

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Parish Rooms  
On  
Monday 21st May 2007

Present: Cllrs. Dyke, Savage, Ridgers, Chadney, Gosnay, Powers, Mudge, Hardie and the Clerk

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. McInnes

In attendance: Mr G Hester, Mr J Shears, Mr T Thomas, Mrs J Mullins and 2 members of the public

## ACTION

**56.07 ADOPTION OF REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT**

- a) Declarations of acceptance of office were signed by all Councillors
- b) Register of members interests were completed by all Councillors
- c) The revised code of conduct was adopted by the Councillors
- d) There were no nominations for the standards committee.

Clerk

**57.07 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Cllr Savage proposed and Cllr Dyke seconded Cllr Ridgers to stand as Chairman. Cllr Ridgers agreed to stand.

Cllr Dyke proposed and Cllr Chadney seconded Cllr Savage to stand as Vice Chairman. Cllr Savage agreed.

Cllr Ridgers thanked Mrs Jenny Mullins for the stirring job she had undertaken on behalf of Drewsteignton Parish Council. Thanks were also passed onto Mrs Brenda Lunt for all her past efforts. It was agreed to send letters of Thanks to all retiring Councillors.

Clerk

**58.07 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. Dyke, the Minutes of 16th April 2007 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr.Powers and seconded by Cllr. Hardie, the Minutes of 10 May 2007 were also signed by the Chair as a true record.

**59.07 VACANT SEAT WHIDDON DOWN WARD CO-OPTION**

Mr Graham Hester and Mr John Shears had both applied to the Council for co-option onto Drewsteignton Parish Council for Whiddon Down Ward. Both were asked to address the Council stating their reasons for standing. All members of the public were asked to leave whilst the Councillors discussed both candidates. Following a debate, the public were asked to return to the room. Mr Graham Hester was co-opted onto the Council by the majority vote. Mr Hester subsequently signed his acceptance of office form and joined the Councillors.

Clerk

**60.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Cllrs declared any interests.

**61.07 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

It was agreed that the following Cllrs would be appointed;

- DNPA – Planning and Forum Meetings - Cllr Powers and Cllr Chadney.
- Okehampton Area Committee of Parish Councils – Cllr Dyke
- Eastern Links Committee – Cllr Ridgers and Cllr Savage with any other Councillor who wishes to attend.
- Whiddon Down Village Hall – Cllr Hardie ( Cllr Dyke already on committee)
- Drewsteignton Public Toilets – Cllr Mudge
- Drewsteignton Car Park – Cllr Chadney
- Drewsteignton Playing Fields – Cllr Savage and Cllr Mudge
- Drewsteignton Village Hall – Cllr Mudge
- Drewsteignton Parish Plan – Cllr Hester

**62.07 MATTERS OF URGENCY**

There were no matters of urgency

**63.07 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**Traveller Encampment at Whiddon Down

Cllr Ridgers gave an update of the meeting held on 5 April 2007 which dealt with the ongoing issue of ownership of the strip of land which appears to belong partly to the Highway Agency and partly to the local landowner. The build up of vehicles on the grass verge has become a lot worse

and the matter has gone to court. This was adjourned awaiting clarification on a number of points. There has been an incident involving the Travellers and a local landowner in respect of trespass onto farmland which has hindered the farmer being able to cut the grass. The Landowner was threatened by one of the Travellers and the Police were called. Communication as been received from the landowner who was disappointed with the police response. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to the Police to convey their disappointment with the action taken over the intimidation incident and their concern for the amount of unlawful vehicles still on the verge. The Clerk was also requested to write to the Dog Warden at WDBC regarding the dogs on site which are not kept under proper control. One of the Dogs was killed in an accident earlier in the week.

ACTION

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#### **64.07 PLANNING.**

Amended drawings were inspected at Furlong House, with no objections from the Cllrs.

Planning permission has been granted at Furlong House.

The extension at Flood Cottage has been turned down by WDBC.

#### **65.07 CLERKS REPORT**

David Bailey would like to come to a meeting to discuss building links between Castle Drogo and Drewsteignton Parish. Cllrs requested that he be invited to the next meeting.

Clerk

Simon Lee from DNPA had sent his apologies for missing the Annual Parish Meeting and offered to attend a meeting. Cllrs requested that he address the meeting before the annual footpath inspection.

Clerk

PC Nadine Wilson would like to attend the next meeting to introduce herself to the new Cllrs. Cllrs agreed.

Clerk

Details of training courses for new Councillors will be circulated by e-mail.

#### **66.07 FINANCE.**

a) Proposed by Cllr. Ridgers and seconded by Cllr. Mudge, the following payments were authorised :

Mrs. J Bowden - Salary	£291.66	
Mrs. J Bowden - expenses	£80.91	
K J Webber – Car Park strimming	£130.00	
M.J. Rowe - Toilets Cleaning and materials	£94.58	
Mrs B Lunt – Parish Post expenses	£203.00	
Miss. N Giles - Expenses Parish Plan	£9.13	
Drewsteignton Parish Rooms - Hire of Hall	£16.00	
Mrs J Mullins – Parish Plan expenses	£11.00	
WDBC – Council tax	£39.00	
DAPC – Local council review	£13.50	
EDF Energy - Drewsteignton WC	£7.16	

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b) Confirmation that the VAT receipts of £674.67 has been received following completion of VAT returns to 31 March 2007.

c) New Signatories required for the Bank will be required and each Councillor will be required to visit the bank with confirmation of ID and address details. Cllrs asked the Clerk to research the position, to see if acceptable for only 4 Cllrs to sign plus the Clerk. Cllr Powers and Cllr Gosnay to be authorised to sign with Cllrs Dyke and Savage,

Clerk

#### **67.07 GENERAL MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

a) Cllr Wonnacott has kindly donated the pasties for the Annual Parish Meeting and Cllr Clifton has donated the wine. Cllrs requested the Clerk to issue Thank you letters.

Clerk

#### **68.07 HIGHWAYS**

a) Cllr requested that a letter of Thanks be sent to Devon Fire and Rescue especially the Crews for their hard work following the recent fire in the Village of Drewsteignton.

Clerk

b) Correspondence has been received in respect of the junction A382/A3124 at Whiddon Down stating that there are no plans to improve this junction in the near future.

c) Correspondence has been received from Mr E Bowater regarding the C508 and Deer warning signs. The council will monitor the situation.

d) Cllr Savage reported on the recent meeting with Mike Newcombe in respect of the traffic calming works at Crockernwell. The funding for this project has been ring fenced. It is hoped this work will proceed in the current financial year.

#### **69.07 DREWSTEIGNTON TOILETS**

Mr Tony Thomas gave a report on the transfer of the lease to the Village Hall committee. He

agreed to attend the next meeting to keep the Councillors informed of the position.

ACTION

**70.07 DELEGATES REPORTS**

Cllr Savage reported on the playing fields committee. A new committee has been formed and the constitution updated following alterations to the insurance premium being in the name of the Parish Council. David Brampton-Greene is now the new safety officer and they will be holding a maintenance day on 16 June 2007.

**71.07 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED**

There were none.

**72.07 UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN**

Mrs J Mullins reported on the progress of the Parish Plan Steering group. It is hoped that some test questionnaires will be issued following the next meeting on 14 June 2007.

**73.07 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**74.07 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 18th June 2007 at 7.30pm Whiddon Down Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.01 pm