

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 21st July 2008

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

Apologies: Cllr Hardie and Cllr Chadney

In attendance: 1 member of the public

85.08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION

Cllr Ridgers proposed and Cllr Mudge seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 16th June 2008. Cllr Ridgers proposed and Cllr Power seconded the planning minutes of 30th June 2008.

86.08 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. Cllr Ridgers declared a personal interest in Cross Farm Planning application ref 80.08 and Castle Drogo planning application 80.08. Cllrs Savage, Dyke and Ridgers all declared a personal interest in planning at 1 Exeter Road, Whiddon Down.

87.08 MATTERS ARISING

A letter had been received from the National Trust stating that they are unwilling to place any more Dog waste bins at Fingle Bridge as those currently in place were not that successful. Devon County Council has confirmed that they do not hold the deeds in respect of the Playing Fields. Clerk to continue enquiries with the Public Works Loan Board.

Clerk

88.08 COUNCILLORS RESPONSE TO A PARISH MEETING SUMMONS

The Chairman reminded Cllrs that the request to attend a Public Council Meeting was a legal summons and it is important that apologies are given. A quorum of one third of the Council is required for the meeting to take place. Apologies should be given with a reason which needs to be accepted by the Council. A quorum does not apply to planning site visits.

All Cllrs

89.08 PLANNING

DNPA 0331/07 1 Turnpike Road Whiddon Down- Application in respect of 2 storey extension to create Lounge, study, ½ bedrooms plus ensuite, Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

DNPA 0437/08 Land to west of Barn Close Whiddon Down – Application in respect of erection of 9 affordable dwellings, 2 Flats and 7 Houses. Cllrs agreed to object to this application as there were already highways issues with the junction, which had previously been reported by residents of the Parish. There was no identifiable local need at Whiddon Down and there is a lack of infrastructure and local amenities especially for affordable housing.

DNPA 0431/08 - 1 Exeter Road Whiddon Down. Erection of white PVCu Conservatory extension to rear of property. Cllrs agreed to make no comment on this case.

WDBC 11965/2008/OKE Martins Farm Whiddon Down – Application in respect of temporary agricultural dwelling and open fronted general purpose agricultural building. Cllrs agreed to object to this application as it was contrary to local planning guidelines.

DNPA 0244/08 Cross Farm Drewsteignton – Previous application in respect of general purpose agricultural building showing more detailed drawings. Cllrs agreed to make no comment.

DNPA 0452/08 Castle Drogo – Extension and alteration to existing visitors building. Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case provided it meets with DNPA planning policies.

Clerk to notify relevant authorities.

Clerk

Decisions received as follows;

DNPA 0374/08 and 0375/08 Agricultural Building at land at Coombe Hall – Refused

A letter had been received from DNPA regarding unauthorised dwelling house and unauthorised alterations to stone and cob barns including the closure of doorways, a new roof, cladding and the use of inappropriate materials at Cuma Court Coombe Hall Drewsteignton. DNPA requested the comments of the Council. Cllrs requested the Clerk reply stating that the Council originally supported the initial planning application based upon the preservation of the property and would support any further application to restore the property. They were disappointed to learn that the application had been withdrawn and would support DNPA in their actions.

Clerk

90.08 TRAVELLERS SITE AT WHIDDON DOWN

A representative from the traveller's site was present at the meeting. The meeting was suspended to enable the member of the public to speak. There are three additional vehicles

