

**Minutes of East Down Parish Council Meeting  
at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at East Down Village Hall**

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

Cllr Mr. Richard Tarr welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs. R. Fry, K. Phillips
2. **Declarations of interest from members/Dispensation requests.** None
3. **Public Participation.** Mrs R. Baxter, Mr. K. Eaton, Mrs A. Mant, Mr. M. Mant, Mr. M. Smith, Mrs P. Shaw, Mr J. Stout, Mrs P. Stout and Mr. M. Wright.

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

Several of the parishioners commented on the proposed wind turbine at Honeywell Farm and the letter received by them regarding a community fund to be established if the turbine is successfully commissioned. Under certain conditions this would benefit the nine properties sited within 1km of the turbine. The Council had not yet received notification of a planning application.

It was agreed to continue this discussion when District Councillor Tucker arrived, since he was delayed owing to a previous meeting.

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

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

**County Councillor Andrea Davis said she had nothing to report.**

Cllr Tucker arrived.

##### **District Councillor Joe Tucker reported on:**

- Free heating survey available until end of May.
- Planning applications will now be sent by email.
- District Council Planning committee meeting when the rebuild of Corn mill at Bugford was decided. Questions were then put to Cllr Tucker on the reasons why the application was refused in view of parishioners' 17 letters of support and the parish council's recommendation of approval.

Cllr Tucker was then asked to report to the relevant offices at the District Council the following concerns:

Okewill – field with shed now advertised for auction. Are the conditions attached known to the auctioneer?

Bugford – work being done on land and trees being planted. Cllr Tucker asked for further details to be forwarded to him.

Highlands Farm motorcycle scrambling track. Are the conditions attached to the certificate being conformed with?

Sillary Cottage – yert has been built; is planning approval required?

Cllr Tucker agreed to check these matters out and report back; he then left the meeting.

#### **5. Minutes**

**Annual Parish Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013** proposed and seconded. Resolved to accept. Minutes then signed.

**Parish Council Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013** proposed and seconded. Resolved to accept. Minutes then signed.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda.**

Clerk reported that thank-you cards had been sent to both Michael Mant and James Stout. Confirmation of TAP funds still not received.

**7. Audit 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.**

The accounts had been collected from Stevens and Willey and were now ready for inspection before going off to the Audit Commission.

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

Bank balances on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 Parish Council Account £4205.08 (includes £1279.77 made up of 50% precept, 50% grant and 50% grant assistance) and P3 Account £619.87. Cheque No. 000261 for £48.29 to Richard Tarr for the website hosting annual fee and Cheque No. 000262 for £36 to Stevens and Willey for internal audit of accounts were authorised and signed.

**9. Planning Applications**

**Application 55414. Creation of Horse Manege, amended site area at Broadpark, East Down.** Following inspection of the plans it was resolved to recommend approval.

**Application 55499. Change Of Use Of Existing Building & Land From Agriculture To Equestrian Together With Erection Of Two Extensions To Building For Agricultural Use, Shortacombe House, East Down, Barnstaple EX31 4NY.** Following inspection of the plans it was resolved to recommend approval.

**Consents and refusals by North Devon Council (for information only)**

**Application 55352. Extension to dwelling at Maddox Down Farm, East Down.** Permission granted 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

**Application No 55031.** New build to reinstate corn mill together with conversion of corn mill to form one unit of holiday accommodation at Bugford Cottage, East Down. Permission refused 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013

**10. Chairman's items. None**

**11. Correspondence.**

Letter received from East Down Village Hall Trustees requesting help with warning signage at entrance to Village Hall. Councillor Davis offered to speak with Highways.

Devon County Council Notice of Temporary Road Closures at Ashelford, Churchill and Wychway with alternative route to be posted on noticeboard.

Barnstaple Town Council Environment School Day.

**Magazines and Leaflets**

Clerks & Councils Direct May 2013

Junk Mail

**Members Services Notices now received and forwarded by email**

**12. Date of next meeting.**

It was agreed the next meeting would be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

Agenda item for next meeting: publishing of the draft minutes and the annual accounts on the website.

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

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.