

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Whiddon Down Village Hall  
On  
Monday 18th June 2007

Present: Cllrs Ridgers (Chair), Savage (Vice), Dyke, Chadney, Gosnay, Power, Mudge, Hardie, Hester and the Clerk

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. McInnes

In attendance: Mr D Bailey, P C Wilson and 6 members of the public

## ACTION

**76.07 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. Gosnay, the Minutes of 21st May 2007 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr. Mudge and seconded by Cllr. Power, the Minutes of 14th June 2007 were also signed by the Chair as a true record.

**77.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Gosnay declared a personal interest in the Travellers encampment as his property lies directly in line with the encampment.

Cllr Hester declared a personal interest in the Affordable housing item as he lives next door to the Whiddon Down houses.

**78.07 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Cllr Hardie proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded that paragraph 12 (2) be adopted with the standard code of conduct. This allows Cllrs to speak on a subject to which they have a prejudicial interest as any other member of the public. They must then leave the room and are unable to vote on that particular issue.

Clerk

**79.07 TRAVELLER ENCAMPMENT AT WHIDDON DOWN**

A report has been received of the end of the bridleway opposite the traveller's encampment being blocked. P C Wilson offered to visit the location if this problem persisted and would issue fixed penalty notices where appropriate.

A letter had been received from Mr S Wiltshire which was read out at the meeting. No further action was considered necessary.

Cllr Ridgers gave a report on the current position. The Court Judgement of July 3 2007 is awaited in respect of the additional vehicles on the verge.

**80.07 WPC NADINE WILSON**

WPC Wilson introduced herself to the new councillors. She had nothing in particular to report but did say the Lee enjoyed himself at Teignton Fayre. It was agreed that the Clerk would supply WPC Wilson with a copy of the map of the parish in order that she may report to any future meetings on any issues arising within the parish. Cllr Savage requested an update on the recent distraction burglaries in Crockernwell. WPC Wilson reported that this was being dealt with by the Crediton Station and not Okehampton, and was therefore outside her remit. Cllrs Hester and Hardie reported the entrance to the Post Inn frequently becoming blocked by cars when parents are collecting children from the school buses each night between 5pm and 6pm. Vehicles were also using the cut through at Whiddon Down on a regular basis. Cllrs were encouraged to report persistent offenders to WPC Wilson who would ensure a patrol at peak times to catch any offending drivers.

Clerk

**81.07 MR DAVID BAILEY**

Mr David Bailey came to address the Cllrs on forging links between Castle Drogo and the Parish. It is intended to have some open evenings free to local residents and maybe at Christmas. The retail area and restaurants would be open. There is the large conservation project ongoing at present at the Castle and Mr Bailey was seeking ways for forging links further. Cllr Ridgers suggested that maybe the Parish Post could be used for this purpose. Cllr Savage suggested that the Castle could be the Venue for the Annual Parish Meeting next year. Mr Bailey thought this a good idea.

**82.07 PLANNING.**

No items to report.

**83.07 CLERKS REPORT**

Sue Hitchcock and John Packer would like to come to the next meeting to give feedback on the recent housing needs survey. Cllrs agreed.

All Cllrs were reminded to return the Bank signatory forms to the Clerk.

ACTION

**84.07 FINANCE.**

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

Mrs. J Bowden - Salary	£291.67	
Mrs. J Bowden - Expenses	£61.11	Clerk
K J Webber – Car Park strimming	£105.00	
M.J. Rowe - Toilet Cleaning	£73.50	
DAPC – Councillor Training	£135.00	
Drewsteignton Parish Rooms	£8.00	
DAPC – Standing Orders	£6.00	
WDBC- Council Tax re Toilet	£39.00	
Sandy Park Inn – Parish Plan expenses	£40.00	

b) Confirmation that a grant had been applied for from DNPA re cleaning public toilets £213.50. This equates to 25% of the cleaning costs.

c) The Annual Return form including the statement of accounts and annual governance statement was approved by the Cllrs and signed by Cllr Ridgers.

Clerk

**85.07 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Ex Cllrs Wonnacott and Cox had sent letters of Thanks following the letters of thanks previously sent to them

b) Devon Community Recycling Network Ltd letter received 24.5.07 was circulated to Cllrs.

c) DNPA's Planning in the parish workshop is being held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 7pm to 9pm. 4 representatives could attend. Cllrs Chadney, Power, Mudge, Hardie and Savage together with the clerk would all like to attend. It was left that the clerk would request that all 6 attend. In the event that only 4 were able to attend it was suggested that the Clerk together with Cllrs Chadney and Power attend with one other. Cllrs to report back to remainder of the Cllrs their findings.

Clerk

d) Following detailed discussion it was agreed that a reply be sent to Devon County Council opposing Exeter's bid for unitary status. Cllr Ridgers, Savage and the Clerk to compose the reply. It was generally felt that this was not for the good of the rest of Devon. A copy of the letter to be sent to the Chief Executive at Devon County Council.

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Ridgers/  
Savage

e) Vitalise had applied for a donation. Following discussion it was agreed that this was against the policy of the Council. Donations would only be made if this would unlock other funding.

f) A request had been made from Nikki Cross that the public car park be used for a firework display on the evening of their wedding on 22 September 2007. The Cllrs agreed provided certain procedures were in place, including insurance and that no responsibility would be accepted by the Parish Council. Clerk to draft suitable letter in reply.

Clerk

g) DNPA local development framework dated 11.6.07 was put in the circulation pack. All Cllrs encouraged to review and discuss at the next meeting.

All Cllrs

**86.07 HIGHWAYS**

a) Cllr Savage reported on the speed limit and sign works at Crockernwell. It is anticipated that this work will be carried out late summer early autumn 2007.

b) Parish Lengthman's visit due 2 August 2007. Cllrs encouraged to bring matters to the next meeting requiring his attention.

All Cllrs

**87.07 DREWSTEIGNTON TOILETS**

A report had been received from Mr Tony Thomas that as far as he was aware everything was progressing well and the Parish Rooms committee should be in a position to take over a 35 year lease from the National Trust in time for the deadline of 15 July 2007.

**88.07 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK**

Ken Webber had been to trim the car park again and it was looking a lot better. Cllr Gosnay had mended the bin. Reports had been received of dog fouling. This situation would be monitored.

**89.07 AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLOCATION**

Any residents interested in the Affordable Houses need to be on the Housing list with WDBC. As Mr J Packer from WDBC will be attending the July meeting the Clerk was asked if he could clarify the criteria needed by residents in order to qualify for a house, for the next meeting.

Clerk

**90.07 DELEGATES REPORTS**

Cllr Savage reported on the Eastern Links committee. Drewsteignton will be hosting the committee at Whiddon Down on 6 March 2008. The Host will chair the meeting if the Chairman of the Committee is unable to attend.

Cllr Power reported on a recent DNPA Planning meeting attended.

**91.07 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED**

Cllr Savage advised that we should keep a watch on the situation with the Whiddon Down Junction as Carol Yardley had prepared a very detailed brief.

Cllr Gosnay commented on the Housing Strategy and the fact that there was a need for 6 permanent pitches in West Devon alone.

**92.07 UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN**

Cllr Hester reported that they were half way through drafting suitable questions for the questionnaire. Another meeting was being held 25 June 2007 to complete the form. It is then anticipated that 6 pilot questions would be put in the public domain. It is a very long process.

**93.07 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Enforcement of Horse Box at Venton

**94.07 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 16th July 2007 at 7.30pm Drewsteignton Parish Rooms.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.17 pm