<p>which are to be removed and only two more people have arrived on site since the last inspection. The meeting was reinstated. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to Cllr James McInnes for an update on the land ownership and the current position. Cllr Ridgers to speak to Mr George Greenaway who will be inspecting the site on Tuesday 22nd July 2008 for an update and will also speak to Nick Payne from WDBC.</p>	<p>ACTION Cllr Ridgers Clerk</p>
<p>91.08 FINANCE Cllr Power 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 £51.53 Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £85.81 Drewsteignton Village Hall £8.00 EDF Energy – Church Clock £10.65 Mr M Rowe – New Lock Sandy Park £18.00 SWWA – Lamb Park £7.45 Public Works Loan Board - £1,021.52 EDF Energy – re WC’s £29.99</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>92.08 ANNUAL INSPECTION OF FOOTPATHS It was agreed that the Cllrs would walk the footpaths as follows; Cllr Ridgers Footpaths 8 and 9 Cllr Chadney Footpaths 20 and 19 Cllr Mudge Footpaths 58 and 59 Cllr Hardie Footpaths 2,3 and 4 Cllr Dyke Footpaths 1 and 6 Cllr Savage Footpaths 13 and 14 Cllr Power Footpaths 16 and 17 Cllr Gosnay Footpaths 10,11 and 12 Cllr Hester Footpaths 5,21 and 25. Cllrs to report back at the October meeting with any problems.</p>	<p>All Cllrs</p>
<p>93.08 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE A letter has been received from the Boundary Commission in respect of the structural review of Devon. The deadline for comments has been extended to 26th September 2008. This will be put on the Agenda for September to enable any members of the general public the opportunity to express their views. Cllr Savage will draft a resume for the parish post. A letter from DNPA had been received regarding the DNPA local government framework. Cllrs requested that the Clerk obtain one copy for the circulation pack. A letter of Thanks had been received from Paul Greener in respect of the annual audit. Maitlandwalker had written in respect of the possible closure of the telephone box at Whiddon Down. They have a client who is offering a replacement service. Cllrs requested that the Clerk ask the client to attend the next meeting to inform them of the new service. A letter dated 27.6.08 had been received from WDBC in respect of the Borough Councils response to the Post Office closure consultation, a copy was placed in the circulation pack. A letter dated 4 July received from WDBC in respect of the extended deadline for comments on the proposed closure of the BT phone Box at Whiddon Down.</p>	<p>Cllr Savage</p>
<p>94.08 HIGHWAYS Parish Lengthsman visit due 1 August 2008. Gutter outside The Old Chapel at Whiddon Down requires attention and a finger post at Preston requires uprighting. The gutter outside The Old Chapel appears to be caused by cars parking on the verge outside the houses owned by Sanctuary Housing. Clerk to write to Sanctuary Housing for confirmation that they own the verge and asking what action they intend taking to rectify the position. A fence adjoining a footpath stile at Rushford lane has been pulled out of the ground and requires reinforcing. Clerk to report to Simon Lee the DNPA Ranger for the area. Cllrs requested that the Clerk inform them of his mobile telephone number in order that they can report issues direct to him. A letter had been received from Bella Snook in respect of the closure of Turnpike Road. Cllrs instructed the Clerk to respond asking if residents would like to attend the August Parish Council meeting when Mr Joe Deasey from the highways division would be attending the meeting to discuss various unresolved highways issues within the parish. Clerk to e mail Mr Deasey with the wish list of outstanding highways issues in the Parish and arrange for him to meet in Drewsteignton Square at 6pm on Monday 18th August. Cllrs Savage and Mudge to drive him around the Parish prior to the meeting to view the outstanding issues. Cllr Dyke to research when the A3124 plans were originally drawn up.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>95.08 UPDATE AND REMARK OF DNPA IN OUR PARISH This item had been requested by Cllr Chadney who was not present at the meeting. It was</p>	<p>Cllrs Savage and Mudge Cllr Dyke</p>

agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting.

96.08 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Savage reported on the recent Eastern Parish Links committee meeting which Cllr Savage, Gosnay had attended. The Chairman and Vice Chairman's office is currently vacant.

97.08 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED

None.

98.08 UPDATE RE PARISH PLAN

Cllr Hester stated that there was no further progress to report. It was agreed Cllr Savage would Cllr Savage contact Mrs Jennifer Mullins to obtain an update.

99.08 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
Boundary Commission review – September
Footpath Inspections - October

100.08 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 18th August 2008 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,
There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.27pm