

**WEST HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019 AT 7.30PM  
AT WEST HILL VILLAGE HALL**

Present:	Chairman Cllr Margaret Hall (MH), Cllr Margaret Piper (MP), Cllr Alison Carr (AC), Cllr Quentin Tailford (QT), Cllr Jessica Bailey (JB),
In attendance:	Anne Oliver Parish Clerk, plus 2 members of the public
Apologies received from:	Cllr Amanda Townsend (AT), Cllr Alan Cook (ABC)

Item (a)	Discussion and decisions (b)
<b>19/252</b>	<b>Welcome and Chairman's announcements</b> The meeting began at 7.30pm. Chair (MH) welcomed everyone and reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.
<b>19/253</b>	<b>Apologies.</b> To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Amanda Townsend, Alan Cook
<b>19/254</b>	<b>Public question time (3 minutes)</b> From 7.30pm residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for further consideration at the discretion of the Chairman, before the start of the Parish Council meeting. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.  No members of the public wanted to speak at the meeting.
<b>19/255</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature. c. To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature (Councillors with DPIs must leave the room for the relevant items).  <b>Cllr MH</b> declared an interest in Planning items 19/256 Greytops (her application) and Woodlee (her neighbour). Cllr MH offered to leave the meeting for these agenda items. <b>Cllr JB</b> declared an interest in Planning items 19/256 Devon Banks as the applicant is an acquaintance.
<b>19/256</b>	<b>Planning applications received</b>  <b>19/1622/FUL</b> Woodlee, West Hill Road Applicant Mr & Mrs Davey Installation of replacement gates and remodelled entrance flanking walls.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cllr MH</b> left the room due to a Declaration of Personal Interest, Cllr QT took the Chair.</li> <li>• Councillors noted that this was a retrospective application. They felt that the proposed roadside wall and gate was out of character with the other properties on West Hill Road, West Hill street scene and it's Neighbourhood Plan.</li> </ul>

- Councillors unanimously objected to the application and recommended refusal.  
*\*Councillors noted that East Devon District Council may have already made a decision on this case as the planning deadline for comments had previously expired.*

**19/1560/TRE** Greytops West Hill Road Applicant Mrs Hall  
Beech tree – shorten long heavy branches with squirrel damage, over garden, by approximately 2m to reduce the likelihood of further breakage.

- Councillors noted that insufficient information had been supplied to support the application. They agreed to defer to the Tree Officers report.
- Councillors supported the application subject to the Tree Officers report.

**Cllr MH** re-joined the meeting.

**19/1523/FUL** Devon Banks, West Hill Road Applicant Mr David Mulvhill  
Replacement dwelling.

- Councillors were concerned about the several balconies and large first floor windows and doors leading to overlooking and loss of privacy which is out of character with plots in West Hill.
- Councillors supported the application subject to the implementation of measures listed in the bat survey and screening for neighbouring properties to mitigate overlooking and loss of privacy (High Range and Oakland House).

**19/1658/FUL** Field north of Fluxton Cottage, Higher Metcombe Applicant Mr Thomas Norrish  
Creation of a wildlife pond (retrospective application)

- Councillors supported the application subject to the Environment Agency Report.

**19/1654/CPE** Fair Acre, Lower Broad Oak Road Applicant  
Certificate of Lawfulness for existing external staircase

- Councillors noted that the information supporting the application was inadequate in particular the photographs did not feature the staircase.
- Councillors were concerned that there was potential for a separate living space to be created
- Councillors supported the application subject to the condition not to create a separate dwelling.

**19/1704/FUL** The Gables, West Hill Road Applicant Mr & Mrs Ulanowsky  
Construction of side extension with first floor balcony: raise roof to provide additional first floor accommodation.

- Councillors were concerned that the first floor terrace and large first floor windows and doors would lead to significant overlooking and loss of privacy which is out of character with plots in West Hill. Ground levels are such that additional screening is very unlikely to address the issue.
- Councillors unanimously objected to the application due to loss of privacy and overlooking on neighbouring properties which can't be mitigated by screening.

**19/1724/FUL** The Oaks, Beech Park Applicant Mr & Mrs Ferguson  
Construction of two storey front, side and rear extension, front dormer window and provision of cladding to existing dormer window.

- Councillors unanimously supported the application.

**19/1699/TRE** Bendarroch House, Bendarroch Road Applicant Mr Simon Kerr

	<p>Reduce Beech tree by 1/3 due to excessive growth, blocking out sun and close proximity to house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors noted that the information supporting the application was inadequate - no arboricultural report was supplied to detail and justify the work on a TPO tree. They also noted that the supporting photographs did not feature the house and trees.</li> <li>• Councillors unanimously objected to the application due to the lack of arboricultural justification.</li> </ul> <p><b>19/1659/TRE</b> The Vicarage, Bendarroch Road Applicant Exeter Diocese 3 Trees – cut back from Church Cottage to give minimum 2m clearance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors noted that the information supporting the application was inadequate - no arboricultural report was supplied to detail and justify the work on TPO trees</li> <li>• Councillors unanimously objected to the application due to insufficient information to justify</li> </ul>
<b>19/257</b>	<p><b>Planning decisions received</b> for information (*denotes WHPC differed)</p> <p><b>19/1361/FUL</b> Pineroft, Hawkins Lane Approved with Conditions</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>

### Other Matters

<b>19/258</b>	<p><b>Councillors questions, reports and items for future agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Roadside Signs</b> - The Council has received correspondence regarding various roadside advertising signs in the village. Cllr MH advised that this was a District Council matter rather than Parish Council. Permanent signs need planning permission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It was agreed</b> to survey the village to record signs and their position. (JB)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Village Event</b> – Cllr MH stated that at a previous meeting Councillors had agreed to meet to discuss ideas for an Autumn/Winter village event. She then explained that a possible public event (consultation/workshop) may be needed to progress the Broadband Upgrade Project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It was agreed to</b> discuss the Broadband Upgrade Project and next steps and possible public event at the next Council meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Sep)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>19/259</b>	<p><b>Next meeting</b> To confirm the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2019.</p>

The meeting ended 20.09pm

Signed: *Anne Oliver*, Clerk to the Council, 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 2019