

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting  
at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at East Down Village Hall**

**Attendance:** Cllrs. Mrs S. Black (Chair), Mr M. Mant, Mr K. Phillips, Mrs S. Price, County Cllr Ms A. Davis, District Councillor Mr J. Tucker, and Mrs M. Done (Clerk).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs. Mrs E. Kempf and Mr R. Fry
2. **Declarations of interest from members/Dispensation requests.** None
3. **Public Participation.** None

**Part 'A'**

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

**District Councillor Joe Tucker reported on:**

- Initiative by North Devon Council for First Time buyers with Lloyds Bank
- Meetings to discuss The New Local Plan: Councillors urged to attend. Three Councillors agreed to do so – clerk to advise NDC.

**County Councillor Andrea Davis reported on:**

- DCC budget meeting which agreed extra spending. £3.1 million to support Devon's 43 children's centres and early years services
- £1.2 million will reinstate reductions in potholes repairs and winter maintenance. £1 million is ring fenced for emergency repairs. £500,000 for gully maintenance and to keep drains clear in rural areas
- £250,000 earmarked to help people in Devon affected by the welfare reforms and another £50,000 additional support for Citizens Advice Bureaux
- £100,000 to train parish volunteers to tackle emergencies in their areas and another £100,000 for feasibility studies into renewable energy schemes.
- £1.4 million extra for services to people, child protection with 17 more front-line social workers and 6 more social workers in adoption and looked after children.
- Investment in improved services for older people and continuing programme of investment to convert some of the county's care homes to centres of excellence for people with dementia.
- Flood Damage funding. DCC is expecting to receive a total of £2.5 million towards the cost of temporary repair and clean up following last year's floods.

Cllr Davis was then reminded about the request for details on ordering grit bins, which she agreed to research again.

5. **The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013** were proposed, seconded and it was resolved to accept them. Minutes then signed.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda. Clerk reported on:**
  - **Highways:** Some repair work had been done up at Churchill but following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to The Chief Executive stating our concerns over the lack of quality of the work and the number of men that had been involved: 3 vehicles and six men. There is still much work awaiting attention through Bugford and potholes all through Churchill to Ashelford.
  - **TAP Fund:** It was agreed that we should apply for two strimmers and one table tennis table; this would use next year's TAP money if Arlington are in agreement.

7. **Financial statement of accounts for the year to date and payments.** Bank balances on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 Parish Council Account £4379.01 and P3 Account £481.07. Cheque No 000256 for £84 to East Down Village Hall towards maintenance, Cheque No. 000257 for £300 to East Down and Arlington PCC towards Churchyard maintenance and Cheque No. 000258 for £415.61 (4<sup>th</sup> quarter salary and year's expenses) to Mrs M Done were authorised.  
The Clerk reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> year's payment of the PWLB would not be debited until 2<sup>nd</sup> April in the next financial year.
8. **Parish Forum report** – Mrs Sue Black reported that as the Clerk had emailed members with the notes from this meeting there was nothing further needed.
9. **Torrige and North Devon Local Plan.** Following discussion it was agreed that the Council would respond to the consultation saying that East Down feels strongly that we should retain the countryside designation and look forward to work with the Planning Department to develop Section 3. Clerk to email Kate Little.
10. **Chairman's items:**  
Lengthsman – The areas of concern covered earlier in meeting.  
Annual Parish Meeting – the Chair suggested that this take place before the April meeting.  
Resolved to accept. A representative from the police to be invited.
11. **Correspondence**  
**Emails**  
Parish Forum – report from 20<sup>th</sup> February meeting including A. Austen's presentation slides  
TAP fund – update  
Peter Fusco – response on screening submission for Brinscott Proposed Wind Turbine  
Sparse.gov.uk - A call for evidence  
DALC newsletter  
**Magazines and Leaflets**  
Clerks and Councils Direct March edition  
**Members Services Notices now received and forwarded by email**
12. **It was agreed the next meeting would be on:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013.  
The Annual Parish Meeting to which the Community Police Officer is to be invited will commence at 8 p.m. to be followed by the April Parish Council meeting.

**Part 'B'** (Confidential Restricted information) None

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.