

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 4th SEPTEMBER 2019.

Present: Cllr C King (Chairman), DCllr Wilkinson, Cllrs K Oades, M Reeves, S Squire, S Ayre, R Drew and R Watts.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:30pm with apologies from CCllr A Davis.

3995. Public Speaking.

There were no requests received.

3996. Police Report.

Mortehoe/Woolacombe & West Down, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon.

Violence with Injury 3

Violence without Injury 1

Sexual Offences 2

Burglary Dwelling 1

Vehicle Offences 2

Other Theft 2

Criminal Damage 1

Public Order Offences 1

Possession of Drugs 2

3997. Minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

3998. Matters Arising.

a. 3990a. 66796 – Erection of one dwelling – Garden of Churchill House. Majority Refusal – Reasons: Over intensification; Road safety; not in line with the historical core of the village. Thanks were given to D Cllr. Wilkinson for his vigilance and persistence with the planning department after they decided that our recommendation of refusal was too late. It was pointed out to them that the closing date was before the amended plans had been publicised. The application has been refused due to concerns that could not be overcome.

Concerns about the planning department were voiced after a number of problems had been encountered. A letter to the Chief Executive was recommended.

b. 3982b. 'No Man's Land' on FP14 – no further news at this time.

c. 3984a. A letter has been sent to Devon & Somerset Fire Service voicing concerns regarding the threatened Station closures.

3999. CCllr Report. CCllr. Davis. No report issued.

4000. DCllr Report. DCllr. Wilkinson reported on the following:

a. Woolacombe has had a visit from Enforcement Officers checking on holiday lets that are being lived in on a permanent basis. It was reported that 9 out of 10 properties have been 'served'. It needs to be made clear that the definition of '12-month holiday rental' is not the same as 'full time occupancy'.

b. Bishops Tawton strategy improvement plans include an underpass costing £2million, as part of the A361 improvement scheme.

c. Threatened Woolacombe and Ilfracombe Fire Station Closures - 22nd September is the cut-off date for views on the closure of local fire stations to be submitted. It is recommended that individuals write to Devon & Somerset Fire Authority, Cllr Frank Biederman and Cllr Jeremy Yabsley, to voice concerns.

4001. District Councillor Grant.

Ideas put forward for use of the grant were, a map, dog waste bin, trees. More ideas welcomed.

4002. Footpaths.

a. No concerns to report at this time.

4003. Annual Review of H & S.

a. Cllrs K. Oades and R. Drew reviewed and reported back. Paperwork was updated, approved and signed.

4004. Planning Decisions. The following decisions have been made by NDC:

a. 70253 - Pipcott. Application for non-material amendment to planning permission 62518 (erection of dwelling) in respect of alterations to materials and fireplace flue. Approved.

4005. Planning Applications.

a. 70301 – Listed Building application for demolition of garage and creation of new windows at Barton Farm, West Down. Unanimous approval.

4006. Correspondence.

- a. Planning Workshop 15th October 2019. (in float file)
- b. Police Report (in float file)

4007. Finance.

Cllr. Sue Ayre was thanked for her assistance concerning the bank account.

a. Bank Statements:

(1) West Down Parish Council as at 31st August £2,755.57 reconciled.

(2) 30 Day Notice Account as at 31st August £4,805.39 reconciled.

b. Petty Cash - as at 31st August £23.20 reconciled.

c. Cheques:

(1) Chq 622, £102 to West Down Parish Hall Committee. 6 months' rent of Room 2000.

4008. Clerk Course.

Clerk Essentials Course, 25th September 2019 in Exeter. £66 + travel expenses @45ppm. Unanimous approval for Vanessa Hunt to attend.

4009. Unresolved Questions.

None

4010. Any Other Business.

- a. Information was received by email of grants available, this included Memorial cleaning. Details to be given to the St Calixtus Church Council.
- b. S106 deadline for application is 30th September 2019.
- c. The Post Office is struggling with the lack of support. The village is fortunate to have three sessions a week and decisions will need to be made regarding subsidising the service, or reducing it. The Parish Hall Committee to discuss.
- d. A Parish Forum to be arranged by Cllr Carole King. To be held Tuesday 17th September at 7.30pm in /the Parish Hall.
- e. CCllr. Andrea Davis to be contacted about the salt supply for the winter.
- f. A new Councillor is to be co-opted. Details to be completed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019.