

Minutes of East Worlington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 March 2015 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Chaired by: Councillor T Wall	Clerked by: Sue Squire	
Present: Councillors M Palmer P Risdon Mrs J Smyth (from mid Minute 101) T Wall D Webber P Winter County Councillor R Edgell District Councillor Mrs S Croft 8 Members of the Public	Agenda: - Apologies Declarations of Interest Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27/01/15 Representations from the Public Reports Matters Arising Defibrillator Planning & Planning Correspondence Compliance Finance Correspondence & Notices / Publications Received Matters raised by Councillors / Clerk Date of next Meeting	
		Action:
98.	Apologies. None.	
99.	Declarations of Interest. Councillor Webber declared a Personal Interest in Minute No. 105.2 – Planning Application 58997 St Mary’s Church, West Worlington, his wife being a member of the Parochial Church Council.	
100.	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27/01/15. Approved and signed as a correct record.	
101.	Representations from the Public. 101.1 Mr Rowland Smith made representations regarding the Wind Turbine Planning Application to be discussed later in the Meeting. He spoke about various facts and informed that the farm was in trust and requested Councillors to refuse the Application. 101.2 Dr P Bratby made representations regarding the Wind Turbine Planning Application to be discussed later in the Meeting. He informed that the height was comparable to an 8 story building, although small in comparison with the turbines at the Fullabrook Wind Farm. He spoke about various issues regarding the structure catching the wind and considered that the performance would be poor. Additionally, he was of the opinion that the carbon footprint would be paid back. He requested Councillors to refuse the Application. 101.3 Sue Barker made representations regarding the Wind turbine Planning Application to be discussed later in the Meeting. Her concerns were the medical effects where the British Medical Journal had called for research into noise levels, the ecology of local wildlife where the bat population would be severely affected. She requested Councillors to refuse the Application. 101.4 Mr S Baber advised that after speaking with the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Worlington, this would not continue in the future.	
102.	Reports. 102.1 Mr T Pullen, Chulmleigh Community College Academy Trust. Not present.	

102.2 County Councillor R Edgell reported:

- Devon County Council and District Council will have moved from the Civic Centre by June. County Council staff will use the upper part of the Library as offices.
- He had £10,000 in his funding budget for the coming financial year for local funding of projects or works that are required as an enabling contribution. With 18 Parishes, not all receive funding for a project each year. Where there are projects that justify support, he tries to make an allocation and if Parishes who have not received a contribution, he makes sure there is a balancing contribution.
- TAP (Town & Parish) Fund. DCC has confirmed its contribution will continue for the next year at £1 per head of electorate. The District Council is still to decide if it will continue with the 10p per head of electorate.

102.3 District Councillor Mrs S Croft advised that the District Council has effectively closed until after the election.

Offices and staff have moved from the Civic Centre.

She understands that the TAP (Town & Parish) Fund will go ahead.

She has grant funding of £1,000 to divide between three Parishes.

Councillor Mrs Croft has been asked to write an article for the Annual Parish Magazine.

102.4 Police. Not present.

102.5 Parish Hall. Mr S Baber advised there had been success with a Heritage Lottery Fund application which had made a big difference to project. This was only possible as people had provided funding which goes to match funding.

The County and District Councillors had supported the project.

At the community launch, 50 people attended and asked good questions. There is general support for improvements to the Hall.

There had been a visit from the MP, Sir Nick Harvey who offered support, as did Mr Peter Heaton-Jones, the prospective Conservative Party candidate in the forthcoming General Election.

There is much local awareness and there is still a small funding gap.

102.6 Mrs J Smyth had met with Mr S Baber to discuss car parking. Meeting notes had been circulated to Councillors.

Councillor Risdon had raised the problem of parking at the Parish Hall Meeting.

Mr Baber agreed to approach Mrs J Smyth regarding a possible site.

Councillor Risdon felt that with all the work to be done on the Parish Hall, if there was no suitable car parking facilities, it would damage the viability of the Hall as a whole when it becomes an attractive venture. Lack of car parking could have a detrimental effect.

Councillor Wall commented there was a parking opportunity a few years ago recalling that the Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee was of the opinion that car parking would be dangerous. Councillor Wall questioned what had changed since it was considered dangerous a few years ago.

Councillor Risdon replied that it has to be a proper car park within walking distance of the Parish Hall.

