

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting
at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 21st November 2016 at East Down Village Hall**

Attendance: Cllrs K. Phillips (Chairman), R. Crossman, M. King, R. Tarr, M. Wright, Mrs L. Yardley, and Mrs M. Done (Clerk).

Cllr K. Phillips welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Mrs E. Kempf, County Councillor Ms A. Davis and District Councillor J. Tucker
2. **Declarations of Interest/Dispensations.** None
3. **Public Participation.** None

Part A

4. County/District Councillors' Reports

District Councillor J. Tucker's report had been emailed to councillors and covered:

- Police alert system at web address alerts.dc.police.uk
- St Ives Council successful in recent court challenge to exclude second home owners from new build homes. Could have positive implications for other local authorities in coastal areas.
- 1600 local pharmacies face threat of closure. Only one in ten protected. Suggest lobby M.P.
- Proposed closure of Chivenor. Suggest lobby M.P.
- North Devon Council officers will be knocking on doors of residents who have not returned register of electors forms
- Replacement enforcement officer in post soon.
- Letter signed by all leaders of North Devon Council regarding grave concern about possible changes at NDDH has been sent to Chief Executive, Angela Peddar, of the Success Regime

County Cllr A. Davis – emailed to councillors and covered:

- Council ask residents to help inform budget making decisions; whether they think communities can play a bigger role in running some local services; it asks whether people would be willing to pay more council tax in order to protect public services. The budget consultation is open until 6th January 2017. DCC website new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/budget-201718/ . Anyone wishing to take part in the budget consultation and who does not have access to the online form can request a paper copy from the Council's Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1015.
- The results to the [#WeAreDevon survey](#) are on the county Council's website.
- Council discusses a 'steady as we go strategy' in response to projected overspend
- Devon County Council is calling on Government to revisit proposals that would give the authority more powers to deal with motorists parking on pavements.

5. **Minutes.** Resolved to accept and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting 17th October 2016.

6. Matters arising from the minutes.

Report received on six flooded areas between Shortacombe Barton and Berrydown. It was agreed the Clerk would request flood signs from Highways so that drivers could be alerted to the problem. There is one sign at Ford Farm.

There was a further report on the increased depth of the flood past Hartland View towards Ashelford Corner which is determined to be caused by the spoil which has been left. The drain at Ashelford corner is once again blocked. Clerk to report problems to Highways.

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

P3 Account Bank Balance 9th August 2016 was £700.07.

Parish Council Account Bank Balance 21st October 2016 was £5,550.95. All cheques presented.

8. Risk Assessment – revisions.

The Chairman went through the Risk Assessment and Recovery Action plan and it was agreed unanimously to adopt the revised Risk Assessment. A copy will be published on the website.

9. Informal Drop-in Evening for Parishioners.

The Chairman said he was very pleased with the attendance of the residents and thanked the Councillors for their work on the evening.

Definitive Map Review. Cllrs Phillips, King and Tarr reported on the comments received. It was agreed the response below should be sent to DCC by the Clerk.

An Informal Drop-in evening was held on 3 rd November to discuss the Proposals on the Definitive Map Review of East
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Down was attended by over 30 parishioners. Evidence forms were distributed to interested parties and comments and views gathered by three of the Parish Councillors. On Monday 21st November at our Parish Council meeting the views and comments of the residents were discussed and based on these views these are the Parish Council recommendations .

Proposal 1: Schedule 14 application: **Upgrade of Bridleway No 22** along Rookbear Lane to byway open to all traffic between Gypsy Lane and the county road/parish boundary south of Westgate. **Recommend this remains a bridleway.**

Proposal 2: Schedule 14 application: **Addition of a byway open** to all traffic at Hewish Down between Bowden Corner and Whitefield Hill. **Recommend this application is for a bridleway.**

Proposal 3: Proposed **addition of a bridleway** between Princes Gate Bridge and Shortacombe and upgrade of part of Footpath No 20, East Down between Shortacombe and Shortacombe Corner to restricted byway. **Support addition of a bridleway and confirm it is currently being used as a bridleway.**

No comments on Proposals 4, 5 and 6.

Proposal 4: Proposed diversion of Footpath No 1 through Parsonage Wood to regularise the definitive and used lines.

Proposal 5: Proposed diversion of Footpath No 8 at Higher Brockham to regularise the definitive used lines.

Proposal 6: Proposed diversion of Footpath No 12 at Higher Mattocks Down Farm to regularise the definitive and used lines.

I understand that you have received paperwork from other residents of East Down regarding these proposals.

Parish Defibrillator and training – Cllr Crossman reported that applications had been submitted for funding to local business and charities. Several pledges had already been received.

Parish Trained First Aiders – Cllr Crossman reported that several more people had signed up.

Community Alert System – Owing to the poor mobile reception in the parish landlines could be used to text alerts. Work on this was moving forward with obtaining phone numbers of those wishing to be involved.

Parishioners' Aspirations and Vision for the Parish. Martin reported that suggestions put forward by residents were:

- a parish map indicating the location of each property;
- improved lighting in the Village Hall car park – consult with Village Hall Trustees;
- a mirror at the Churchill/Wychway junction.

BT Public Phone Box – petition with 50 signatures opposing removal had been submitted.

10. Precept and Grant 2017-2018.

The Clerk presented the budget for the coming financial year and recommended that the precept remained at £2216. This was agreed unanimously.

11. Planning Decisions by Planning Inspectorate: (for information only). None

12. Chairman's items

TAP Fund It was agreed not to do any work on the drains immediately but to monitor the situation

Sandbags – notification from District Council that they will no longer be supplying sandbags and they advise that residents purchase their own. Sandbags can be bought from B & Q and Wickes.

Invest in Devon Fund is a pot of money which can be applied for by parishes and town councils who are interested in doing work on drainage, verges, grass cutting and pothole repairs under the Road Warden Scheme. Chapter Eight training will be provided by Highways and this then enables work to be done safely with public liability insurance and access to the necessary equipment. The fund is only available until January 2017. It was agreed the Clerk would make enquiries.

13. Correspondence.

Definitive Map Review paperwork for meeting

Lloyds bank statement Parish Account 21st October £5,550.95

Emails:

Public Sector Executive

DCC newsletter

Community Messaging Update

Hinterland - Rural intelligence from behind the headlines

Changes to Senior Leadership Team at Devon County Council by Phil Norrey

Local appeal for items of clothing for young refugees

TNMWD Citizens Advice

CAB – request for donation

Charity Commission News
NDVS Christmas Volunteering Opportunities
Publication of wider Devon Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)
November 2016 - Latest news from the ICO
Public Sector Executive
DCC Newsletter
Rural Opportunities bulletin
DALC various emails
Rural Services Network weekly email
NDC weekly information sheets and planning applications lodged and enforcement cases closed
Devon Senior Voice magazine
Fields in Trust (by email)

14. Date of next meeting.

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be Monday 16th January 2017 at 7.30 p.m. unless planning applications needing recommendations are received, in which case a meeting will be called.

Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted Information) None

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.