

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
On  
Monday 21st February 2011

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

Apologies: Cllr Power

In attendance: 9 members of the public

**18.11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Cllr Dyke pointed out that 4.11 item of the minutes should read Greenlands not Greenfields. Subject to this amendment Cllr Gosnay proposed and Cllr Dyke seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 17th January 2011.

**ACTION**

**19.11 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 Castle Drogo planning due to family connections. Cllr Hester declared a personal interest in Chagstock as he would be attending. Cllr Savage declared a personal interest in the Post Box at Hooperton Cross as his in laws live nearby.

**20.11 MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Mudge has been instrumental in securing a new light for the church clock. The landlord of the Drewe Arms has kindly donated the electric to supply the light. The temporary light is currently in place and will need to be moved with the PCC's agreement. The bulb currently used will be reduced wattage as the bulb is very bright at present. Cllrs requested that the Clerk write to Western Power to confirm that the old supply has been terminated and requesting the date of the termination.

DNPA have agreed to fit the counters in the public conveniences in Drewsteignton for a twelve month period.

Clerk to chase James Anstey re meeting to discuss parking outside Drewsteignton Post Office.

**Clerk**

A reply has been received from Louise Dulling WDBC re letter of 15.12.10 in respect of application WDBC 00513/2010 Mellish Whiddon Down. Details placed in circulation pack.

**21.11 HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Savage pointed out that the Post Box at Bowden Cross has been removed. It was agreed the Clerk should write to the Post Office enquiring what the criteria is for the repositioning the box.

**Clerk**

A complaint has been received from Andrew Wakeman of Netherton House Drewsteignton in respect of potholes and surface water issues near his property. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Highways dept in support of the complaints he has made to their department asking them to be as expedient as possible.

**Clerk**

The pothole at Drewston Hill is ever increasing in size as is the one at Veet Mill. The road at Harepath underpass is breaking up. Signage at Chapel Hill still not rectified. Clerk to notify relevant authorities

**Clerk**

The stonewalling between Dogmarsh Bridge and Sandy Park Hill on the left hand side is falling into the road. Cllrs requested the Clerk write to the Highways department asking them to contact the landowners to remedy the situation.

**Clerk**

**22.11 CHAGSTOCK**

Mr Chris Patrick of Woodland Springs addressed the council in respect of the new licence which has been granted to Chagstock for the forthcoming year. WDBC Environmental Health Department have confirmed that they will be monitoring the event this year for noise levels.

**23.11 PLANNING**

DNPA - 0055/11 Baliffs Cottage Drewsteignton. It was agreed to make no comment.

DNPA- 0060/11 Castle Drogo Drewsteignton. It was agreed to make no comment.

**Clerk**

Clerk to inform relevant authorities.

**24.11 PRESTONBURY VIEW**

Several members of the public were present in respect of the allocation of houses at Prestonbury View Drewsteignton. Residents were unhappy with the way the allocation system had been dealt with by West Devon Homes and that a resident had been notified by telephone rather than in writing. There had been poor communication by West Devon Homes and West Devon Borough Council. Cllr Ridges agreed to make representations to WDBC to ensure there is no repeat of

**Cllr  
Ridgers/  
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these actions in other parishes. Details of individual complaints will be collated by Cllr Ridgers. It was agreed that Drewsteignton Parish Council would be sending a letter of complaint to WDBC. Cllr Savage to liaise with Cllr Ridgers to draft an appropriate letter. **ACTION**

#### **25.11 FINANCE**

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

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Salary £368.34

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Expenses £11.69

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Mrs P Rowe – Drewsteignton Post £169.22

Whiddon Down Village Hall £9

Public Loan Board – Loan £1,021.51

#### **26.11 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been received from Woodland Springs in respect of the use of the parish precept. A full response was given to Mr Patrick who was present at the meeting and was satisfied with the reply.

A local flooding survey has been received by DCC. Cllr Savage agreed to complete the survey on behalf of the Council. **Cllr Savage**

The Domestic Violence and Abuse Service have written asking for support for their service as their funding has been cut quite sharply by the Government. It was agreed that the Parish Council were unable to support the cause financially but Cllrs agreed the Clerk should write to Mel Stride MP and James McInnes to show their support for the cause. Cllr Ridgers informed the Council that WDBC were making funds available to this organisation. **Clerk**

WDBC have written to remind Councillors to make any necessary amendments to the register of interests where necessary. **All Cllrs**

#### **27.11 DELEGATES REPORTS**

Cllr Dyke attend a Devon Heartlands Community Forum meeting. Cllr Dyke agreed to represent Drewsteignton Parish Council at these meetings in future.

#### **28.11 TRAVELLERS SITE**

Cllr Ridgers agreed to obtain an update from James McInnes on the current position. **Cllr Ridgers**

#### **28.11 PARISH POST**

Mrs P Rowe has received a quote for printing the monthly Parish Post at £53 per month. It was agreed to trial these printers for a couple of months. This would be more cost effective than at present. Cllr Savage thanked Mr Mike Petrie - Ritchie and Mrs Pauline Rowe for all their efforts producing the Parish Post on a monthly basis.

#### **29.11 PARISH PLAN**

Nothing to report.

#### **30.11 TURNPIKE ROAD**

Devon County Council have stated that the next step to close part of Turnpike Road is for the Parish Council to agree to fund Devon County Council costs of up to £1500 associated with progressing the design of the scheme previously agreed. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to DCC confirming this to be the case and asking that matters progress as soon as possible. **Clerk**

#### **31.11 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK**

Nothing to report.

#### **32.11 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED**

None.

#### **33.11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Whiddon Down Village play area

Whiddon Down Pedestrian Crossing

#### **34.11 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.