Councillor Wall felt any parking would involve walking on the road and the danger would still be there.

Councillor Mrs Smyth confirmed the conversation had been a tentative discussion. There was nowhere obvious to offer but if the opportunity arose, she would keep in touch to ascertain if any site identified was acceptable.

There was no offer at the Meeting with Mr Baber and no offer at this Meeting as she

	<p>wishes to ensure it does not interfere with access to grazing.</p> <p>Councillor Risdon mentioned about a nearby garden where the owner does not wish to offer it, and furthermore, cars would have to reverse in or out. The 5 spaces opposite the Hall still belong to Churchbury Security and there is no parking facility there.</p>	
103.	<p>Matters Arising.</p> <p>103.1 Himalayan Balsam at Drayford. This had been reported to DCC Highways by Witheridge Parish Council Clerk. The Clerk had enquired the situation from DCC Highways on the day of the Meeting and had been advised that the area was not on DCC owned land. It would seem this Parish owns it. Councillors had always assumed Adworthy Brook was the boundary and farm records said it was never part of East Worlington. Councillor Palmer informed he had offered to deal with it in liaison with Mr Baber and Mrs Hurst-Bannister. It was noted the trees in the area had died. Councillor Wall felt the liability should be checked with the Parish Council insurers.</p> <p>103.2 Mr D Phillips, Snow Warden. The Clerk had contacted Mr Phillips ahead of the Meeting to enquire if the grit salt she had ordered after the November Meeting had been delivered which it had not. Mr Phillips required a letter from the Parish Council confirming he was the Snow Warden and if the gritter surplus to DCC requirements is given to him, it will be used for East Worlington. The majority of people on the route had agreed to make a contribution towards the trailer which had been identified by Mr A Webber.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Risdon, seconded by Councillor Palmer and unanimously agreed to write a letter of support.</p> <p>103.3 Water running across the road at Drayford had been reported to DCC Highways. Councillor Palmer was of the opinion this was the water from the drain outside his property. He wanted to clarify the situation with respect to the broken pipe outside his house. He had received correspondence that the gully was his property and he was responsible, thus allowing water to run down the highway towards the school. He had corresponded with Highways who had eventually agreed that the gully belonged to them and not him. The gully is higher than the water and cannot flow into it. Highways had informed that all money has been allocated to A roads and emergencies and there will be a wait for the work to be carried out. The hole in pipe does not affect the water that comes down the road as it is higher than the flow of water. Councillor Palmer has put barrels over the pipe to hide it. Without the pipe, the drain would not collect any water and the pipe was fixed the same time as the gully was created, which has a clay pipe going under the road. This was the proof that the pipe was the responsibility of Highways. There is a health and safety issue as when it rains a lot, 20 litres a minute can be collected including effluent about which Defra has been informed. It was noted that water emanating from a field higher up the road has been reported.</p> <p>103.4 Church Cottage, West Worlington. <i>For information only.</i> The resident had been in contact with the Clerk and requested Minutes covering the last two years and a copy of the Statement read at the November 2014 Meeting. This had been supplied. A copy of the approved January 2015 Minutes to be supplied after this Meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

