

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 21st March 2011

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

Apologies: Cllr Chadney

In attendance: 9 members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the Public and mentioned the sad loss of Barry Colton, Landlord of Fingle Bridge Inn. Barry had contributed a great deal to the community as a whole and would be sadly missed by all who knew him. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a note of condolence to his wife and daughters.

35.11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION

Cllr Dyke proposed and Cllr Hardie seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 21st February 2011.

36.11 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 Mudge declared a personal interest in the planning application DNPA 0081/11 as he works for the applicant.

37.11 MATTERS ARISING

Nothing further has been heard from EDF in respect of the church clock lighting. Clerk to chase. The Clock has now been illuminated thanks to the Drewe Arms and Cllr Mudge is awaiting approval from DNPA to trim the yew tree at the entrance to the Church from the Square which will improve coverage of the path from the streetlight.

Clerk

The Post Office require 200 delivery points and 500 metres from an existing collection point (as the crow flies) for a post box to be situated. Clerk to write to Collection Support Manager at the Post Office to see if it is possible for the Post Box at Bowden Cross to be replaced and also to notify Hittisleigh and Cheriton Bishop Parish Councils that the Box has been removed.

Clerk

No response has been received from James Anstey with a view to arranging a meeting to discuss parking outside the shop. Clerk to chase.

Clerk

MP Mel Stride acknowledges the letter in respect of Domestic Violence cutbacks to funding. Details placed in circulation pack.

38.11 HIGHWAYS

The gully at the bottom of Stonelands Crockernwell requires clearing. 2 Potholes at Veet Mill remain. The pavement outside Crossways Whiddon Down requires attention as it is in need of repair. The road is rutted between the farm shop and the roundabout at the top of Whiddon Down. The stonewalling near Sandy Park has still not been rectified. The fingerpost at Veet Mill Cross has been hit. The side of the road between Burrow Farm and Preston Farm is wearing away. Clerk to notify relevant authorities.

Cutbacks are being undertaken in respect of verge cuttings, Cllrs to monitor position.

Clerk

39.11 PLANNING

DNPA - 0081/11 Preston Cottages Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of a timber framed domestic garage. It was agreed to make no comment.

Clerk to inform relevant authorities.

Decision received – DNPA 0060/11 – Castle Drogo Forest Track granted.

Clerk

40.11 PRESTONBURY VIEW

Several members of the public were present in respect of the allocation of houses at Prestonbury View Drewsteignton. John Packer – affordable housing champion for WDBC - and Marion Playle head of Housing at WDBC attended the meeting to answer questions which the Parish Council had over the inappropriate way the allocation system had been dealt with. Marion Playle apologised on behalf of WDBC for the way West Devon Homes had dealt with the matter and the Chairman stated that he hoped the lesson had been learnt from this and that improvements would be made for the future. John Packer agreed to let Drewsteignton Parish Council have a copy of the section 106 agreement in respect of the Houses at Whiddon Down for future reference.

The Chairman wished John Packer a long and happy retirement.

41.11 FINANCE

Cllr Ridgers proposed and Cllr Hester seconded the following payments to be made;	ACTION
Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Salary £368.34	
Mrs J Bowden – Clerk’s Expenses £18.75	
Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50	Clerk
SWWA – Lamb Park £10.68	
Drewsteignton Village Hall £8	
2011/12 Precept has been agreed by WDBC at £12,513.	
42.11 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
Complaints have been received about Dog Mess in and around Drewsteignton and the Parishioner has kindly written a piece in the Parish Post. Hopefully this will bring the owner of the dog attention to the problem and an improvement will be seen.	
DNPA are arranging a meeting on Tuesday 5 th April 2pm in Fingle woods about the shoot. Cllr Savage agreed to attend.	
The next Eastern Parish Links meeting is Thursday 2 June 2011 at Spreyton Village Hall.	
Election forms have to be submitted to WDBC by noon on 4 th April 2011.	
WDBC have issued a consultation period on draft Council Sex Establishments Licensing policy until 2 June 2011. Comments are welcome.	
Mrs Yardley had forwarded details on the possible closure of the A3124 road at Whiddon Down and the road being diverted from a point before C J Saunders to the Exeter Road near the service area ,from DenBrooke. It was agreed the Parish Council would write to DenBrooke stating that the Parish Council fully support any improvement of this road which is long overdue.	Clerk
Clerk to acknowledge correspondence from Carol Yardley.	
43.11 DELEGATES REPORTS	
Cllr Mudge gave a report of the Playing fields committee. Cllrs requested that the Clerk remind the committee of the need for the accounts to be presented to the Parish Council within a month of the AGM. Also requesting details of when the safety checks have been carried out over the past 12 months to ensure this meets our Insurance standards.	Clerk
Cllr Savage gave a report on the recent Eastern Links meeting.	
44.11 TRAVELLERS SITE	
The site should be evicted at 31 March 2011. Position to be monitored.	
45.11 PARISH POST	
New printers have been used for the latest edition which should lead to costs being saved.	
46.11 PARISH PLAN	
Nothing to report.	
47.11 TURNPIKE ROAD	
Clerk to chase Jo Deasey and write to Cllr J McInnes for an update as Cllrs keen to progress matters.	
48.11 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	
This will be held in Drewsteignton on Tuesday 26 th April at 7.30pm. Oscar Emmanuel and Nigel Padfield to give a presentation on the Community Land Trust. Clerk to organise refreshments.	
49.11 WHIDDON DOWN PLAY AREA	Clerk
Cllr Hester has suggested that a Charity be set up for Whiddon Down to raise funds towards closure of Turnpike Road/Chapel Hill and the Play area and any future schemes. There are funds available from DNPA for Sustainable development but confirmation of funding would be known from April 2011. Cllr Hester to monitor position. There is surplus land at Barn Close which might be available for a play area at Whiddon Down. Clerk to write to Debbie Bird from WDBC to register Drewsteignton Parish Councils interest in this piece of land. John Packer felt that WDBC would be keen for the land to be used as a community project as it was surplus to WDBC requirements.	Clerk
It was agreed the Clerk would write to James McInnes and also chase him for a response to Turnpike Road situation as we have currently received no response from Jo Deasey and Cllrs are keen to move the scheme forward. Also Clerk to enquire what is happening with the Crossing at Whiddon Down which was postponed due to funding last year.	Clerk
50.11 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK	
Nothing to report.	
51.11 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED	
None.	
52.11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	
Travellers Site	
Turnpike Road	
Whiddon Down Crossing	
Whiddon Down Play Area	
53.11 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING	

Monday 18th April 2011 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.28pm.