

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 20th April 2009

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

Apologies: Cllr Chadney.

In attendance: John Packer, Richard Luttmann and 1 member of the public

38.09 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION

Cllr Gosnay proposed and Cllr Hardie seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 16th March 2009.

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Hardie seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 2nd April 2009.

39.09 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. Cllr Ridgers declared a personal interest in item 40.09 in respect of Parford as it is his neighbour.

The Chairman brought forward Planning and Affordable Housing on the Agenda.

40.09 PLANNING

DNPA – 0121/09 3 Knowle Lane Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of garage and garden store and Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

Clerk to notify DNPA.

Decisions received;

Clerk

DNPA – 0060/09 Briar House Crockernwell - approved

41.09 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chairman welcomed John Packer from WDBC and Richard Luttmann from West Devon Homes. Draft plans had been drawn up in respect of the affordable housing project at Lamb Park Drewsteignton. The proposal is for 3 two bedroom, and 2 three bedroom terraced houses to be built on the site. The houses will be built to meet the standard of level 3 for the code of sustainable homes. Subject to the Parish Councils approval, the planning application is likely to be submitted during May, with possible building commencing at the end of the year, subject to planning approval. Following various discussions the Cllrs were pleased with the draft plans.

John Packer stated that following the building of the affordable homes, there would be 2 small pieces of land which WDBC might be interested in selling. There might be the possibility of giving the land away for benefit of the community, e.g. for allotments. John Packer stated that a local resident is interested in purchasing part of the land if Drewsteignton Parish Council is not.

He would like to hear if the Parish Council would be interested in this land by the end of May. Cllrs to give this some thought. The Chairman thanked both John and Richard for attending the meeting.

42.09 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Hester to meet Helen Ubhi of Sanctuary Housing in respect of the verge damaged outside the affordable homes at Whiddon Down.

Cllr Hester

Drewsteignton Playing Fields has a new committee in place following the AGM and a copy of the minutes of the meeting was received. Clerk to check that the Parish Councils Insurance covers the playing fields.

Clerk

A letter has been received from DNPA in respect of the Post Inn Whiddon Down.

A response has been received from DCC in respect of the rocks in the road at Parford. Cllrs requested that a copy is sent to Mrs B Scott.

Clerk

MDDC has responded to the complaint about the agricultural shed erected at Fursham. Cllrs requested that copies of the letter to be sent to Spreyton and Hittisleigh Parish Council.

Clerk

Correspondence received from WDBC in respect of Martins Park Whiddon Down, stating an appeal hearing is being held on 2nd June 2009.

43.09 FINANCE

Cllr Ridgers proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded the following payments to be made;

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £314.16

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £30.50

Drewsteignton Village Hall – Hire of Hall £8

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50	
SWWA – Lamb Park Trough £9.43	
EDF – Church Clock Light £10.63	
EDF – Drewsteignton WC's £33.40	
Mrs P Rowe – Parish Post Expenses £104.67	
Drewsteignton Gardeners Club – Maintenance of Public Gardens £200	
WD Methodist Church – Burial Grant £65	
Holy Trinity Church Drewsteignton – Burial Grant £305	
Drewsteignton Village Hall – Grant towards costs £600	
Community First Insurance - £443.73	
Clerk to ensure the insurance covers the playing fields insurance before sending off the cheque.	Clerk
Cllrs also requested that the Clerk contact the PCC as the Parish Council were paying for the electric to light the Church Clock, which is not working.	Clerk
The Chairman approved the Bank reconciliation at 31 March 2009.	
It was agreed to ask Tony Thomas if he would check the annual accounts, as sadly Paul Greener, who has undertaken this task in the past, has passed away	Clerk
44.09 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
DNP Local Development Framework pack received. Cllr Ridgers agreed to review this and to circulate any comments to the other Cllrs. Cllrs Ridgers to let Clerk have any comments by 15 th May 2009 to make any response.	Cllr Ridgers
A special Eastern Parish Links meeting is being held on 23 rd April 2009. Cllr Ridgers agreed to attend, work permitting.	Cllr Ridgers
DNPA Forum meeting to be held on 22 nd May 2009.	
A letter has been received from a resident of Crockernwell complaining about the parking position in Stonelands together with speeding issues. Cllrs requested that the Clerk reply stating that the local Police Constable had been informed and was monitoring the position.	Clerk
45.09 HIGHWAYS	
Cllr Hester thanked the Clerk for the information passed to him from WDBC and the Highways agency in respect of Turnpike Road. He requested that the Clerk write to WDBC asking that they carry out another Traffic survey at Turnpike Road within the next 2 months as 5 more houses had been built in the Road since the last survey was undertaken. Cllr Ridgers to be e mailed a copy of the letter, to enable him to pursue with WDBC.	Clerk
Cllrs requested that a Thank you letter is sent to Joe Deasey of the Highways Agency for his response to the problems at the bridge at Fingle Bridge.	Clerk
The Chairman had received the results of a traffic survey at Crockernwell and Harepath straight which did not give rise to any particular concerns over speeding. However, Cllrs were concerned at the speed of traffic through Whiddon Down and along Venton Straight especially at the week ends on sunny days.	
46.09 BOUNDARY COMMITTEE	
It was agreed that the Cllrs had not altered their previous views on this subject and were happy with the 'Status Quo'.	
Clerk to write The Boundary Committee with these views.	
47.09 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK	
Correspondence had been received from an individual visiting a relative in Drewsteignton requesting permission to park and sleep in his camper van in the car park overnight. After discussion it was agreed that the car park was not a camp site and permission would not be granted in order to avoid setting a precedent. Cllrs requested that a 'No overnight camping' sign should be erected in the car park.	Clerk
47.09 DELEGATES REPORTS	
None	
48.09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	
Parish Post - May	
Inspector Turner - June	
Drewsteignton Allotments– May	
49.09 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING	
Monday 18 th May 2009 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton,	
Annual Parish Meeting 27 th April 2009 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down	
There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.22pm.	

