

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
On  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008

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

Apologies: Cllr Gosnay

In attendance: Mr S Lee

**132.08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

ACTION

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Power seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008. Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Power seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

**133.08 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.

**134.08 MATTERS ARISING**

Clerk still investigating if the deeds are held by the Solicitors.

Clerk

Correspondence has been received to confirm that DNPA are looking into the possibility of placing a Boundary Marker at Cheriton Bishop. They are also now going to undertake a review of locations of all DNP markers following the boundary revision and highways schemes which have taken place over recent years.

Correspondence received from South Devon and Dartmoor Group Station Manager, Devon Fire and Rescue stating problems which are encountered at Sandy Park. Cllrs requested that Clerk forward copies to Mr J Deasey and WPC Nadine Wilson for their files.

Clerk

WDBC letter dated 22 September 2008 received in respect of Drewsteignton Parish Council complaints alleging unauthorized development at Martins Park Whiddon Down. Cllr Savage and Cllr Ridgers had received telephone calls and correspondence in respect of this Property from a member of the public. Cllrs requested that the Clerk again write to WDBC with copies being sent to DNPA for justification of how a residence can be built on this site. It would appear to be against local planning policies. An enforcement order has been served on this property (not the owner) forbidding the siting of the mobile home.

Clerk

Cllr Hester has spoken to various residents about the possible closure of Turnpike Road and anticipates obtaining a summary of proposals from the residents of Turnpike Road as to how they would like to see matters progress.

Cllr Hester

Cllr Hester has been in touch with WDBC in respect of the Taxi firms who are using Turnpike Road as a short cut. They have agreed to write to the Taxi firms licensed with them to warn them not to use this road and details will be reported to the Police if the use continues. Cllr Savage asked that Nadine Wilson be kept informed of developments.

Cllr Hester

**135.08 ANNUAL FOOTPATH INSPECTIONS**

Cllr Savage welcomed Simon Lee DNPA Ranger to the meeting. Cllrs discussed the footpaths which had been walked and reported any problems to Simon for attention. Cllr Savage thanked Simon Lee for all his hard work during the year which was appreciated by the Parish Council.

**136.08 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DREWSTEIGNTON**

No further correspondence had been received other than the e mail from John Packer to state that West Devon Homes have commissioned Green Ecology Ltd to carry out an Ecological Survey and Louise Crossman Architects to commence design work.

**137.08 PLANNING**

Post Inn – No correspondence has been received on this. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to the Enforcement Officer at DNPA informing them that work appears to be continuing.

Clerk

**138.08 FINANCE**

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

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £299.00

Clerk

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £19.49

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Drewsteignton Village Hall £8.00

SWWA – Water rates WC's £8.61

EDF Energy – Electric WC's £33.83	ACTION
EDF Energy – Electric Church Clock £10.65	
Cllr Savage pointed out the late payment charge made by EDF energy of 3p in respect of the Church Clock Electricity. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should ensure these invoices are paid before the charge is payable, and thus paid before a meeting if required.	Clerk
Cllrs also requested the Clerk to enquire with EDF into the possibility of transferring the WC Electric onto a business tariff if this is cheaper than the domestic tariff.	
The half years precept of £4,450 has been received.	
The Clerk gave a report on the proposed budget for 2009/10. Various expenditure items were discussed and the draft precept request was anticipated to be £9,300. It was agreed that a final decision would be made at the November meeting.	Cllr Savage/Cllr Mudge
<b>139.08 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
The next Eastern Parish Links meeting will be held at North Tawton on 20 November 2008. It was agreed that Cllr Savage and Cllr Mudge would attend.	Clerk
Tavistock Community Transport Association has written requesting volunteer drivers. Details to be placed in the Parish Post.	Clerk
Okehampton District Community Transport Group letter received requesting financial help. Cllrs agreed assistance would not be given as unaware of any help given to Drewsteignton Parishioners.	Clerk
Letter received from DNPA re changes to permitted Developments rights for Householder Developments. A copy was given to all Cllrs present for information.	
Letter received from DCC in respect of common land registered. The Chairman requested the Clerk write to DCC asking if they have a record of any Drewsteignton Parish Council land which was registered.	Clerk
WDBC have written with details of the new procedures re planning application consultations. Basically WDBC will be bar-coding applications for easier processing.	
It was agreed Cllr Mudge would lay the Remembrance service wreath on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the Council.	Cllr Mudge
<b>140.08 UPDATE RE PARISH PLAN</b>	
It is anticipated that the Parish Plan results will be available for the next meeting.	
<b>141.08 PARISH POST</b>	
Brenda Lunt has decided that she wishes to finish helping with the Parish Post at the end of this year. Cllr Savage reported that Mrs Pauline Rowe has agreed to print the Parish Post, with Mrs Sam Pierce agreeing to act as Editor. Cllr Savage has some names of other parishioners who have agreed to help. Cllr Savage to speak to the individuals concerned.	Cllr Savage
<b>142.08 HIGHWAYS</b>	Clerk
No reply has been received from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary in respect of the speeding issues around the Parish. Clerk to send a reminder.	Clerk
Parish Lengthsman visit 24 October 2008. Froggy Lane to be cleared in general and the gutter at the end of Stonelands near Telephone Box Crockernwell to be cleared.	Cllr Hester
The Public Bench at Sandy Park has become unfit for public use and will be removed by Weldwise. Cllr Hester to arrange collection. If there is a need for this bench it will have to be repaired and budgeted for within the parish precept.	
Copy of correspondence has been received from WDBC to DCC in connection with a complaint about a resident nearly being knocked over walking along the main Crockernwell road, requesting the possibility of a footpath being established from the bus stop at the western end of Crockernwell, back to the Drewsteignton junction.	Clerk
DCC letter received to confirm that give way markings could be placed on the road as you approach the Village Green with vehicles heading from to Fingle Bridge direction. Cllrs requested Clerk write to ensure this takes place.	
<b>143.08 DELEGATES REPORTS</b>	
Cllr Savage and Cllr Hester attended a recent DNPA Planning conference and Cllr Savage gave a report.	
Cllr Dyke gave a report on a Climate Change meeting he attended at Mortenhampstead.	
<b>144.08 COMMENTS ON PAPERS CIRCULATED</b>	
None.	
<b>145.08 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
Parish Plan	
Parish Post	
Precept	
<b>146.08 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,	

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.27pm.