

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
Of
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 17th March 2008

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

Apologies: No Apologies for absence were received.

In attendance: 5 members of the public

ACTION

27.08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cllr. Mudge proposed and Cllr.Hardie seconded, the Minutes of 18th February 2008 and these were signed by the Chair as a true record.

Cllr Power pointed out an amendment to the minutes of the planning meeting held on 8th March 2008, she was not actually present at this meeting. Cllr Savage proposed and Cllr Mudge seconded the Minutes of 8th March 2008, subject to this amendment. The Chair signed these minutes as a true record.

28.08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ridgers declared a personal interest on the planning application at Castle Drogo – 0090/08 and 0089/08 – due to family connections.

29.08 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

A letter dated 26 February 2008 had been received from DNPA regarding the location of the Horsebox at Venton, stating that DNPA is considering taking legal action through the courts and prosecuting the landowner for non-compliance with the previous notice. Cllrs requested that the Clerk reply to this letter stating that the Parish Council fully supports this course of action.

A letter dated 20 February 2008 had been received from WDBC re standards training for Cllrs to be held on 3rd April 7pm at Meldon Village Hall or 10th April 10am at Hatherleigh Community Centre.

Clerk

30.08 PLANNING

DNPA 0089/08 -0090/08 Castle Drogo. This application was to move the interpretation centre from its current position at the main entrance door to the Castle to a new location to the north side of the stable block. Cllrs agreed to support this application as it was an eye sore in its current location. All agreed.

DNPA 0094/08 Clifford House Crockernwell. This application was for a certificate of lawfulness in respect of use of extension to garage to provide exercise changing room and shower. Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

DNPA 0103/08 – 0104/08 Site adjacent to Nethercott, Netherton Hill Drewsteignton. This application was for the erection of New House and demolition of existing garage. Various discussions took place in respect of this application. Following much debate it was agreed that the Cllrs objected to this application on the basis of the effect on the listed buildings in the conservation area, it detracts from conservation and appearance of the existing properties, loss of privacy/overlooking other properties and loss of light. All agreed.

WDBC 11526/2008/OKE Chapple Farm Drewsteignton – This application was in respect of roof and side cladding to cover existing dung and slurry store (retrospective). Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

Clerk to advise all the relevant authorities.

Clerk

Decisions Received:

DNPA 0036/08 Rushford House construction of timber shed for storage – granted

DNPA 0107/08 Winscombe Crockernwell extension to existing livestock building – granted

DNPA 0999/07 North Down Bowden Cross Crockernwell construction of 4 looses boxes, store etc –granted.

A letter had been received from DNPA in respect of the appeal lodged by Mr R P Ching for refusal of outline planning permission for the erection of a dwelling.

Following a letter sent by the Clerk 13 March 2008 to DNPA in respect of the application 0107/08 DNPA Winscombe Farm and DNPA granting permission before the consultation period had ended, an apology had been received. Details placed in the circulation pack.

31.08 SARGEANT MARK HOAR

Cllr Ridgers welcomed Sergeant Hoar to the meeting. Sergeant Hoar introduced himself as Line

Manager for PC Nadine Wilson. Various discussions took place regarding issues within the parish. Sergeant Hoar explained that operation quickstrike would be taking place in the next month. His involves police concentrating on traffic matters. He stated that he will be keeping a close eye on the Travellers site and the vehicles at the site. He also explained that there were no designated speeding areas within Drewsteignton Parish that he was aware of. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to the Highways Officer for Devon County to research the action required to include areas as designated within the Parish.

ACTION

The Chair asked Sergeant Hoar to pass on the Cllrs thanks to Nadine for all her sterling efforts within the Parish. Cllrs agreed that this be put in writing to Sergeant Hoar to be placed on PC Wilson's personnel file.

Clerk

32.08 DREWSTEIGNTON PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Chair welcomed Mr Tony Thomas to the meeting. Mr Thomas reported that the lease in respect of the Toilets had now been signed over to the Village Hall Committee. The costs of the last twelve months were discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to pay for the cleaning costs together with those invoices where VAT could be recovered. The Village Hall committee would take responsibility for the Council Tax and Water Rates. The Parish Council agreed to grant the Village Hall committee £700 for this expenditure for 2008/09. It was agreed that this grant is likely to reduce by £100 annually over the forthcoming 3 years as hopefully the Village Hall committee would not be liable to Council Tax Charges on the Toilets. The Chair thanked Mr Thomas for all his hard work.

33.08 HIGHWAYS

Parish Lengthsman due to visit 1 May 2008 and 1 August 2008.

34.08 FINANCE.

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

Mrs. J Bowden - Salary	£291.70
Mrs B Lunt – Parish Post Expenses	£36.87
M.J. Rowe - Toilet Cleaning	£73.50
Shaw and Sons – Cllrs Guide Book	£14.50
Drewsteignton Village Hall	£8.00
Mrs J Bowden - Expenses	£43.98

Clerk

35.08 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- Chief Constable Police Headquarters Middlemoor 3.3.08 placed in circulation pack.
- Mr J Hall re Biosolids smell. This was noted and would be monitored by the Council.
- WDBC – Local government review – placed in circulation pack
- DNPA Management Plan 2007-2012 Final copy now received and placed in circulation pack.
- DNPA Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 25.2.08 placed in circulation pack.
- Late Letters; WDBC confirmation that precept of £8,900 would be received in 2 instalments on 9 April 2008 £4,450 and 17 September 2008 £4,450.

Calor Village of the Year – placed in circulation pack. Cllrs to let Clerk know if they are keen to volunteer to enter the Village.

WDBC planning meeting 6th or 8th May. Cllrs to let Clerk know if they wish to attend. Details placed in the circulation pack.

Brenda Lunt had confirmed that she would be unable to edit the may and June Parish Post. It was decided that the Clerk would attempt to edit a bimonthly issue for May/June in A4 sheet form, to cover this two month period. Cllr Mudge suggested that Mrs Sam Pierce be approached to see if she is able to help with this issue. Cllr Ridgers offered the services of his company to photocopy the sheets.

Clerk

36.08 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Savage attended and chaired the Eastern Parish Links meeting on 6th March at Whiddon Dow, where low cost home ownership was discussed.

37.08 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED

Cllr Chadney commented on the Parish Clerks survey and the variances between Parishes's. This was placed in the circulation pack again.

Cllr Mudge stated that a few years ago the Parish Minutes were displayed in the Church Porch at Drewsteignton, and requested if this could be done so again. Clerk to research the position.

Thanks were passed onto Cllr Hester for assisting South Tawton with their Parish Plan which had been greatly appreciated.

38.08 WEBSITE

Cllr Gosnay gave an update on the position and it was agreed that Cllrs home telephone

numbers would not be published and e mail addresses are set up which are specific to Drewsteignton Parish Council for each Councillor. Each Councillor to do a brief resume of themselves to be published with the possibility of photos being included at a later date.

39.08 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Parish Plan

Website

40.08 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21st April 2008 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Vice Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.34pm