

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 18th August 2008

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

Apologies: Cllr Ridgers

In attendance: Mr J Deasey, Ms L Utley and 2 members of the public

101.08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION

Cllr Gosnay proposed and Cllr Dyke seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 21st July 2008.

102.08 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.

103.08 MATTERS ARISING

A letter had been received from Colin Coleman and Company in response to the letter from Maitland Walker concerning the proposed removal of public phone boxes. A full response will be received before the end of September.

WDBC have confirmed that they do not hold any deeds in respect of Parish Council Property. Clerk to investigate if the deeds are held by the Solicitors.

Clerk

Cllr Hester had confirmed that he had spoken to the Parish Lengthsman who had found a fresh drain outside the Chapel at Whiddon Down which has now been unblocked.

104.08 HIGHWAYS

The Chairman introduced Mr Joe Deasey, Area Engineer North, and thanked him for attending the meeting. Mr Deasey had been driven around the Parish prior to the meeting by Cllr Savage and Mudge to view various highway issues which were of concern.

A wish list of items of concern had been sent to Mr Deasey and this list was reviewed in great detail.

Mr Deasey confirmed that the reduction in speed works at Crockernwell had cost £3,200, and not £8,000 as previously anticipated, due to the originally planned footway provision not undertaken.

A £3,500 scheme is planned for the next financial year in respect of drainage works between Crockernwell and Polford Dip. Mr Deasey is consulting with his opposite number in the Eastern Area for work to be undertaken between Cheriton Bishop and Polford Dip. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to Cheriton Bishop Parish Council to enquire into progress on their part following our recent correspondence 43.08 refers.

Mr Deasey felt that excess speeding around the Parish was best dealt with via the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, requesting that they constantly monitor speeding hot spots. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to Devon & Cornwall Constabulary to take enforcement action on the C50 & A382

He felt he would be unable to make a case to close Turnpike Close as he would need further evidence and also funding from an outside source would be needed. Public support for the closure needs to be confirmed as the County Council are unlikely to finance and thus any costs would likely need to be budgeted for in the precept of Drewsteignton Parish Council. Mr Deasey thought that £500 would need to be raised to undertake a design and access statement. If the process was to fail a safety review order, the road closure would not be possible.

Clerk

Drewsteignton speeding and parking problems were discussed but again Mr Deasey felt there was little Devon County Council would be able to do to help due to finances being targeted to bigger issues within the County.

Various other smaller highways issues around the Parish were discussed including parking issues at Sandy Park. It was agreed that the Parish Post should be used to remind the residents of Sandy Park of the need to park considerately in the area and to encourage residents to report incidents to the Police & Devon CC so they can build a picture of the problems there.

Any ongoing reporting of highways issues should be reported to Martin Stoddard at Barnstaple 01271 388727 and the Parish Lengthsman and traffic issues on 01271 388727. If no response from these numbers then contact should be made direct to Mr Jo Deasey and he will do his utmost to assist.

105.08 AFFORDABLE HOUSING WHIDDON DOWN

ACTION

The Chairman introduced Ms Lizzie Utley from West Devon Homes. Ms Utley's role is to develop

more affordable homes with West Devon Homes and is keen to develop the Lamb Park site. Ms Utley was keen to learn of any issues or concerns about the development of this land. Within West Devon there are 1500 affordable homes of which only 15 are shared ownership with all the rest being rented.

Cllr Savage informed Ms Utley that the Parish Council are expecting an interim report from the Parish Plan committee regarding affordable housing for the September meeting and would then be in a stronger position to comment on the requirements for the site. The Cllrs are concerned that the design of the Properties are sympathetic with the properties in the village. A pack of information from West Devon Homes was placed in the circulation pack for Cllrs information.

106.08 FINANCE

Cllr Dyke proposed and Cllr Hester seconded the following payments to be made;

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £299.00

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £15.83

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Drewsteignton Village Hall £8.00

Mrs B Lunt – Parish Plan Expenses £73.96

Mrs B Lunt – Parish Post Expenses £189.02

Mr M Rowe – Repairs to Crockernwell Bus Shelter £45.42

107.08 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from WDBC re removal of BT payphones, requesting confirmation that Drewsteignton Parish Council's response is correctly included for WDBC to comment.

Cllrs
Chadney,
Dyke,
Gosnay

A letter has been received from Moretonhampstead History Society inviting Cllrs to attend an event on climate change and its implications for the future of heritage and planning on Thursday 2nd October 2008 in Moretonhampstead Parish Church. Cllrs Chadney, Dyke, and Gosnay all agreed to attend.

Eastern Parish Links meeting on Thursday 4th September. Cllr Power and Savage to attend.

Cllrs
Savage,
and Power

Letter from WDBC re Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment enquiring into any sites in West Devon which might be suitable for housing development. Cllrs agreed no suitable sites other than Lamb Park.

WPC Nadine Wilson has asked for the names of the Emergency Planning Officers for Drewsteignton Parish. Clerk to enquire with WDBC of requirements and to be discussed at a future meeting.

Clerk

DAPC – consultation on direct elections to English National Park and Broads Authority, placed in circulation pack with any comments to be discussed at the September meeting.

Late Letters- Devon County Council re emergency signs. Temporary signs should not be placed on the verges especially at the top of Whiddon Down, as complaints had been received. Letter placed in circulation pack.

Planning Permission had been granted to 1 Exeter Road DNPA 0431/08.

108.08 UPDATE RE PARISH PLAN

No further update available but the Parish Council has been promised a briefing for the September meeting in respect of the affordable housing position.

109.08 UPDATE AND REMARK OF DNPA IN OUR PARISH

Cllr Chadney has been in touch with DNPA marketing department requesting some form of additional signage for the public to know when they have entered Dartmoor National Park. Cllrs requested the Clerk write to DNPA with their concerns over the lack of markings, and requesting a boundary stone similar to the one at Whiddon Down to be placed on the edge of the Park in the Cheriton Bishop/Crockernwell vicinity.

Clerk

110.08 TRAVELLERS SITE AT WHIDDON DOWN

This item was not discussed due to the absence of Cllr Ridgers from the meeting.

111.08 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Gosnay has inspected the broken light at Whiddon Down Bus shelter and has agreed to source a new photovoltaic regulator charger. If the cost amounts to £150 or less he will go ahead and order a new unit. The guttering on the bus shelter stands proud of the roof and Cllr Gosnay has again agreed to investigate to see if there is any simple means to correct position.

Cllr
Gosnay

112.08 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED

None.

113.08 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Travellers Site at Whiddon Down

Boundary Commission review – September

Footpath Inspections – October

Emergency Planning Officer election

John Packer re affordable housing

114.08 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th September 2008 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,
There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm