

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 19th May 2008

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

Apologies: None

In attendance: No members of the public

57.08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION

Cllr Power stated that she had a personal interest in Pixies Cottage not Post Inn re item 53.08. With this amendment Cllr Hester proposed and Cllr Hardie seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 7th May 2008.

Cllr Savage pointed out that it was an e mail not a phone call in respect of item 43.08 and Cllr Hardie attended rather than chaired in respect of 47.08. With these two amendments Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Power seconded the minutes of the meeting of 21 April 2008.

Clerk

58.08 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairman Cllr Ridgers confirmed that he was not standing for Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Mudge proposed Cllr Savage as Chairman seconded by Cllr Power. Cllr Savage accepted the office. Cllr Savage proposed Cllr Mudge as Vice Chairman and Cllr Gosnay seconded. Cllr Mudge accepted. Cllr Savage thanked all Cllrs and the Clerk for their work over the past 12 months and thanked Cllr Ridgers for his guidance to the 7 new Cllrs. Cllr Dyke gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Ridgers for all his hard work as Chairman over the past 12 months.

59.08 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The following Councillors were elected to represent the various local organisations as follows;

DNPA Planning and forum meetings – Cllr Power and Cllr Chadney

Okehampton Area Committee of Parish Councils – Cllr Dyke

Eastern Parish Links – Cllr Savage and Cllr Ridgers.

Whiddon Down Village Hall – Cllr Hardie and Cllr Dyke

Drewsteignton Car Park – Cllr Gosnay

Drewsteignton Playing Fields – Cllr Mudge (Deputy Cllr Savage)

Drewsteignton Parish Plan – Cllr Hester

60.08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Hardie and Hester declared a personal interest in respect of Post Inn due to living near the Pub.

61.08 MATTERS ARISING

The Chair requested that the Clerk write to the National Trust to ask them to provide an additional Dog Mess Bin at Fingle Bridge.

Clerk

Clerk confirmed that WDBC do not provide such bins. Clerk to enquire if the Parish Council purchase the bins, will WDBC empty them.

Clerk

The Chair confirmed additional road painting works had taken place at Crockernwell, and requested that the Clerk write to Highways agency to enquire as to when they intended finishing the works.

Clerk

Cllr Hester confirmed that he had spoken to James Aven of DNPA regarding the planning application at Post Inn. Cllr Hester had been informed that the planning application for change of use at the Post Inn had been withdrawn. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to DNPA for confirmation of this.

Clerk

A member of the public in Whiddon Down had generated a petition with over 180 signatures against the change of use application. Cllrs requested a letter of thanks be sent to the individual involved, as it was felt the Post Inn was a valuable amenity to the local community.

Clerk

Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to WDBC business rated dept to enquire into the business rates position of the Pub now it is closed.

Clerk

A copy of a letter Chagford Parish Council had sent to DNPA in respect of the closure of the Post Inn had been received. Cllrs requested that a letter of thanks be sent to them.

Clerk

Cllrs also requested that the Clerk write to Mr G Short of the Post Inn to clarify what his intentions are for the Public House, and ask if it will remain closed or reopen in the near future.

Clerk

62.08 POST OFFICE CLOSURE

As Drewsteignton Post Office was not included on the list of potential Post Offices to be closed, this item was not discussed in great detail. It was agreed to include this on the Agenda for a future meeting if the final list is adjusted and Drewsteignton Post Office is subsequently included on the list for closure.

63.08 PLANNING

DNPA 0310/08 Rushford House Crockernwell

This application was in respect of single storey extension to form orangey-style garden room.

Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

Clerk to advise the relevant authority.

Decisions received as follows;

0103/08 New House at Nethercott, Nethererton Hill, Drewsteignton. Refused

0034/08 Bailiffs Cottage Sandy Park – granted

0094/08 Clifford House Crockernwell – granted

An appeal has been lodged in respect of the application at Sandy Park. The Council had previously objected to this application and decided to make no further comment in this case.

64.08 FINANCE

Cllr Ridgers proposed and Cllr Mudge seconded the following payments to be made;

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £299.00

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £23.75

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Drewsteignton Village Hall £8.00

65.08 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

The next Eastern Parish Links committee is Thursday 17th July at 7.30 at Church House South Tawton. Cllr Savage, Ridgers and Gosnay to attend.

WDBC are offering free Radon Tests to all homes in areas with a 5% or higher likelihood of being affected by Radon. Notice placed in the Parish Post.

A copy of the Playing fields AGM minutes have been received and were placed in the circulation pack. The Chair requested that the Clerk write to the secretary asking for a copy of the accounts as stated under item 8 of the constitution and terms of reference.

Late Letters; A letter had been received from WDBC 14 May 2008 in the change of way complaints are made against Cllrs. Placed in the circulation pack.

DNPA next forum meeting 23 May 2008.

Chagford Recreational Trust Minutes received.

Correspondence received from WDBC regarding the proposed closure of the BT telephone box at Whiddon Down. Cllrs requested that the Clerk enquire from WDBC the usage rates of this telephone box over the last 12 months.

Correspondence received from the Land Registry encouraging Parish Councils to voluntarily register their land holdings. Cllr Mudge to speak to his father to try to establish how the Parish Council came to own the playing field.

66.08 CHARITABLE GIVING POLICY

It was unanimously agreed that the Cllrs would precept a given amount each year. If they considered a proven benefit to Parishioners they will donate.

67.08 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Savage and Cllr Mudge had recently attended the playing fields AGM. The Youth Club and Playing fields had decided to pool their resources for manpower purposes.

Cllr Gosnay requested a dog mess bin for the car park. The grass in the car park has become too long for Ken Webber to cut with his strimmer. It was left to the Clerk to contact Mr S Carter to enquire if he had the gear to cut the long grass.

68.08 HIGHWAYS

The Chair requested that the Clerk write to the Highways North to enquire into when they intend finishing Crockernwell speed restriction works.

Cllr Hardie had received a complaint about the brambles hanging out onto the pavement below Barn Close.

Complaints had also been received about the verges not been cut around the parish.

A complaint had also been received about the height of the road sign coming from Drewsteignton to Crockernwell at the crossroads in Crockernwell. This is blocking the view when driving a tractor.

The Chevrons at the bottom of Venton straight move in a strong wind.

The Chair requested that all these items be reported to South West Highways and asking when they intend repairing the give-way sign at the Whiddon Down junction from Crockernwell. Clerk to action.

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69.08 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED

Cllr Mudge was pleased to note that the planning at Hask Lane had been withdrawn.

70.08 WEBSITE

Cllr Gosnay stated that the new e mail addresses had been set up for all Cllrs and the Website was now ready to go live. The password will now be removed so that it can be viewed by the public

71.08

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Parish Plan.

BT Phone Box closures

Post Office closures

72.08 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 16th June 2008 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm