

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 6th NOVEMBER 2019.

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:30pm with apologies from Cllr S Ayre.

A minute's silence was held in honour of David Lewis, our Clerk of 22 years who sadly passed.
A minute's silence was held in honour of Pete McGahran, previous Councillor, who sadly passed.

4028. Public Speaking.

None

4029. Police Report.

A newsletter was received and circulated via the float file.

The main points on the Newsletter are: -

Don't let thieves steal your Christmas, don't leave items on display in your vehicle as this time of the year sees the highest rate of theft.

Think Safety this winter, the five main causes of serious injuries and deaths on the region's roads, known as the 'fatal five', are excessive or inappropriate speed, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, not wearing a seat belt, driver distractions such as using mobile devices & careless and inconsiderate driving.

Crime figures for Morteohoe/Woolacombe & West Down, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon.

Violence with Injury 1. Violence without Injury 1. Sexual Offence 1. Burglary Non-Dwelling 1

4030. Co-Option of Mr T Verney.

Mr T Verney was proposed by Cllr. S Squire and seconded by Cllr. R Drew and received a unanimous vote of approval. Cllr. T Verney was welcomed to the council and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Post, witnessed and signed by Cllr. C King (Chair). Cllr. Verney was given a Declaration of Interests to complete before the next meeting. The Parish Council now have a full complement of Councillors.

4031. Minutes of the last meeting.

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

4032. Matters Arising.

a. 4014a. 'No Man's Land' on FP14 – no further news at this time. Cllr. K Oades to investigate.

b. 4014b. War Memorial Grant information was forwarded to the PCC.

c. 4014c. The Chair is to request a visit from Martin Rich with regard to an Emergency Plan. It is hoped that this will be on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 7.30pm, TBC.

d. 4014f. S106 deadline for application was 30th September 2019. It has been noted that the School tried to apply but were told it was too late although it was before the deadline. Lucinda Wheeler was contacted and she advised that the recipients of the S106 had been previously decided and could not be changed.

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e. 4017. District Councillor Grant. The children from West Down School are keen to help with the map but have been delayed by Ofsted and half term. It is necessary to contact Kate Johnson of NDC asap to apply for the grant money.

f. 4020a. Willingcott Valley Holiday Village. Following on from the Extraordinary Meeting held on 11th October 2019 and Morteheo Parish Council meeting, the decision is being taken to a committee on 11th December 2019. No decision is expected from this meeting. The main objections were, highways not being substantial enough to carry the extra traffic, light pollution and foul water being too great for the existing system and resulting in pollution at sea risking the bathing quality on the beaches.

4033. CCllr Report. CCllr. Davis. Reported the following:

a. Preliminary designs have been drawn up for a road safety scheme on the A3123 in North Devon.

The £2.2 million scheme for the A3123, which connects the North Devon Link Road to Woolacombe and Ilfracombe, is receiving Safer Roads Funding from the Department for Transport, following a successful bid from Devon County Council.

Original plans which proposed to improve the section from Lynton Cross and Hore Down Gate to Two Potts, Berrydown, have had to be modified as a number of services would have had to be relocated which would have exceeded the available budget.

The updated design at Lynton Cross places priority of the junction back with the A3123, but still provides a safe crossing point for the B3230. It also gives the County Council the opportunity to close the Hore Down Gate to Two Potts road and remove accidents from these junctions.

As part of this project, several safety measures will also be introduced at Berrydown. These will include vehicle actuated signs and chevrons, new high friction surfacing, illuminated cats eyes and a new 40mph speed limit.

Devon County Council has also received £1.9 million of Safer Roads Funding for improvements on the A3121 in the South Hams. Scheme improvements were approved by the County Council in September.

Both the A3123 and A3121 are rural routes that suffer from higher than average speeds, sub-standard alignment and a lack of physical segregation between vehicles.

Funding will be available in the next financial year (2020 to 2021).

b. Community Insight survey- Reminder

This is running until 22nd December and is capturing a snapshot of life in Devon for our diverse communities.

We are asking people whether they: can get around easily, access green spaces, look after themselves, feel safe, can access community resources and adult learning etc. We're also asking about their health and wellbeing and social connectivity alongside views on fly tipping/cleanliness, decision making, whether they feel listened to and whether they think council tax should increase.

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The link to the survey:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/community-insight-survey-2019/>

Initial results will be available early in the new year and will be shared with partners, including District Councils. Further analysis (age, disability, locality etc) will be available by the Spring.

c. Nominate Devon's recycling heroes

Devon residents and communities are once again being called on to nominate their unsung recycling heroes, whose efforts have helped the county remain one of the greenest in the UK.

