

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
On  
Monday 16th June 2008

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

Apologies: Cllr Ridgers

In attendance: No members of the public

**73.08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Hardie seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

ACTION

**74.08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman reminded the Cllrs present of the need to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in respect of any items included on the Agenda. None were declared.

**75.08 MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that Mr Steve Carter had agreed to cut the Car Park grass four times a year for the agreed fee of £500. This was for four days work, however, the first cut had taken in excess of 2 days, as the grass had not been cut since August 2007. Cllrs agreed to five days of cutting this year i.e. to be cut four times. Cllr Gosnay to monitor grass length and let the Clerk know when another cut is required.

B T Phone Box closure – Figures had been obtained that the phone box at Whiddon Down had been used 30 times in the last 12 months. Cllrs felt that it was an important facility especially in emergencies and now that the Post Inn was closed. The Village Hall at Whiddon Down has a notice on the door as part of its fire regulations, stating the location of the nearest Phone Box. Clerk to write to WDBC with these views.

Clerk

Dog Bins – Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to DNPA to see if there were any grants available towards the cost of providing Dog Bins and also to request a donation from Teignton Fayre to cover the cost of two bins – approx value £150 for the Car Park and Knowle Lane. The Clerk advised that WDBC charge approximately £1 per bin per empty for each bin.

Clerk

A copy of the playing fields accounts has been received and was placed in the circulation pack.

The Post Inn – Nothing has been heard from the Landlord or DNPA regarding letters sent by the Clerk. 61.08 refers.

**76.08 PLANNING**

Decisions received as follows;

0265/08 Bailiffs Cottage Sandy Park – Listed Building Consent - granted

0944/07 Golden Lion House appeal dismissed

A planning site visit to be arranged for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 6.30pm.

Clerk

The Chairman enquired as to whether Cllrs would like to set up a planning sub committee to view applications. Cllrs decided to leave matters as they were as they were all happy to attend.

**77.08 FINANCE**

Cllr Chadney proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded the following payments to be made;

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £299.00

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £30.10

Clerk

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Drewsteignton Village Hall £8.00

DAPC – Training £48.00

A VAT repayment of £177.81 had been received in respect of the year ended 31 March 2008.

The Annual Audit forms have been completed and checked by Mr P Greener. The Chairman signed these as a true record. Clerk to submit to the Audit Commission.

Clerk

**78.08 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter has been received from the Boundary Commission and from WDBC in respect of the structural review of Devon. WDBC has stated that the Boundary Committee will publish one proposal for consultation. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to WDBC and Boundary Commission asking why there will only be one proposal for consultation and how it can be a consultation if there is only one proposal! Cllrs requested that Cllrs McInnes and Ridgers from WDBC be copied in on this correspondence.

Clerk

A late letter received from WDBC reminding Cllrs of the need to maintain their register of Interests. The Clerk has the forms for notification if required.

All Cllrs

**79.08 HIGHWAYS**

Tarmac had been torn up by an Artic Lorry at Hooperton Cross by Higher Fingle, this has already been reported to the Highways dept.

Various Potholes in the Parish have been earmarked with white paint with the exception of the pothole at Bowden Cross. Clerk to report yet again.

Cllr Hester had reported a highways issue of 67 yard sign approaching Whiddon Down from the North Tawton Road being overgrown and had been advised of a website link to report highways issues. Cllr Hester to forward details to other Cllrs. The Chairman requested any reports also be reported to the Clerk for her records.

A Parishioner had asked if the land directly in front of the Post Inn was a public right of way. Cllr Power is to research the position and to notify the Clerk, in order that a letter could be written to the Land Registry to enquire into the up to date position.

Cllr Hardie expressed concern at the speed of Traffic through Whiddon Down. Clerk to advise WPC Nadine Wilson and also request that she monitor the position at Turnpike Road.

No detailed response had been received from the highways dept in respect of the various highways issues 68.08 refers. It was decided to ask Mr J Deasey to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss all outstanding issues. Clerk to arrange.

Cllr Mudge advised that his father thought that the Playing Fields were gifted to the Parish Council by the Drew family and thought the deeds were probably kept in Exeter. Clerk to write to County Hall asking what records were stored on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Hester stated that the vehicles were increasing at the Travellers site and would like to discuss the situation of the Travellers at the next meeting.

The Chairman stated that No Smoking signs needed to be erected at the four out of five bus shelters in the parish, which are substantially enclosed. Clerk to arrange.

Cllr Dyke reported that the light unit is not working in the bus shelter at Whiddon Down on the Exeter bound side. Cllr Gosnay agreed to look at it.

**80.08 DELEGATES REPORTS**

Cllr Hester stated that the Parish Plan was now back with Brenda Lunt. Cllr Hester agreed to speak to Jenny Mullins as the Cllrs were anxious for the results as they are waiting for a meeting with John Packer.

**81.08 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED**

Cllr Hester stated that he thought the appeal submitted by Sandy Park Inn made interesting reading and he would be interested to hear the final results.

**82.08 E MAIL ADDRESSES FOR COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Gosnay stated that the new e mail addresses had been set up for all Cllrs but Cllrs Ridgers, Chadney and Hardie were not yet set up. It was agreed that these would not be used until all Cllrs were up and running.

Cllr Dyke gave a vote of Thanks to Cllr Gosnay for all his hard work with the website.

**83.08****FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Update and remark of DNPA in our Parish

Traffic Issues in Whiddon Down – covered by Mr J Deasey visit.

Travellers Site at Whiddon Down

**84.08 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,

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

ACTION

Clerk

Cllr Hester

Cllr Power  
Clerk

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Cllr  
Gosnay

Cllr Hester

Cllr  
Ridgers  
Chadney/  
Hardie

