

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

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

Apologies: Cllr Ridgers

In attendance: 7 members of the public

121.11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 20 June 2011.
Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Walker seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 4 July 2011.

122.11 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 Hardie and Cllr Hester declared a personal interest in the Post Inn as they are both neighbours.

123.11 MATTERS ARISING

Fingle Shoot maps have been received and are in the circulation pack. More pens have been erected near Fingle Bridge.

Clerk to chase Royal mail re missing Post Box.

Clerk

DNPA understand that the Landlord of the Post Inn will be applying for retrospective planning permission in respect of the wind turbines.

Clerk to chase WDBC in respect of the Trees at the Methodist Church at Whiddon Down and the proposed play area.

Clerk

We are awaiting a reply from DNPA re unlawful use of agricultural land at Crockernwell.

124.11 HIGHWAYS

As Nick Payne has now left his employment with WDBC, Cllrs decided a letter of Thank you should be sent to him at his home address.

Clerk

Paul Ridgers had notified the Council of recycling vehicles who had damaged walls in the Sandy Park area. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should write to WDBC asking them to speak to their contractors to address the situation which is not the first accident in the area by these lorries.

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125.11 PLANNING

DNPA 00318/11 Castle Drogo Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of a raised level area and erection of free standing soft wood cabin for external plant shop area. The Cllrs agreed to make no comment in this case.

Clerk

Clerk to notify relevant authorities

Decisions received;

DNPA 0253/11 and 0254/11 Pixies Cottage Sandsgate Chagford granted.

DNPA 0229/11 Winscombe farm Drewsteignton granted

DNPA have notified the Council of unauthorised residential use of caravan at Homelands Crockernwell and asking for comments. After discussion it was agreed the clerk would respond stating that given the time restraints no site visit had been undertaken and ask why comments had not been sought earlier given that DNPA were aware since May 2011. According to the local Cllrs knowledge there has been some form of residential accommodation in residence for a considerable length of time and for at least the last 4 years.

Clerk

126.11 FINANCE

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

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £368.34

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £17.75

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Mr W G Savage– Travel Expenses £20

Drewsteignton Village Hall - Hire of Hall £8

Whiddon Down Village Hall – Hire of Hall £9

Public Loan Board - £1,021.51

EDF – Re Drewsteignton WC's £35

EDF – re Church Clock £26.56

Clerk

127.11 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr M Hall addressed the Council in respect of the lack of support for Whiddon Down Produce

Market on the 4th Saturday of each month. The committee will continue to run the market for the next 3 months to see if there is an improvement in attendance. It was disappointing to hear that there is a general lack of support considering the results of the Parish Plan which 300 parishioners had stated they would use on a regular basis. ACTION

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128.11 DELEGATES REPORTS

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130.11 PARISH POST

Mr P Ritchie has agreed to continue with the Parish Post for the next couple of additions until some volunteers can be found to replace him. It is hoped that volunteers from each ward within the parish can be found to contribute on a monthly basis. An advert will be placed in the Parish Post..

131.11 TRAVELLERS SITE

Unfortunately Cllr James McInnes was unable to attend the meeting due to being hospitalised. Clerk to try to rearrange a meeting following his recovery. David Sexton from WDBC has written to confirm that he has been regularly visiting the site over the past few years and he stated that as far as he is aware the Travellers are on Crown land and it is unlikely that any action can be taken to either remove them or force the owner to move them. He will pass on any further information he receives from the Highway Agency.

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132.11 WHIDDON DOWN PLAY AREA

It was agreed Clerk would write to WDBC stating that the proposed land has no planning permission for houses to be built and therefore has no development value. As new housing provision of resources is required. There is no further requirement for affordable housing in Whiddon Down as there are in the region of 65% of houses in Whiddon Down which are affordable already which is totally unbalanced. There are already problems with the Methodist Church Yard with children playing in the area.

Clerk

133.11 PARISH PLAN

Nothing to report.

134.11 TURNPIKE ROAD

Nothing further has been heard from DCC re the cheque which had been sent to them. Clerk to monitor position and chase if no reply within the following few days.

135.11 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK

Nothing to report.

136.11 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED

None.

137.11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Rebecca Tolley PCSO

Devon Heartlands Community Development land Trust.

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138.11 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th August 2011 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton.

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Cllr Hester attend the site visit at Nigel Dawes Planning meeting. It was a good meeting and Cllr Hester confirmed that Drewsteignton Parish Council supported the application.

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