

## East Down Parish Council

Meeting at East Down Village Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30 pm

**Attendance:** Cllrs Mr M. Wright (Chair), R Crocker, Mr R. Crossman, Mrs D Fry, Mrs J Kift, Mr. K. Phillips, Mr R. Tarr.

**Also in attendance** District Councillor J Tucker

### AGENDA

**Apologies for absence from meeting-** County Councillor A Davis

1. **Declaration of interest/Dispensations** – Cllr Mrs D Fry (Planning Application No 74837)
2. **Public participation-** 4 members of public present

#### Part 'A'

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

District Councillor Tucker reported briefly as follows

- The newly appointed Planning Manager has left for the private sector
- North Devon Council has held their AGM, the changes are minimal

County Councillor Davis had apologised for her non-attendance and had emailed the following Information.

- Covid cases in Devon are still high at around 1 in 20 infected
- A holiday food bank scheme of £570,000 to help feed 19,000 children over the holiday has been set up
- A website to support Ukrainian refugees has been set up

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022**  
**RESOLVED to accept and sign**

5. **Matters arising from the minutes**

- Progress report on gully/drains clearing - Chris Wallis has not yet cleared the drains but is aware of the problem and will do as soon as possible.
- A camera survey of the drain associated with foul grey water has not yet been done

6. **Planning Applications.**

**Application 74837 at Loscombe Farm East Down Barnstaple Devon EX31 4NA**

Change of use of land and the erection of a shepherd's hut for holiday use

*Cllr Debbie Fry declared a prejudicial interest, left the room and did not speak or vote thereon.*

*With members permission the Chairman suspended standing orders to allow the public to speak.*

Members of the public spoke both for and against the Planning Application.

*The Chairman then reconvened the meeting under standing orders.*

Councillors considered the application at length and **RESOLVED** to submit the following comments for consideration during the Planning Application process by North Devon Council

Councillors were concerned at the long term implications of the change of use of the land from farming to tourism, they accept the area concerned is small but are concerned nonetheless.

The proposed development will lead to an increase in traffic and Councillors seek reassurance that the effects of this will be assessed by Devon County Council Highway Engineers, together with any potential visibility issues.

Concern was expressed at the potential damage to the road and road safety issues by increased water run-off from inevitable surface hardening caused by increased use of the access track.

The change of use and proposed development will lead to an increase in light and noise pollution from the change of use (if granted) and also by vehicles accessing the site, when compared with the current use of the site.

**6. Financial statement of accounts for the year and to agree payments**

- **Bank balances April 2022**

  - Parish Council Account: £7668.08**

  - Parish Paths Account: £1060.83**

- **Cheques were authorised and signed for the following: Clerks salary (£105.00), Postage (£3.08), Memorial tree planting (£85.00) Parish Grass Cutting at East Down Church (£300.0) Defib batteries pads etc. (£228.00) DALC Annual subscriptions (£56.35 to be held until invoice received)**

**7. Chairman's items**

- **Revised code of conduct** Members discussed the revised code of conduct and RESOLVED to adopt the code as circulated

**8. Correspondence:** Noted

The following correspondence had been distributed

Public consultation on draft of affordable housing document

March newsletter

ND weekly information sheet

DALC newsletter

**9. Date for next meeting** May 16<sup>th</sup> 2022

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