

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 19th April 2010

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

Apologies: Cllr Ridgers, Cllr Savage and Cllr Gosnay.

In attendance: 1 member of the public

54.10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION

Cllr Chadney proposed and Cllr Hardie seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 15th March 2010. Cllr Chadney pointed out that he was not represented twice at the meeting. The minutes were amended accordingly.

55.10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The acting Chairman Cllr Mudge reminded the Cllrs present of the need to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in respect of any items included on the Agenda. Cllr Dyke declared a personal interest in the General Correspondence from Okehampton District Community Transport Group as he has undertaken work for the project.

56.10 MATTERS ARISING

A response has been received from DNPA in respect of the Teign Valley Shoot. It was decided to wait until the Open Day when the Parish Councils comments to the DNPA which have been passed onto the Shoot Manager will hopefully be addressed. Cllr Chadney and Cllr Savage will attend and it was agreed to ask Cllr Gosnay if he was able to attend. He has since confirmed he is unable to attend.

Cllr
Savage/
Chadney

Nick Savin the DNPA enforcement officer had telephoned the clerk in response to the councils concerns over the caravans at Higher Fingle Farm. The touring Caravan has now been moved. A letter has been received from DNPA dated 23 March 2010 in respect of the Village Settlement boundaries at Whiddon Down. No specific boundaries are set. Letter placed in circulation pack for Cllrs information.

57.10 HIGHWAYS

A highways maintenance drop in surgery is being held on 20th April at Okehampton. Cllr Dyke agreed to attend.

Cllr Dyke

Parish Lengthsman's next visit is 27th and 28th April. The following jobs were identified;

1. Clear drains at Venton below Rose Cottage
2. Manhole cover which is concrete on the verge at Venton just above the Venton turning on the Venton side of the road, requires urgent attention.
3. Approaching the roundabout at the top of Whiddon Down from Sticklepath the lines have been burnt off the road where the junction was altered and the tarmac now needs filling as this is dangerous for motor bikes.
4. Drains at bottom of Chapel Hill in Whiddon Down require clearing.
5. The road signs at Chapel Hill needs turning 90 degrees as it is indicating the wrong direction. Also it would be beneficial to move the turnpike road sign so that it more visible and maybe placed beside the Chapel Hill sign.(Whiddon Down)
6. The Gullies on the side of the road from the Old Inn to the bottom of the hill at Netherton Drewsteignton require clearing each side.
7. The Gullies on the side of the road from Primrose Cottage to Lamb Park require clearing (Drewsteignton).

Clerk

Correspondence has been received from Mrs Tucker of Spreyton in respect of the possibility of inserting a window in the bus shelter at Whiddon Down so that travellers can see the bus approaching on the wet weather, she also commented on the water running off the roof and not hitting the gutter. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach Drewe and Sons requesting a quote for altering the guttering and the cost of including a window to see if this was a financial possibility. Clerk to respond to Mrs Tucker thanking her for her comments and advising her of the action to be taken.

Clerk

58.10 PLANNING

WDBC 0290/2010 Chapple Farm Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of an extension to an existing agricultural building with lean to. Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

DNPA 0148/10 Land near Netherton Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of the

erection of timber clad agricultural building. Cllrs agreed to object to this application due to the scale of the size of the building in relation to the area of the land, the existing field store should be sufficient for the size of the acreage and there would appear to be inaccuracy of the plans with regard to the bank. ACTION

Clerk to notify relevant authorities

Decisions received;

DNPA 0049/10 Finglemoor Crockernwell granted.

59.10 FINANCE

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

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £368.33

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £27.40

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

SWWA – Lamb Park £6.54

WD Methodist Church Burial Grant £65

Drewsteignton Gardeners Club – Maintenance Public Gardens £200

Community First – Insurance £426.14

DAPC – Subscriptions £153.16

Holy Trinity Drewsteignton Burial Grant £305

EDF – WC's £32.19

Mr C Gosnay – Bus Shelter Bulbs £15

Drewsteignton Village Hall – Grant £500

The first instalment of the Precept of £5,800 has been received for 2010/11 from WDBC.

The acting Chairman approved the Bank reconciliation at 31 March 2010.

It was agreed to ask Tony Thomas if he would check the annual accounts. Clerk

60.10 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr P Hutty Liberal Democrat candidate have written for support. Details placed in the circulation pack.

The next Eastern Links meeting is 1st July at Church House South Tawton. Cllr

The next DNPA forum meeting is 28th May at 2.15pm at Bovey Tracey. Savage

Okehampton District Community Transport Group have written asking for financial support. It was agreed the Clerk would write stating that the budget is set in November and suggesting that they write in October, rather than April.

61.10 DELEGATES REPORTS

None

62.10 PARISH POST

Nothing to report.

63.10 TRAVELLERS SITE

In the absence of Cllr Ridgers this will be discussed at the next meeting.

64.10 PARISH PLAN

Nothing to report.

65.10 TURNPIKE ROAD

Cllr Hester said that he had received comments from residents about the closure of Turnpike Road and Chapel Hill. Residents at the top of Chapel Hill were unsure of how they would be able to access their homes in snow and ice. Cllr Hester is investigating the possibility of placing gates across the road rather than a permanent fixture. Cllr Hester to report back at the next meeting. Cllr
Hester

66.10 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK

In the absence of Cllr Gosnay this will be discussed at the next meeting.

67.10 NOTICE BOARDS AND BENCHES

Cllr Hester reported that he knows someone who would be willing to renovate the benches in the Parish. He has also looked at the Notice Board at Whiddon Down and it was agreed that it would not require much attention especially if it was placed under cover. It was agreed that the Notice Board would be moved into the Bus Shelter. Cllr Hester to arrange.

68.10 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED

None.

69.10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Travellers Site

Turnpike Road

Drewsteignton Car Park

70.10 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 26th April 2010 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton

Monday 17th May 2010 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