104.	<p>Defibrillator. It had not been possible to progress a TAP (Town & Parish) Fund application for this as Committee Members of the Parish Hall Management Committee had requested further details of the location of the facility on the Parish Hall wall for discussion at the next Committee Meeting on 12/03/15. The deadline date for the TAP fund application deadline was 28/02/15.</p> <p>104.1 To rescind the decision made on 24/11/14 to use the TAP allocation for the purchase of a defibrillator. Proposed by Councillor Winter, seconded by Councillor Palmer and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>104.2 To agree that the TAP allocation of £211.20 is included in Chulmleigh Parish Council's TAP Application towards the DART Project. A letter of support had been sent by this Parish Council to accompany Chulmleigh's TAP Application. District Councillor Mrs Croft informed that as far as Chulmleigh Parish Council is concerned, the project is viable. County Councillor Edgell advised that Chulmleigh Parish Councillor Moyse had clarified the charitable issue of the Trust. He had committed in principle, the sum of £4,000 from his Investing in Devon grant. Chulmleigh Parish Council had agreed to use its TAP fund allocation. It was noted that the decision to support a defibrillator for East Worlington had been made two days before the Dart Project members had contacted East Worlington Parish Council Clerk. Proposed by Councillor Winter, seconded by Councillor Risdon and unanimously agreed for East Worlington's Tap allocation of £211.20 to be allocated to the DART Project.</p> <p>104.3 To decide if the provision of a defibrillator is to be progressed and if so, agree that a letter is sent to the Parish Hall Management Committee giving further details and requesting permission for the defibrillator to be sited on the Parish Hall wall. Councillor Winter proposed not to proceed, seconded by Councillor Palmer and unanimously agreed.</p>	Clerk to inform ND Council
105.	<p>Planning and Planning Correspondence. Applications: 105.1 58866 – Installation of a single small scale 11KW wind turbine with an overall tip height 24.8m at Middle Burrow Farm, East Worlington.</p> <p>County Councillor Edgell spoke about planning permission and misrepresentation as a higher kilowatt is required to help the dairy farm and this influences the economic support of the farming business with Planning Committee. If there is objection it needs to be far more substantive than that voiced at this Meeting. He spoke of the consequences if it went to Appeal. There is an opportunity for it to be called in on planning grounds and no such planning grounds had been spoken about this evening. Councillor Palmer felt it would set a precedent, as it is the first turbine application in East Worlington. There would be a Site Meeting then followed by a Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 29/3/15, 7.30pm. <i>Post Meeting Note: Following the Site Meeting, a response had been submitted to ND Council as follows:</i> 'East Worlington Parish Council recommend that the Application be deferred and that a thorough assessment of the impact on the historic monument and the surrounding environment, as suggested by English Heritage be carried</p>	

	<p>108.1 BT. Details of the 'Adopt a Kiosk' Scheme. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Smyth, seconded by Councillor Palmer and unanimously agreed to adopt the kiosk between East and West Worlington. <i>Post Meeting note: This did not proceed as it had been noted that there is poor mobile reception in the area and the 'phone is in use.</i></p> <p>108.2 ND Council / Torridge District Council. Notification of consultation on proposed main changes to the publication North Devon & Torridge Local Plan. The consultation closes on 1/5/15. CD provided for Councillors to view. The Plan can also be viewed online www.northdevon.gov.uk/localplan & www.torridge.gov.uk/localplan <i>Noted.</i></p>	
109.	<p>Matters raised by Councillors/Clerk.</p> <p>109.1 Mrs S Squire, Parish Clerk, is booked on an Audit Seminar presented by external auditors Grant Thornton in Exeter on 15/04/15.</p> <p>109.2 Mrs S Squire, Parish Clerk, is booked to attend a 'Introduction to Facebook' course at The Castle Centre, Barnstaple on 25/03/15 especially aimed for voluntary and other Organisations and will focus on how to manage an Organisation page, post photos, update status and set up groups. It will also look at privacy settings and best practice for Organisations. Mrs Squire felt this would be helpful for her in the future in connection with her work as a Parish Clerk.</p> <p>109.3 Councillor Palmer advised he was fixing the lop-sided part of the main sign into the village.</p> <p>109.4 Councillor Risdon spoke about the ground owned by Churchbury Services opposite the Parish Hall.</p>	
110.	<p>Date of next Meeting: This will be the first Meeting after the Parish Council Election and has to be held between 11/5/15 & 25/05/15 so cannot be on the usual 4th Thursday. A date to be fixed at the end of the Meeting.</p> <p>The Meeting ended at 9.14pm.</p>	
<p>Summary of Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minutes of 27/1/15 ➤ Letter of confirmation to DCC Highways regarding appointment of Mr D Phillips as Snow Warden ➤ Rescind decision made on 24/11/14 regarding a defibrillator for the Parish ➤ TAP (Town & Parish) Fund allocation for East Worlington to be added to Chulmleigh Parish Council's allocation to assist with the DART Project ➤ Not to pursue a defibrillator for East Worlington ➤ Response for Planning Application 58997 ➤ Not to progress the purchase of Thornham Cross Methodist Chapel for community use ➤ Freedom of Information Publication Scheme ➤ Payments ➤ Annual Parish Magazine to be limited to 20 pages at a total cost of £272.00 ➤ Adoption of the telephone kiosk <i>then not proceeded with due to poor mobile reception</i> 		
<p>These Minutes are agreed by those present as being a true record.</p>		
Signed: Chair of East Worlington Parish Council:		Date: