

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting  
at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 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, District Cllr Mr 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:** Mrs L. Wyatt and Mr N. Kent-Smith.

With approval of the **Council Item 7 Planning reference 66950** was brought forward. Mr Kent-Smith was invited to address the Council and he said he was attending to answer any questions on the application.

The papers were studied and clarification on what was meant by "associated operational development" was requested. Mr Kent-Smith said as far as he understood the application was simply for a dwelling in which his brother would live. The Parish Council were happy with the application but the Case Officer would be asked to clarify the statement of "for associated operational development".

#### **Part 'A'**

#### **4. County/District Councillors' Reports.**

District Councillor Mr J. Tucker:

- Hamlet of Bugford – Cllr Tucker had received a report in March 2019 from a parishioner regarding caravans and yurts located on land in Bugford. He had contacted planning/enforcement and an officer had attempted a site visit but he couldn't find the site and had not taken up an offer from locals to assist him with this. The situation has not been resolved and nothing appears to have happened. Cllr Tucker requested the Parish Council write a letter to Head of Place and the Chief Executive. Resolved to send a letter.
- Enforcement cases update
- Berrydown Cross – accident hotspot
- Parish Forum 19<sup>th</sup> September at Brynsworthy starting at 6.30 p.m. - Cllr Tucker urged councillors to attend.

County Councillor Ms A. Davis – DCC on recess

5. **Minutes of meetings Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019.** Resolved to accept.

6. **Matters arising:** none.

#### **7. Planning Applications.**

**Reference 66950** Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house and for associated operational development (Class Q A&B) at Beccott Farm East Down Barnstaple Devon EX31 4NY. Dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**Reference 70228** Erection of straw bedded livestock building for winter housing of suckler cows at Loscombe Farm East Down Barnstaple Devon EX31 4NA. Grid Ref: 260385; 143068. The plans were studied and it was resolved to respond to the Case Officer that it had concerns about the size of the building compared to the size of the holding and noted there does not appear to be a recognisable access track. The parish council were unable to support this current application.

**Reference 70327** New septic tank in paddock adjacent to property at Combe Cottage, East Down, Barnstaple EX31 4NA. Grid ref 260199:143291. Resolved to support the application.

**Retrospective Application 66829** for erection of two buildings to provide stabling and shelter for horses together with retrospective change of use of agricultural land to mixed use (agricultural and equestrian) land north of Oakford Farm, Shirwell, Barnstaple. **Application withdrawn.**

**Decision by Planning Inspectorate: (for information only)** none.

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

Bank balances 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Parish Council Account: £5986.36.** All cheques presented

Cheques presented:

000359 £200.00

000360 £62.89

000361 £19.98

000362 £300.00

Ring-fenced money:

£600 for computer equipment,

£242.94 for high visibility clothing

£255.21 for defibrillator.

The Clerk had paid the DATA protection renewal £40 and would claim reimbursement when certificate is received.

**Parish Paths Account: £1156.83**

#### **9. Emergency Parish Plan.**

The Clerk reported that additional names and phone numbers had been added to the draft plan. It was resolved to submit the first draft to Devon County with a request for their guidance on any further information we should add.

#### **10. Parish Paths Partnership**

**Footpath 20 Restricted Byway.** HM Inspectorate meeting 6th August. Cllrs R. Tarr and R. Crossman reported on the meeting. Following the initial introduction the objectors stated their concerns to the Inspector and a site visit was made by the Inspector and DCC Officer. The decision will be advised.

**Survey of footpaths** – still to be undertaken.

#### **11. Chairman's items**

**Drains/Flooding:** work requested up at Ashelford still outstanding Cllr Crossman to contact Chris Wallis again. Drainage channel in Bugford is being affected by landslip. Clerk to report to Martin Stoddard.

#### **12. Correspondence.**

East Down Annual Produce Show Committee – letter of thanks for donation of £200 which purchased, a hot water urn, scarecrow competition trophy, children's medals and prize money.

Lloyds bank statement

North Devon Council's Parish Forum of 19th September 2019: Agenda

North Devon Council's Corporate Plan and questions for replies to consultation

DALC Training courses

North Devon land owner facing Crown Court for planning offences

Newsletter / Marketing: Heart of the South West Devolution – Newsletter 19

DALC Newsletter, Annual Report and legal info and best practice

Devon Community Academy Training courses

Devon County Council shortage of potential adopters

Landmark Neighbourhood Watch Cybercrime Survey Launched

Hospital services in northern Devon - engagement update

North Devon Council - Full Council Presentations

Marketing: Link to introductory video about the LEP

Climate Emergency and Biosphere parish reports

Data Protection reminder for renewal

Devon County Council (Traffic Regulation & On-Street Parking Places) Amendment Order

Public asked to stop putting batteries in their recycling following fire at Brynsworthy

Police monthly newsletter

Clerks & Councils direct magazine

NDC weekly information sheets, planning applications lodged, determined and enforcement cases closed

Grants information

DALC Vacancies

DALC Devon Communities together

Rural Services Network

Public Sector Executive

Rural Opportunities bulletin

Rural Vulnerability Service

Rural Services Network weekly email

#### **13. Confirmed date for next meeting as Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted Information):** none.

The meeting closed at 9.18 p.m.