

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 15th February 2010

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

Apologies: Cllr Chadney.

In attendance: 4 members of the public

18.10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 18th January 2010.

19.10 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 Mudge declared a personal interest in the Teign Valley Shoot as he has previously undertaken work for the project.

20.10 MATTERS ARISING

Update on Village settlement boundaries was delayed until the next meeting.

Clerk

Clerk to chase DNPA for a reply in respect of the funding no longer available towards the cleaning costs of the public conveniences at Drewsteignton.

Clerk

DNPA have confirmed that they will be visiting Higher Fingle Farm in respect of the complaint received in respect of Caravans Parked in the yard. DNPA had confirmed to the Clerk that Planning permission is not required for a caravan which is being used as an Office. Cllrs requested that the Clerk obtain this confirmation in writing from DNPA. NPS South West Ltd (Agents for DCC) had acknowledged the letter of complaint in respect of Higher Fingle Farm and will raise the concerns with the Tenants and encourage them to keep the farm as tidy and clean as practically possible.

Clerk

Cllrs were reminded of the DAPC training courses available which the Clerk has circulated.

All Cllrs

21.10 LAMB PARK

Cllrs Savage and Power attended the DNPA planning meeting on 5th February 2010 to express the Councils views. Cllr Savage gave a report of the meeting and confirmed that the application was agreed by a unanimous decision.

22.10 TEIGN VALLEY SHOOT

Further complaints have been received from residents of Drewsteignton who have experienced difficulties with the Teign Valley shoot. Dr Nigel Padfield addressed the Councillors to confirm that he had heard that a meeting was being held between DNPA and the Shoot managers. However, he had heard nothing officially. No response has been heard from DNPA to the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Clerk would chase DNPA asking for the results of the meeting before the next meeting.

23.10 HIGHWAYS

A list of sites where salt bins would be beneficial were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Southwest Highways requesting Salt Bins to be placed at the top and bottom of Netherton Hill, Turnpike Road, near Wisdom Cottage, Foxclose and along Long Lane near Bowbeer Hill. Cllr McInnes to be copied in on the request. Clerk to write when the Parish Post has been issued to give parishioners time to place any requests or make any comments.

Clerk

24.10 PLANNING

Clerk

DNPA 0042/10 Coombe Hall Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of replacement barn for Tractor, Machinery and Hay storage . Cllrs agreed to make no comment.

Clerk to notify DNPA.

Decisions received;

Clerk

DNPA 0599/09 Castle Drogo Drewsteignton overflow car-park granted.

Cllr Savage gave a report on the meeting held at Hittisleigh Village Hall in respect of the Tellams planning application, which both himself and Cllr Mudge attended on February 3rd 2010. Following the committee meeting on the 27th January 2010, DCC agreed to hold a site visit on 24th February which would be followed by a local meeting with interested parties. Cllr Savage agreed to attend on behalf of Drewsteignton Parish Council.

Cllr
Savage**25.10 FINANCE**

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Mudge seconded the following payments to be made;	ACTION
Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Salary £314.16	
Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Expenses £18.23	
Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50	Clerk
Mrs P Rowe – Parish Post £159.25	
Whiddon Down Village Hall – Hire of Hall £9	
Mr W G Savage-Repairs to Crockernwell Bus Shelter £43.31	
SWWA – Lamb Park £12.62	
26.10 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
Correspondence has been received from Mrs Joy Taylor in respect of parking problems in Knowle Lane. Clerk to respond asking her to call the Police if the route is obstructed and Clerk to write to Inspector Hammond asking him to create a log in respect of this problem. Clerk to write to the owners of the holiday cottages asking them to inform Holiday makers not to park in unmarked spaces and thus block the road.	Clerk
A questionnaire was completed in respect of the mobile Library Services in the Parish. Clerk to inform Parish Post for publication as use of the service has declined by more than 40% over the last 10 years.	Clerk
The next Eastern Parish Links meeting is on Thursday 4 March 2010. Cllr Savage and Hardie to attend.	Cllr Savage/ Hardie
DNPA are holding a workshop re Landscape and Character Assessment on 23 February 2010. Cllr Dyke agreed to attend.	Cllr Dyke
A thank you letter was received from Mrs Thomas in respect of the Skittles evening, in which the Parish Council entered 2 teams, for Shelter Box which raised £735 and was enjoyed by all.	
27.10 DELEGATES REPORTS	
None	
28.10 UNITARY AUTHORITY	
A judicial review has now been launched against the Government’s decision to allow Exeter City Council to operate independently from the rest of Devon. This was against the wishes of the Drewsteignton Parish Council, which was to maintain the Status Quo or for all of Devon to act independently. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to the leader of Devon County Council stating that they are fully in support of their actions and under the Freedom of Information Act have they the details of the number of Parish Councils who responded to the Consultation process with their views. As from our links with the DAPC we understand that the majority of Councils were against this decision and thus the views of the community have not been fairly represented. Cllr McInnes to be copied into the correspondence.	Clerk
29.10 PARISH POST	
Mike Petrie-Ritchie is to research alternative printing costs as this is the main cost of the Parish Post.	
30.10 PARISH PLAN	
Nothing to report at this stage.	
31.10 TURNPIKE ROAD	
Cllr Hester said that residents of Barn Close had voluntarily been trying out the exit at Ash Cross junction with A382 and were worried about visibility problems. He had a rethink and was going to put forward an amended plan for the location of the closure in Turnpike Road together with a possible No entry from the A382 into Chapel Hill. Cllr Hester will consult with DCC Highways regarding this.	
32.10 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK	
Sign has been up-righted in the car park. Clerk to request that Steve Carter selectively treats the broadleaf weeds and path to the Church with weed killer after the first cut of grass in May.	
33.10 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED	
None.	
34.10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	
Update on Village Settlement Boundaries	
Notice Boards	
Travellers Site	
Unitary Authority	
35.10 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING	
Monday 15 th March 2010 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down	
There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.27pm.	