Jeremy, Andy and PC Daw then left the meeting.

7.15 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

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1. **Apologies:** County Councillor Ms A. Davis (arriving at 8.25 p.m.)
2. **Declarations of Interest/Dispensations.** None
3. **Public Participation.** Mrs P. Koval, Mrs G. Parker, Mrs W. Down and Mrs S. Price

Part A

4. County/District Councillors' Reports

District Councillor Tucker had emailed his report which had been circulated to members. This covered:

- the three day music event at Oakford Farm
- mock planning meeting with pupils from Braunton Community College
- Councils Licensing meeting attended by Woolacombe Primary School as part of local democracy week

- The £9m government sponsored energy saving scheme is being well used. Top up your roof insulation for flat fee of £149. Cavity wall insulation is free. Phone 08000511548 for no obligation advice
- Pay on exit car parking is being introduced as a pilot project at two NDC car parks in Barnstaple: Bear Street and the old multi storey.
- Work has started on Lynton House and other N D D C buildings as part of our programme to exit the Civic Centre in April 2015
- Deer poaching is high on the local Police agenda. Any information, please ring 101.

County Councillor Report – none received. **County Councillor Davis** arrived at 8.25 p.m. She had nothing to report and asked if there was anything the Council wished to ask her about. She had no information on the SLOW signs outside the Village Hall nor the grit bins that had been requested last winter. Cllr Davis agreed to chase these up and then left the meeting.

5. Demonstration of the Defibrillator. Mr Carl Williamson of Medicare had not arrived. The Chairman telephoned him. Mr Williamson admitted he had not put the appointment in his diary and agreed to come to the November meeting.

6. Minutes of the Meetings on 15th September and 2nd October 2014
Approved and signed.

7. Matters arising from the minutes.

Enforcement officer reported that there are no outstanding issues at Brinscott. Clerk to request a full report on the situation at this site covering both sides of the road since they are in different parishes. A copy to be requested for Cllr Tucker.

Clerk had received a letter complaining about the lack of repair to the damaged fencing on A39 between Brockham Bridge and Arlington Beccott. The letter to be forwarded to County Councillor Ms A. Davis since it is a Highways matter.

A report had been received from Arlington P.C. that the National Trust are not going to dredge Arlington Old Lake and advising that this could result in flooding problems for East Down.

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

Bank Balance: 25th September 2014 P3 Account **£1050.48.**

Bank Balance: 30th September 2014 East Down Parish Council Account **£5218.28.** This includes the 50% precept, grant and grant assistance. Cheque no 000280 to M. Done 2nd quarter salary £300 approved and signed. The PWLB 1st Instalment of £175.50 was debited on 30th September.

9. Parish Paths Partnership

Autumn Workshop at Beaford Village Hall on 23rd October – three places had been reserved.

Parish Survey – Simon Houghton, DCC Warden had completed the parish survey which had raised several concerns. These would be discussed at a meeting to be held with Cllr Tarr.

10. Chairman's items.

The replacement **parish noticeboard** had been ordered by Highways. The Chairman had volunteered to fix it to the site and Cllr Phillips agreed to help.

11. Correspondence.

- ND Council payments advice for 50% parish grant, precept and grant assistance
- Invitation to official opening of Kentisbury Play Area
- Elections Office - - outstanding properties – electoral canvass
- Bank statements

12. Emails forwarded to Councillors:

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| <p>Rural Services Network weekly email NDC weekly information sheets and planning applications lodged and enforcement cases closed</p> |
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13. Date of next meeting.

Monday 17th November, 2014 starting at 7.30p.m., with the demonstration on the defibrillator.

Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted information) None.

The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.