

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting
at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 15th April 2013 at East Down Village Hall**

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declarations of interest from members/Dispensation requests.** None
3. **Public Participation.** Mr James Stout, Mrs A. Mant

Cllr Black invited members of the public to address the meeting.

Mrs A. Mant reported on:

- **the problem of litter in the parish.** This seems to coincide with the recycling collection. Cllr Tucker offered to speak with Rex Bassett the officer in charge of the recycling department;
- **the road closure** at Ashelford to Churchill. Cllr Davis will try to have the signs altered.

Part 'A'

4. County/District Councillors' Reports

District Councillor Joe Tucker reported on:

- Site Visit to Bugford regarding the rebuild of Cornmill
- Money advice service
- Vacancy on Ethics Committee
- Asda planning application
- Fullabrook Windfarm funds distribution
- Local Plan meetings – details to be emailed round

Cllr Tucker then left the meeting.

County Councillor Andrea Davis reported on:

- Jobs and the economy
- Unemployment in Devon lower than last year despite slight rise in last month
- Broadband being supplied through WildWestNet, costing £100 for installation and £24.99 per month with no contract and 20MB reception.

Cllr Davis said she had enjoyed her time as our County Councillor and hoped to be re-elected and then left the meeting.

5. **The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, 11th March 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:** several calls received regarding the work at Churchill. The explanation for the number of men and vehicles was that these had been sent from previous jobs with remaining material to be used rather than return it to the depot.

■ **TAP Fund:** approval had been received for one table tennis table and one strimmer. No reply as yet from Arlington for a second strimmer. Advice from District Council is that it would be better to apply for a second strimmer once the new financial year has started.

7. **Audit 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013.** The accounts were presented for inspection and approved. The Clerk reported that new paperwork was being included with the Audit form.

8. Financial statement of accounts for the year to date and payments. Bank balances on 31st March 2013 Parish Council Account £3339.60 and P3 Account £581.07. P3 BACS payment of £100 received. Notification received of VAT refund of £60.20 (including £38.80 P3). The outstanding balance on the PWLB is £1223.40. It was also noted that the PWLB outstanding instalment of £175.50 would be debited on 2nd April. Cheque No. 000259 for £55.40 to DALC for annual subscription and Cheque No. 000260 for £144.59 to Community First Insurance were authorised. Approval from Council received for Cllr Tarr to transfer £38.80 (the P3 VAT refund) to the P3 account.

9. Planning Applications

No. 55352. Extension to dwelling at Maddox Down Farm, East Down. After studying the plans the Council's recommendation was approval of the application since it is in keeping with the local plan.

No. 55414. Creation of Horse Manege at Broadpark, East Down. The Clerk reported that the Case Officer had written to the applicant advising that an amendment to the plans was required for further work that had been undertaken. The Chair advised the Council that only the plans tabled could be considered. The Council's recommendation on the plans tabled was approval. Clerk to email Planning Case Officers on both applications.

Consents/refusals by Planning Department: Application No 55175. Erection of Open Agricultural Plant Housing / Store and Garage at Ashelford Farm East Down Barnstaple EX31 4LU. Consent granted 27th March 2013

10. Chairman's items:

Letter of Resignation – Cllr Mant had tendered his resignation. Cllr Black thanked Cllr Mant for his years of service since 1995 both as Councillor and Chair. His enthusiasm and commitment to the parish council, church and village hall is much appreciated. The Clerk would notify the elections office and make the necessary arrangements to fill the vacancy.

11. Correspondence

Statement of persons nominated for County Councillor elections
Invitation to attend site visit at Bugford to reinstate cornmill
Audit forms for completion for year ending 31st March 2013
Western Power Distribution invitation to stakeholder workshop – dates and venues
Lloyds Bank statements

Magazines and Leaflets

Devon's Senior Voice

Members Services Notices now received and forwarded by email

12. It was agreed the next meeting would be on: Monday 20th May 2013.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will commence at 8 p.m. followed by the May Parish Council meeting.

Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted information) None

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.