

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 16th May 2011

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

Apologies: None

In attendance: 6 members of the public

72.11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Hardie proposed and Cllr Power seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 18th April 2011.

73.11 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 Hester declared a personal interest in the Post Inn as he lives next door. Cllr Hardie also declared a personal interest as he lives opposite the Post Inn.

74.11 REGISTER OF INTEREST AND THE DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORMS

These forms were signed in front of the Clerk and handed into the Clerk by all 7 Councillors.

75.11 MATTERS ARISING

Clerk still waiting to hear re missing post box at Bowden Cross Crockernwell.

The Council requested that Ian Maynard Postmaster of Drewsteignton confirm that a group would be able to raise the finances needed to action the traffic order and related works outside the post office in connection with restricted parking. Ian Maynard confirmed that this would be the case. The Parish Council would deal with the necessary works with funds being made available to the Parish Council from the group. Clerk to write to James Anstey and copy in Cllr J McInnes asking for confirmation that costs would not exceed £800 and to subsequently inform the Ian Maynard.

Nigel Padfield gave a report on the Fingle Woods pheasant shoot. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should write to Stephen Beli at DNPA asking for an update of the position.

Cllrs also requested that the Clerk write to Devon and Somerset Fire Brigade asking for an opinion as to what was the cause of the fire on scrubland near Preston Farm on 3rd May 2011 as they wished to be kept informed of any large fires within the parish and if the fire was deliberate what investigations are been carried out by the Police.

76.11 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Savage would continue as Chairman. Cllr Gosnay was proposed as Vice Chairman and seconded by Cllr Dyke as Cllr Mudge did not wish to continue as Vice Chairman.

77.11 CO-OPTION OF 2 ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

Joy Walker and Paul Ridgers expressed an interest in the 2 seats available. All Councillors were in favour of both these individuals and it was unanimously agreed that they would both be co-opted onto the Council. The register of interest and declarations of office forms were signed in front of the Clerk and handed into the Clerk by these 2 Councillors.

78.11 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The following Cllrs agreed to represent the organisations;

Cllr Power – DNPA Planning and Forum Meetings
Cllr Savage and Cllr Ridgers – Eastern Parish Links
Cllr Dyke – Whiddon Down Village Hall
Cllr Gosnay – Drewsteignton Car Park
Cllr Mudge – Drewsteignton Playing Fields
Cllr Mudge – Drewsteignton Village Hall
Cllr Dyke – Devon Heartlands Forum

79.11 HIGHWAYS

It was agreed the Clerk would compile a list of outstanding works to be circulated to all Councillors so that a letter could be sent to Highways.

A reply has been received from ESSO Manager at Whiddon Down. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to DCC asking when action was going to be taken.

ACTION

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80.11 PLANNING	ACTION
DNPA - 0179/2011 Homelands Crockernwell. This application was to install 20 PV Solar panels on roof of a shed. Councillors decided to make no comment.	
DNPA – 0101/09 – Middle Venton Farm Drewsteignton. Councillors decided to make no comment.	Clerk
Clerk to inform relevant authorities.	
Decision received – DNPA 0132/11 and DNOA 0131/11 –Wisdom Cottage Drewsteignton granted.	
81.11 FINANCE	
Cllr Gosnay 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 £54.90	
WPD – Disconnection of Church Light £215.40	Clerk
Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50	
Parish Mag Printers Ltd - £53	
Community First Insurance - £431.25	
DCC – Turnpike Road - £1,500	
Mr A Thomas has audited the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011. The Councillors approved the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011. The Chairman signed the accounts and supporting schedules. The Accounts would now be sent to the audit commission.	Clerk
The Councillors considered its financial risks together with other risks and confirmed that all necessary steps were taken to ensure risks are minimised.	
82.11 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
The next Eastern Parish Links Committee meeting is Thursday 2 nd June at Spreyton Village Hall at 7.30pm.	
Correspondence has been received from the Landlord of the Post Inn, Mr G Short in respect of the wind turbines fitted on his roof. DNPA have asked for the Parish Councils comments of the position as they have informed him that he should have applied for planning permission. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should write to DNPA stating that they expect DNPA to go through the correct procedures with this application and take any necessary action.	Clerk
Sanctuary Housing had requested the number of the Property at Turnpike Close which the Council believe is under-occupied. It was agreed the Clerk would inform them it was no 2.	Clerk
83.11 DELEGATES REPORTS	
None.	
84.11 PARISH POST	
None.	
85.11 A3124 JUNCTION WHIDDON DOWN	
It was agreed the Clerk would write to WDBC asking for an update on the planning application re Denbrooke as the Council wish to be kept informed. Cllr Hardie will inform Carol Yardley of the action being taken by Drewsteignton Parish Council.	
86.11 PARISH PLAN	
Nothing to report.	
87.11 TRAVELLERS SITE	
The Travellers have vacated the land at Whiddon Down with the exception of a small piece owned by the highways Agency. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the Chief Executive at WDBC complaining of the way the matter was handled and asking for action to be taken and a notice to quit to be served on the occupiers and owners of the land..	Clerk
88.11 TURNPIKE ROAD	Clerk
Clerk to write to Cllr J McInnes asking him to put pressure on Area Highways North to speed matters on as Cllrs keen to progress matters.	
89.11 WHIDDON DOWN PLAY AREA	Cllr Ridgers
It was agreed to ask Cllr P Ridgers WDBC to speak to the Asset Management Group at WDBC to explain to them why Drewsteignton Parish Council are interested in the land at Barn Close to use as a children’s play area.	
90.11 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK	
Cllr Gosnay reported the Car Park was in need of grass cutting. Clerk informed him the grass had been cut today.	
91.11 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED	
None.	
92.11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	
New Clerk. Jackie Bowden offered her resignation as Clerk due to other work commitments. She is willing to continue as Clerk until a suitable replacement is found.	
93.11 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING	
Monday 20 th June 2011 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton.	

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.01pm.