The Seventh Recycle Devon Thank You Awards will be held on Friday 6 March 2020. Nominations for the eight categories, including those for schools, businesses, and community groups, can be submitted on the Recycle Devon website from 17 October to 29 November 2019.

The Thank You Awards are organised by the Recycle Devon team, and were first launched to recognise those people who do that bit extra to help ensure Devon remains clean and green.

In 2018/19 56 per cent of the total rubbish collected or taken to recycling centres and bring banks in Devon was recycled.

After shortlisting is complete there will be a public vote for 'Your Overall Recycling Hero', which will be featured on the Recycle Devon Website.

There will be prizes and recognition for all shortlisted nominees.

Do you know someone who makes a real effort to reduce, reuse and recycle? Perhaps a neighbour, friend, someone from a community group, or even a member of your local collection crew or staff from your local recycling centre.

It could also be a local school or college student, teacher, helper or member of the support staff.

If you would like to nominate someone, please fill in the quick nomination form – they deserve it!

The categories for this year's awards are:

Your Recycling Hero- this could be a friend, family member, neighbour or local champion

School Recycling Hero – child

School Recycling Hero – adult

School Recycling Hero – class/group

Community Group recycling hero

Collection Crew/Operative – recycling, garden, food, or refuse collector

Recycling Centre Operative-staff

Small Business Champion

Nominations need to be in by 29 November.

For further information or to nominate, please see the Recycle Devon website, or post your entry to: The Recycle Devon Team, c/o Devon County Council, Waste Management, County Hall, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

It was noted that North Devon is not usually represented and Councillors felt that the team at Ilfracombe Recycling Centre were very efficient and worthy of nomination.

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4034. DCllr Report. DCllr. Wilkinson reported on the following:

a. Fire Station Closures.

An email has been sent from the Chair of Morteheo Parish Council with regard to fighting the proposed station closures. The email requests a donation from all surrounding Parishes to help towards the cost of a possible Judicial Review. Cllr. Wilkinson advised that he had met with Appledore, Porlock and Lynton councillors and this has become a very strong possibility. Morteheo have pledged £250. The closure determination day is 13th December.

4035. Footpaths.

a. No concerns to report at this time. An inspection will be carried out as soon as the weather allows.

b. It was mentioned that the graveyard is kept in very good order and that it would be good to recognise the persons responsible. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Mr Lyons and Mr Hodsman to show our appreciation for their good work.

4036. Planning Decisions. The following decisions have been made by NDC:

a. 70250 - Dogs Trust West Down Ilfracombe Devon EX34 8NU. Erection of sculpture seated dog. Approved.

b. 70508 - Barn adjacent Spreacombe Lodge Farm Woolacombe Devon EX34 7HN. Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to one dwelling house (Class Q(A)(B)). Approved.

4037. Planning Applications.

a. 70580 - Demolition of building & erection of 1 dwelling. Greenways Cottage West Down Ilfracombe Devon EX34 8NH. Majority Approval.

b. 70455 - Installation of one septic tank to serve dwelling approved by permission 61186 (Class Q prior approval for change of use & associated operational development of agricultural building to one dwelling) at Moore Farm West Down Ilfracombe Devon EX34 8NT. Unanimous Approval.

4038. Correspondence.

- a. Dogs Trust Letter re: talks & tours. (in float file)
- b. Clerks and Councils Direct – November issue (in float file).
- c. Fire Service email (in float file).
- d. WDPHNC letter requesting a raise of their grant.
- e. Letter from WDVGFA thanking us for their grant cheque.
- f. Letter from St Calixtus PCC thanking us for their grant cheque.
- g. Letter from WDPHMC thanking us for their grant cheque.

4039. Purchase of Poppy Wreath.

The purchase of a Poppy Wreath costing a £16 donation with funds from the Petty Cash was agreed. It will be laid by Cllr. C King of the Parish Council on behalf of the village.

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4040. Finance.

a. Bank Statements:

(1) West Down Parish Council as at 31 st October	£5,563.63 reconciled.
(2) 30 Day Notice Account as at 31 st October	£4,805.79 reconciled.
(3) Petty Cash - as at 31 st October	£3.54 reconciled.

b. Cheques:

- (1) Chq 626, £ 20.00 Cash - Petty Cash.
- (2) Chq 627, £ 66.00 DALC - Clerk course fees.
- (3) Chq 628, £816.58 NDC - Clerk Salary.

4041. Unresolved Questions.

None

4042. Items to be added to next month's Agenda.

- a. Fire Service Judicial Review.
- b. WDPHMC Grant increase.
- c. A3123 comments.
- d. Tender for grass cutting.
- e. Budget.
- f. Salt Distribution.

4043. Any Other Business.

- a. It was mentioned that the School and WI may be interested in the Dogs Trust Talk & Tour. Details to be forwarded to them.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.08pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th December 2019.

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