

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 20th August 2007

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

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Gosnay and Mr John Packer

In attendance: Cllr McInnes and 1 member of the public

114.07 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES Proposed by Cllr. Hester and seconded by Cllr. Hardie, the Minutes of 16th July 2007 and Minutes of 9 August 2007 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

115.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ridgers reminded all Cllrs of the need to declare a declaration of interest if appropriate.

116.07 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

A letter had been received from DNPA re the Management plan response letter sent by the council of 31 July 2007.

Cllrs requested Clerk to chase Nicki Cross for confirmation from firework company in respect of Insurance cover.

117.07 JOHN PACKER

Mr Packer was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting due to car trouble. However, he had stated that 4 of the rented properties at Whiddon Down have been let out. One applicant had been refused by the Sanctuary Housing Association for acceptable reasons and this would be readvertised on Thursday 6th September 2007 in the Okehampton Times.

118.07 PLANNING.

The Planning Enforcement Officer has confirmed that the Horsebox residents have until the end of August 2007 to vacate the property in order to ensure no further action to be taken.

119.07 FINANCE.

a) Proposed by Cllr. Dyke and seconded by Cllr. Power, the following payments were authorised :

Mrs. J Bowden - Salary	£291.66
Mrs. J Bowden - Expenses	£18.30
K J Webber – Strimming Car Park	£130.00
M.J. Rowe - Toilet Cleaning	£73.50
Drewsteignton Parish Rooms	£8.00
Public Works Loan Board	£1,021.52
WDBC- Council Tax	£39.00

b) Cllrs Chadney still to return the Bank signatory forms to the Clerk.

120.07 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from WDBC reviewing polling places and requesting comments. It was felt Drewsteignton facilities were satisfactory and no comment required.

Correspondence was received from South West Regional Assembly regarding Travellers site requirements. Cllr McInnes stated that it is imperative that District and County Councils work closely together. WDBC is actively looking for appropriate Pitch sites for Travellers. After various discussions it was agreed no further action required.

West Devon Local Development Framework Community Consultation document has been received and has been put into circulation to all the Cllrs for comment. Any comments should be made to the Chair prior to 6th September, the deadline for comments.

121.07 HIGHWAYS

Cllr Savage gave a report on the forthcoming speed limit reductions in Crockernwell and proposed that the Clerk write to the County Solicitor to support the 30mph speed limit.

Cllr Savage reported that the waste bin outside the Village Rooms was overflowing and the Dog waste bin at Fingle Bridge requires emptying. Clerk to report to relevant authorities.

Various discussions took place with regard to general household and recycling collection. Any problems should be reported to WDBC or the Clerk, to ensure WDBC are aware of all problems.

Cllr Hester requested that the Clerk research information with regard to the old plans to block Turnpike Road at Whiddon Down.

Cllr Hester reported problems with cars passing at the top of the Hill from Sandy Park towards Whiddon Down. Cllrs agreed to keep a watching brief on this stretch of road.

Cllrs reported speeding Motor Bikes along Venton Straight and through Whiddon Down, especially at week-ends. These bikes are very fast and noisy and are a hazard for vehicles pulling out from Venton. Cllrs to monitor the position.

A complaint had been received from a Parishioner regarding the parking of vehicles along the road exiting the Village towards Castle Drogo. Following discussions it was agreed that a letter would be sent from the Chair to the residents concerned asking if they would park so as not to cause unnecessary obstruction.

Cllr Mudge had received a complaint regarding overhanging brambles over a garden wall towards Fingle. Cllr Mudge agreed to contact the resident concerned to request the brambles to be cut back in order that walkers could keep into the side of the road.

122.07 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 within the next month.

123.07 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK

Cllr Gosnay had sent a report to state Car Park had recently been strimmed and bins emptied. N No problems to report.

124.07 DELEGATES REPORT

Cllr Savage to attend the Eastern Parish Links Meeting on 6 September 2007. Comments were required on Rural Transport, Neighbourhood Policing, and Affordable Housing within the parish. Following discussions it was agreed all Cllrs were satisfied with the standards within the Parish.

125.07 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED

Cllr Savage reported a useful organisation lelas.co.uk which can advise on all aspects of rural housing and might be useful in the future.

Standing Orders booklet would be placed in the circulation pack for Cllrs to review.

126.07 UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN

Cllr Hester reported that the last draft had been circulated to all on the steering group to be discussed at a forthcoming meeting mid September. It is anticipated that the questionnaire will be finalised at this meeting. Cllrs would like feed back on the questionnaires at the October meeting if possible.

127.07 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Parish Post

Website

128.07 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17th September 2007 at 7.30pm Whiddon Down.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.51 pm