

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 15th March 2010

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

Apologies: Cllr Ridgers and Cllr Power.

In attendance: 4 members of the public

38.10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 15th February 2010. Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Hester seconded the minutes of the meeting on 6th March 2010.

ACTION

39.10 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.

40.10 MATTERS ARISING

The Whiddon Down Village settlement boundaries was discussed. DNPA have previously stated in their letter to the Council 25.11.09 that they have not used development boundaries since 1974. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to DNPA with reference to DNPA planning application 0700/08 which was refused as the proposal lies outside of the settlement of Whiddon Down whereas DNPA application 0315/09 was approved. Cllrs would like clarification in respect of the Settlement of Whiddon Down and suggest that they look at where the use of boundaries might be useful.

Clerk

Clerk

Devon County Council responded in respect of the Local Government Structure confirming that it is doing everything it can to challenge the decision to establish a unitary authority for Exeter.

DNPA wrote to confirm that the Caravan stored at Higher Fingle is only being stored on the land and Mr Amiss has been asked to remove it. The Mobile home's use is incidental to the main agricultural use of the land and does not require planning permission. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to DNPA for clarification if a porta-cabin or shipping container of the same size were to replace the mobile home would this also be exempt from planning permission.

Clerk

DNPA have written to confirm that an open day is to be held in May by Teign Valley Shoot when local residents and Cllrs will be able to see and hear about the Management of Fingle Woodlands and raise any concerns directly with the owners. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to Dr Kevin Bishop Chief Executive of DNPA stating;

- Has confirmation been received from the Environment Agency that the Pens are no longer interfering with the Water Courses.
- DNPA should be aware of the adverse impact the activity is having on the walkers and Horse Riders as the Council has previously notified them.
- What interest does the Ranger have in the Shoot as we are aware that he is a beater for this Shoot.
- We are aware of the damage that local crops have been damaged, as several residents have complained about the sheer number of birds in their gardens and the resultant damage they are causing.
- Has any work be undertaken to prove the number of birds released, as we have been informed that there are 6 large pens covering approximately 30 ha of land. Under BASC guidelines there is a recommendation of keeping up to 1000 birds per hectare. Surely this indicates that there are more birds being released than we are being led to believe. The Council also understand that the Shoot was advertised as a 500 bird day. With 23 shooting days and only 5300 birds being shot, these figures do not appear correct?
- The Parish Council look forward to hearing when the Open day is to be held in order that the date can be published in the Parish Newsletters.

Clerk

The owners of Rookwood Cottage wrote to confirm that they have notified residents of the parking issue outside the cottage and will continue to monitor the situation.

41.10 HIGHWAYS

Following publication in the Parish Post 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 Close, near Wisdom Cottage, Foxclose, at the bottom of Ford Hill outside West Ford Farm lane, Church Hill Sandy Park, Greystone Hill by Honeyford Cottage and along Long Lane near Bowbeer Hill. Cllr McInnes to be copied in on the request.

ACTION

Clerk

Cllr Savage had a meeting with Joe Deasey and Bruce Pedrick of DCC Highways who confirmed the funding for the new crossing at Whiddon Down is in their budget for the forthcoming financial year. The budget is to be confirmed at the HATOC meeting on 4 April 210. Cllr Savage agreed to e mail Christine Marsh the Chairperson of the committee requesting support for this project which was identified in the Parish Plan.

Cllr
Savage

42.10 PLANNING

Decisions received;

DNPA 0042/10 Coombe Hall Drewsteignton granted.

DNPA 0572/09 Affordable Homes Drewsteignton granted

43.10 FINANCE

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

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £314.20

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £26.11

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Mrs P Rowe – Parish Post £150.57

Clerk

Drewsteignton Village Hall – Hire of Hall £8

The Precept of £11,600 has been agreed for 2010/11 by WDBC

Confirmation has been received that DNPA will no longer fund the grant towards the toilet cleaning costs but have supplied another grant application form which might be a possibility. It was agreed to make an application and also forward the application form to Mr Tony Thomas to see if he would also like to make an application on behalf of the Village Hall.

Clerk

44.10 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

WDBC are undertaking a public transport survey, details have been placed in the Parish Post and Drewsteignton Post Office.

North Tawton Town Council have written requesting details of the full name of Annie Cox who once lived at Blackaller Bungalow. Clerk to reply stating that she was known locally as Annie and her husband was either Frank or George Cox.

Clerk

WDBC letter received in respect of Local Government Review in Devon stating that WDBC support the action being taken by DCC.

Mick Jones Area Warden for North Dartmoor has written asking if anyone in the village would like to be involved in a tree planting day or possible area for young people or future design with access landscape of the Rectory Woods. Playing fields, cubs & scout organisations have been informed as representatives of the youngsters.

47.10 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Dyke attended a Landscape Character Assessment seminar at DNPA and gave a report.

Cllr Savage attended the open meeting in respect of the Tellams incineration planning application and gave a report.

All Cllrs

Cllr Hardie and Cllr Savage attended the Eastern Links Meeting and requested that Cllrs keep a note of the date and time of any traffic incidents at the A30 junction.

46.10 PARISH POST

Nothing to report.

47.10 TRAVELLERS SITE

No report was received from WDBC. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to James McInnes asking for clarification as to whether the land ownership has been formalised and registered, and are we running out of time in respect of the time limits for certificates of lawfulness

Clerk

48.10 PARISH PLAN

Nothing to report.

49.10 TURNPIKE ROAD

Cllr Hester said that he had met Joe Deasey and Bruce Pedrick from DCC Highways and they had come to the conclusion that it would be beneficial to close the road at the top of Chapel Hill and the Southside of Turnpike Close. It was agreed that Cllr Hester would draw up a questionnaire and liase with Joe Deasey before issuing to residents of Turnpike Road for their views.

Cllr
Hester

50.10 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK

It was agreed that some Cllrs Savage, Mudge and Gosnay would meet up at the Car Park to look at the signing of the car park to encourage more use especially by visitors. and inspect the Apple Trees, some of which require pruning.

51.10 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED

None.

52.10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Higher Fingle

Notice Boards/Benches

53.10 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 19th April 2010 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.