

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
On  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009

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

Apologies: Cllr Dyke

In attendance: 1 member of the public and WPC Nadine Wilson

**1.09 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

ACTION

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Hardie seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008.

**2.09 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.

**3.09 MATTERS ARISING**

Correspondence has been received from Keith Palmer Enforcement Officer of WDBC in respect of Martins Park Whiddon Down asking for Cllrs to assist in gathering information to assist WDBC. Cllrs requested that the Clerk liaise with Cllr Ridgers to draft a letter to the Chief Executive of WDBC asking why it is taking so long for action to be taken as this is beyond performance indicators and the Parish Council are disappointed with this.

Clerk

Correspondence has been received from DNPA in respect of the Post Inn. Clerk was asked to reply asking that enforcement action is taken as soon as possible before any time limits expire and planning permission is no longer required. Four years was mentioned in the letter as a time limit and Cllrs requested that the Clerk ask for clarification on this point.

Clerk

Nothing has been heard from Sanctuary Housing in respect to their visit 4 December 2008 to Turnpike Road. Clerk requested to chase Sanctuary Housing for a response.

Clerk

Devon County Council letter received to confirm that action was being taken over various highways issues within the Parish and in particular the painting of the white lines at Venton and the road from Trennaway Cross to Whiddon Down. WPC Nadine Wilson agreed to report the speeding issues to the Traffic division of Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

The New Councillors Course is being held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 at Bridestowe at 7pm. Cllrs Mudge, Hardie, Hester and Chadney would like to attend. Clerk to book places.

Clerk

Cllr Ridgers reported that the planning application WDBC 12398/2008/OKE had been recommended to be turned down by WDBC; Cllr Ridgers had stated that this case will go to Committee.

**4.09 WPC NADINE WILSON**

Cllr Savage introduced WPC Wilson who addressed the Council in respect of Community messaging. Details to be placed in the Parish Post.

Various speeding issues around the Parish were discussed and it was agreed that Superintendent Sarah Sharpe would be asked to attend the February 2009 meeting as no satisfactory response has been received to date from any one person responsible for the Okehampton Area.

Clerk

**5.09 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Cllr Ridgers proposed and Cllr Mudge proposed that the Freedom of Information Act is adopted with immediate effect.

**6.09 PARISH PLAN**

A meeting has been arranged for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7pm at the Drewe Arms to discuss the Parish Plan with Councillors, Jenny Mullins and Brenda Lunt.

**7.09 HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Power reported problems with various items of rubbish being left in the lay-by at Venton, and some vehicles using the lay-by as an overnight stop. WPC Wilson to monitor position. Clerk to enquire if the Parish Lengthsman is able to clear the rubbish.

Clerk

Reports had been received that grit had not been spread on icy roads into Drewsteignton which is the bus route. Grit has subsequently been dropped along the road and Cllrs requested to monitor the position.

Cllr Hester reported that he is to arrange a public meeting at Whiddon Down to gather the

consensus of opinion in respect of possible closure of Turnpike Road.	ACTION
Jobs for the Parish Lengthsman were discussed as follows;	
Weeds and brambles require removing around the Drewsteignton sign from Whiddon Down. Also brambles growing around the green metal bench along the road out of Drewsteignton towards the Castle. Venton Lay-by. Culvert blocked towards Fingle Bridge. Storm drains opposite Hooperton towards Bowden Farm blocked. Ditch on right hand bend from Hooperton towards Bowden Cross at Bowden requires clearing.	Clerk
Froggy Lane to be cleared where required.	Clerk
Pothole reported by Turnpike speed bump near the new development.	
Pothole outside Higher Fingle Farm.	
Clerk to report to relevant authorities.	
<b>8.09 PLANNING</b>	
DNPA – 0776/08 and 0777/08 Cuma Court Drewsteignton. This application was in respect alterations and repairs for conversion of threshing barn for residence and change of use from Agricultural to domestic use. Cllrs agreed to support both these applications for the preservation of the Property.	Clerk
Clerk to notify relevant authorities.	
Decisions received;	
0698/08 DNPA granted in respect of Briar House Crockernwell	
<b>10.09 FINANCE</b>	
Cllr Hester proposed and Cllr Chadney seconded the following payments to be made;	
Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Salary £299.00	
Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Expenses £37.39	
SWWA - re Lamb Park Water Trough £7.29	Clerk
Mrs B Lunt – Printer £146.05	
Southern Electric – Church Light repairs £58.02	
E D F – Electric Church Clock £10.78	
Mrs P Rowe – Parish Post Expenses £108.61	
EDF – Electric re WC’s £50.80	
Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50	
Drewsteignton Village Hall £8.00	
<b>11.09 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
Correspondence has been received from DNPA stating that they intend dovetailing the consultation period in respect of planning. Clerk has responded informing DNPA of the dates of the 2009 Parish Council Meetings. It was agreed that planning site visits would be arranged for the Thursday evening before the Monday Parish Council meeting in the summer and the Saturday morning before the Monday meeting in the winter. Hopefully specific public meetings will not be required in future.	
A meeting on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 is being held at Bridestowe Village Hall in respect of Social Housing for West Devon Borough Council. No Cllrs wished to attend.	
WDBC Mayoral Awards nomination forms received from WDBC. Cllr Ridgers suggested Mrs Brenda Lunt to be nominated. Clerk to complete forms.	Clerk
<b>12.09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
Parish Plan - February	
Superintendent S Sharpe - February	
Venton Lay-by - February	
<b>13.09 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,	
There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.	