

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 19th November 2007

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

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Gosnay

In attendance: Mr M Hughes-Chamberlaine

ACTION

160.07 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr. Power and seconded by Cllr. Hardie, the Minutes of 15th October 2007 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

161.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Chadney declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application at Barley Meadow.

162.07 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr Chadney confirmed he had submitted a small piece to Brenda Lunt for the Parish Post.

Clerk confirmed that the WDBC training video re standards had been requested for either the January or February 2008 meeting.

Cllr Savage confirmed he had not yet spoken to Mike Newcombe from DCC in respect of various issues around the parish. (153.07 refer). He confirmed he would do so.

Cllr Savage

Cllr Ridgers confirmed that John Packer from WDBC would be attending the February 2008 meeting when hopefully the results of the Parish Plan would be available.

163.07 PARISH WEBSITE

Cllr Ridgers introduced Mike Hughes-Chamberlaine who has kindly agreed to assist the Parish Council to set up a Parish Website. Various discussions took place in respect of the items which Councillors felt should be included on such a site. It was agreed that a sub committee should be set up to deal with the website and liaise with Mike Hughes-Chamberlaine. It was agreed that the committee would be Cllr Gosnay, Cllr Hardie and the Clerk, who would report back to the Parish Council at the beginning of 2008 with ideas for the Website. It is hoped that the website is operational for the Annual Parish Meeting 2008.

Cllr Hardie
Cllr
Gosnay
Clerk**164.07 PARISH POST**

Cllr Mudge agreed to submit a piece for inclusion in the Parish Post, when he has finished collecting money from his recent charity jump.

Cllr Mudge

It was agreed to invite Brenda Lunt to the next meeting to present her with a bouquet of flowers for all her hard work in connection with the Parish Post. It was agreed up to £25 would be spent on the flowers

Clerk

165.07 PLANNING

11085/2007 WDBC Martins Farm Whiddon Down. This application was for change of use on land for the siting of a mobile home for three years. After discussion it was felt that the Parish Council did not agree to this application due to spoiling the country side and was not infilling within the community. Clerk instructed to raise objections on behalf of the Parish Council on these grounds.

Clerk

0871/07 DNPA Middle Venton Farm. Alterations to outbuildings within curtilage of listed building. The application had previously been approved by the Parish Council, and was for listed building approval subject to 2 small amendments. The Council approved this application.

Clerk

0859/07 DNPA Barley Meadow Caravan Park. Cllr Chadney declared a prejudicial interest in this case and having stated his reasons for the application left the room. It was agreed no comment would be made in this case.

Clerk

Clerk to inform relevant authorities of the above decisions.

Planning Decisions received as follows;

0732/07 DNPA Crossways Crockernwell – approved

0683/07 DNPA Sandy Park Inn, Chagford – refused

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0627/07 DNPA Woodland Springs, Venton – granted

0629/07 DNPA 3 Exeter Road, Whiddon Down – granted

Amended plans for 0280/05 1 Eastern View Drewsteignton were received as approved by DNPA.

A Hedgerow removal notification was received in respect of Coombe Hall Drewsteignton which was approved by DNPA.

Cllr Power reported on her recent attendance at a DNPA planning meeting, and stressed the importance of attending these meeting where a particular planning application is contentious. Cllrs asked Clerk to make enquiries with DNPA re Parford Barn and the building work currently in progress. ACTION

166.07 FINANCE.

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

Clerk

Mrs. J Bowden - Salary	£291.66
Mrs. J Bowden - Expenses	£91.67
Mr S Eakins – Materials for sign	£8.04
M.J. Rowe - Toilet Cleaning	£93.39
Mrs S Power – Travel expenses	£7.20
Whiddon Down Village Hall	£9.00
WDBC- Council Tax re Toilet	£39.00

b) The Budget for 2008/09 was discussed in great detail. There was general agreement that if at all possible the increase in precept should be kept below 5%. It was agreed by all Cllrs, that the precept request should be £8,900 a 4.7% increase on the previous year. Clerk requested to make small amendments to the budget and to circulate to all Cllrs for information. It was agreed that the Clerk's Salary should be increased in line with the recent Local Government pay award of 2.475% and the mileage rate paid for travelling expenses should be increased to 40p per mile with effect from 1 April 2008. No provision would be made for beating the bounds for 2008/09 as it was felt this would not take place for that year.

Clerk

167.07 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

a) WDBC Alcohol, Public Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment Policy Consultation. The link had been sent to all Cllrs by the Clerk to review and no comments were made. It was agreed that the Clerk should inform WDBC that the Council had no comments to make.

b) Eastern Parish Links Meeting 22.11.07. Cllr Savage confirmed he would not be in attendance at this meeting. Cllr Ridgers confirmed he was hoping to be in attendance.

Cllr
Ridgers

c) Okehampton District Community Transport Group. A request had been received for financial help in respect of the ring and ride scheme. It was felt that more local usage information was needed to demonstrate local need. Cllr Savage informed the Cllrs. that the previous Cllrs had agreed that no financial help would be given to outside organisations unless there was a need to assist with unlocking any necessary funding from third parties. It was agreed that this was the view of the previous Cllrs and would be placed on the agenda for discussion at the May 2008 meeting.

Clerk

d) Devon County Minerals and Waste Development Framework. This was placed in the circulation pack for Cllrs attention.

e) Mary Seaton – Bench Chairman Central Devon Branch. Request to meet Cllrs informally to answer questions and to view 'Magistrates in the Community' presentation. No Cllrs interested.

f) Mayor and Mayoress of West Devon invitation to join them and Borough Cllrs at 7pm 4 December 2007 for pre-Christmas celebration get together.

g) Late Letter received from West Devon Citizens Advise Bureau requesting a grant. Cllrs agreed same response as 167.07 c above.

168.07 HIGHWAYS

a) Parish Lengthman's visit due 21 January 2008. Cllr Mudge stated what an excellent job had been made of the side of the road going out of the Village, and requested that thanks should be passed to the Lengthman when next seen. Cllr Mudge requested that the side of the road going towards Fingle requires clearing. Cllrs to inform Clerk of any further jobs.

Clerk

b) Cllr Savage requested that the Clerk write to WDBC to obtain street names for Budbrooke houses.

Clerk

c) Cllrs requested that Clerk write to DCC to request what authority they had for placing car sharing signs at Whiddon Down.

Clerk

d) Crockernwell Notice Board Lock broken. Clerk to write to Stage Coach to see if they will mend.

169.07 DREWSTEIGNTON TOILETS

Nothing to report

170.07 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Ridgers and Cllr Hester attended a recent meeting at Whiddon Down to discuss the

Travellers site and gave a short report.

171.07 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED

No comments

172.07 UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN

Cllr Hester reported that they are currently awaiting printing.

173.07 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The next meeting would be kept very short and would only deal with necessary matters.

174.07 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17th December 2007 at 7.30pm Drewsteignton Parish Rooms.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm