

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting
on Monday 19th May 2014 which followed the Annual General Meeting
at East Down Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs. Mr R. Tarr Chairman, Mrs E. Kempf, Mr. R. Fry, Mr. K. Phillips, Mr. M. Smith, Mr. M. Wright and Clerk Mrs M Done.

Cllr Mr Richard Tarr welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** County Councillor Ms A. Davis, District Councillor Mr J. Tucker, Mr P. Bunch, Mrs A. Mant, Mr. Michael Mant, Mr J Stout and Mrs P. Stout.
2. **Declarations of Interest/Dispensations.** None
3. **Public Participation.** None

Part A

4. County/District Councillors' Reports received by email and forwarded to members

District Councillor Tucker gave latest news at North Devon Council:

- ✓ They will vacate Civic Centre by 1st April 2015.
- ✓ Tony Hogg is appearing before the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Torridge and North Devon. Public are welcome.
- ✓ Town & Parish website was launched in December 2013. The page has been designed to assist Councillors and Clerks and provide you with the most up-to-date information. To access this page please use the link [http: www.northdevon.gov.uk/lg](http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/lg) or phone Member Services 01271388253.
- ✓ Log onto the Dept. of energy & climate change website for details on grants available to make your home more energy efficient or telephone 03001231234 for info.
- ✓ Mole Valley Farmers has selected NDC to help reduce the regulatory burden on their company regarding advice and guidance on food hygiene and health and safety responsibilities across the fifty eight retail outlets they manage.
- ✓ Fullabrook Community Interest Company AGM – grant money available

County Councillor Davis covered:

- ✓ consultation on an ambitious vision for a public library service that is sustainable, receptive to communities' needs, and fit for the future.
- ✓ Devon County Council has issued a report highlighting the need for greater Government investment to provide more resilient transport networks.

Both reports are available from the Clerk on request.

5. **Minutes of the Meeting 14th April 2014** were approved and signed
6. **Matters arising** from the minutes.
Sand Bags The Clerk reported that these had been delivered and were stored at the Village Hall.
7. **Financial Statement of accounts for the year to date and payments.**
Bank Balances at 2nd May 2014:
East Down Parish Council Account £4712.48 (includes £49.25 VAT reclaim and 50% of precept, grant assistance and parish precept). All cheques cleared. Cheque 000276 for £45.93 approved and signed P3 VAT reclaim.
P3 Account £1200.31 (includes grant of £115 for new gate).
Audit Form had been signed off by internal auditor and is available for inspection. Cllr Tarr agreed to post forms to external auditor at appropriate time.
8. **TAP Fund.** Clerk reported that this year's allowance is £203.50. It was suggested that following discussion with the Village Hall Trustees this could be used towards a defibrillator with a grant application to Fullabrook CIC for the balance. The Clerk to contact the Village Hall Secretary for their views.

9. Chairman's items.

Defibrillator – covered under Item 8.

Parish Paths Partnership. The secateurs purchased by P3 were distributed to members of the walking group and the parish councillors for use on the paths: Cllr Tarr, Mrs A. Mant, Mrs S. Price and Mrs M. Done

Hartland View Wind Turbine planning appeal – no decision as yet.

10. Correspondence.

P3 Letter regarding grant for the year

Western Power Distribution – pack helping people cope during power cuts

Magazines – Clerks and Councils Direct May 2014

Emails forwarded to Councillors:

Temporary road closure notices – displayed on noticeboard

Rural Services Network weekly email.

NDC weekly information sheets and planning applications lodged and enforcement cases closed.

11. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday 21st July, 2014. Should any planning applications be received an extraordinary meeting will be called by the Chairman to respond to this.

Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted information) None.

The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.