

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
On  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009

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

Apologies: Cllr Chadney, Cllr Gosnay and Cllr Ridgers.

In attendance: Inspector Peter Turner

**14.09 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

ACTION

The Chairman reported an amendment to the minutes at 5.09. Cllr Mudge seconded not proposed the Freedom of Information Act to be adopted. Subject to this amendment Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Mudge seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**15.09 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.

**16.09 MATTERS ARISING**

Correspondence has been received from WDBC re Martins Park Whiddon Down. The Cllrs requested that the Clerk acknowledge this letter with thanks and ask for the date of the appeal so that appropriate representation can be made, which would be based upon previous comments made.

Clerk

No response has been received from Sanctuary Shaftesbury in respect of the verge near the new affordable houses. Clerk to chase a response for the next meeting.

Clerk

No response has been received from DNPA re The Post Inn, again Clerk to chase for a response.

Clerk

Cllr Hester has undertaken some research in connection with the possible closure of Turnpike Road. He requested that the Clerk write to WDBC for any survey results in connection with the recently established roundabout at the top of Whiddon Down. Any traffic surveys undertaken after the installation of the roundabout together with copies of the plans and proposals for the bypass road towards North Tawton should also be requested. Also plans and proposals in connection with the 2 stone bus shelters, footpath from the Village Hall to the Services and for the mini roundabout. Copies of the original traffic order to include Turnpike Road to be requested together with details of any traffic orders carried out on Turnpike Road.

Clerk

**17.09 INSPECTOR PETER TURNER**

Cllr Savage introduced Inspector Peter Turner who had attended the meeting in place of Superintendent Sharpe. The Chairman expressed his disappointment that Superintendent Sharpe had not attended the meeting, as he felt that it was a policy issue to be addressed. Inspector Turner apologised for her absence and confirmed that he would pass the comments back to Superintendent Sharpe. However, Superintendent Sharpe had deemed it to be a sector issue and Inspector Turner would endeavour to address as many of the issues as possible.

Various speeding issues around the Parish were discussed especially with motorcycles. Traffic has been tasked to look at the problem areas and Inspector Turner has requested monthly updates on the position. It is being treated as a 'red target' for the traffic division. The safety camera team will be monitoring the position within the next few months. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary are looking into the possibility of funding 2 flashing boards to warn motorists of the speed limits and should one of these prove to be needed in the area, it will be fitted in an appropriate place.

It was agreed WPC Wilson would maintain monthly contact with the Council and Inspector Turner would report to the Council at the June 2009 meeting with the results of the surveys etc.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Turner for attending the meeting and for the progress which was being made, albeit slow.

**18.09 HIGHWAYS**

Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to SW Highways requesting that the brambles and scrub are cleared from the Venton lay-by, in order to open the lay-by up to the road. It was felt that the lay by is becoming too hidden and there were concerns raised for fly-tipping and it was felt that by opening up the lay by this would alleviate any unscrupulous activities.

Clerk

Complaints had been received from several parishioners about Higher Fingle Farm and the

rubbish which had been seen to be blowing about the road, rats crossing the road, smells from the bins, hedges not being trimmed and the visual impact. Concerns had been raised especially as it was the intention to open an Educational Centre at the Farm and it was not felt that this was a model farm in respect of modern farm practice. Following various discussions it was felt that the Clerk should write to the tenants in the first instance to see if these issues could be resolved before taking matters further.

ACTION

Clerk

### 19.09 PLANNING

DNPA – 0722/08 The Old Rectory, Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of restoration of garage roof to incorporate studio and games room. This was an amendment to the original plans and Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

Clerk to notify DNPA.

Clerk

Decisions received;

0776/08 DNPA granted in respect of Cuma Court Drewsteignton

0734/08 DNPA granted in respect of Coombe Hall Drewsteignton

0700/08 DNPA refused in respect of Southcott Whiddon Down

Appeal dismissed re DNPA 0103/08 Site adjacent to Nethercott, Netherton Hill, Drewsteignton

### 20.09 FINANCE

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

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £299.00

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £15.83

Mrs P Rowe – Parish Post Expenses £122.49

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Public Loan Board – Loan re car-park £1,021.52

Clerk

### 21.09 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from WDBC stating that the Boundary Committee has extended its deadline for finalising the recommendations for unitary local government in Devon to 13 July 2009.

The Parish Council of Burrator would like to improve Parish Council participation in the DNPA planning process and requested Drewsteignton Parish Councils views on the process. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond as it was felt that if parish councils written comments are summarised and edited by a DNPA case officer the Cllrs would be concerned.

Clerk

The next Eastern Parish Links committee meeting to be held on Thursday 5 March at Sampford Courtney. Cllr Savage to attend. Highways Officers will be present at this meeting to answer any questions on DCC Salting policy and other highways issues. Cllrs requested to e mail Cllr Savage with any points they would like raised by 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

Cllr Savage

All Cllrs

DAPC has a vacancy on the DAPC County Committee. No Cllrs wished to be nominated.

An invite had been received for the Chairman and guest to attend Chagford Parish Council Civic Service on 1 March 2009. Cllr Savage agreed to reply having consulted his diary.

Cllr Savage

A draft conservation area appraisal from DNPA of Drewsteignton had been received, Details have been placed in the Parish Post and a map placed on Drewsteignton Notice Board. The matter will be discussed at the March meeting.

### 22.09 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Savage and Cllr Mudge attended the Playing Fields committee meeting recently held. It would appear there are no willing volunteers to join the committee at this stage and the current committee wish to resign at the AGM which is due to be held on 1 April 2009. A request for volunteers has been placed in the Parish Post.

### 23.09 PARISH PLAN

The committee have until the 24 February 2009 to let Brenda Lunt have their opinions on the draft. When this stage is complete it is anticipated that a report will be made to the Parish Council with a view to launching the Parish Plan at the Annual Parish Meeting on 27 April 2009.

Cllr Savage expressed his thanks for all the hard work which had gone into the plan and looked forward to the results.

### 24.09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Parish Plan - March

Inspector Turner - June

Higher Fingle – March

Turnpike – March

Playing Fields – April

DNPA Conservation Area Appraisal - March

### 25.09 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.28pm.

