

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
On  
Monday 12 December 2011 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Gosnay (Vice Chairman), Walker, Power, Hester, Hardie, Dyke, Ridgers (departed 8.15pm), Mudge (arrived 7.42pm) and the Clerk

Apologies None

In attendance: Devon County Councillor James McInnes  
3 members of the public

**218.11 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Gosnay seconded approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 21 November 2011. Cllr Power proposed and Cllr Hester seconded the minutes of the Planning meeting of 12 November 2011.

**219.11 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. Cllrs Hardie and Hester declared personal interests, as they are both neighbours of the Post Inn. Cllr Ridgers declared a personal interest regarding Castle Drogo

**220.11 MATTERS ARISING**

A letter has been received from Royal Mail regarding the **missing post box**, detailing the Health & Safety issues that have resulted in the post box not being replaced. Remove from agenda.

**Barn Close play area**; No residents have responded to the Parish Post item asking for support. Remove from the agenda.

**Froggy Lane**; Cllr Mudge has arranged a meeting with the DNPA tree officer to assess the permissions needed for the work. Cllrs Mudge & Gosnay to arrange a site meeting with DRST to move the project forward.

**221.11 TRAVELLERS SITE**; A letter has been received from Stuart Bailey at the **Highways Agency** saying that responsibility for the land in question had been transferred to Devon County Council under the Side Roads Order. Clerk to forward copy of above letter to DCCllr James McInnes. Following a request for an update re Environmental Health, a reply has been received saying the EH are satisfied with the current situation and will re-visit in February. Concerns were raised by councillors regarding a further vehicle and no sign of any sanitary facilities.

**222.11 HIGHWAYS:**

**Drewsteignton Post Office**; the cost of the order and line painting will cost about £900. DCCllr James McInnes to progress.

**Turnpike Road closure**; correspondence has been received showing the plans drawn up. These vary from the original idea so Clerk to request further info on likely costings.

**Salt bags** have been distributed by DCC as previously, and by the Snow Warden to key points in the Parish to maintain the minor routes.

**Sandy Park Wall**; Cllr Hester to monitor.

**Faults to be reported by the clerk:**

Large stumps on the verge at Hooperton Cross, clerk/chairman to contact landowner.

A **inspection tour** of the Parish roads will be done by **Steve Dawe** and a councillor (probably Cllr Savage) to enable the South West Highways to have a better understanding of the local issues:

Sign at the Old Inn showing 'No Through Road'

Polford Dip (between Cheriton Bishop & Crockernwell) flooding whenever any rain.

Damaged edges at Preston to Greystone Cross.

Drainage on A382 at Southcott, Whiddon Down.

Drainage at entry to Long Lane, Whiddon Down.

Informal signs directing visitors to the Post Office/Shop have been removed by Highways as 'one complaint had been received'. Advice to be sought from Steve Dawe.

Feedback to DCCllr James McInnes after this meeting.

**223.11 PLANNING**

**Decisions received**; WDBC 01893/2011 Conditionally approved. Details into circulation pack.

DNPA 0526/11 & 0527/11 Conditionally approved. Details into circulation pack.

**Post Inn**; Clerk has requested an update but Nick Savin is away at present. Clerk to chase.

**DNPA 0608/11** Ford House, Drewsteignton. Installation of pond on low area of garden for sustainable energy production. Supported due to sustainable energy production, and minimal impact on the immediate area. Clerk to reply to DNPA

**DNPA 0622/11** Castle Drogo, Drewsteignton. Installation of a sheltered information point near Piddledown Common. No comment. Clerk to reply to DNPA.

**224.11 FINANCE**

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

Ms B Snook – Clerk's Salary £321.93 & Clerk's expenses £13.83

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Parish Mag Printers – Parish Post £53.00

**The Precept planning;** Information received last week says that Parish Councils may be capped for this coming financial year. Information received today (12.12.11) says no cap will be applied to Parish Councils in the immediate future, but Borough Councils are more likely to be capped. The councillors await further information. The council have agreed that a committee should prepare the proposal before the next meeting when the council can check and discuss the application. The Committee will meet early in January.

**225.11 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.**

**Late letters – Planning application DNPA 0622/11,** Castle Drogo, Listed building repairs and alterations. Clerk to request a delayed response until after the next meeting.

**EDF** have instructed bailiffs regarding the electricity bill for the toilets, which was paid as agreed with EDF on 22 November. Clerk has received an apology letter then a further letter from the bailiffs. Clerk has responded to EDF to complain, in particular about the letters being sent to an unoccupied building with public access! Research into alternative providers will be sought in the new year.

**226.11 DELEGATES REPORTS - None**

**227.11 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED - None**

**228.11 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Future Devolved powers

Queens Jubilee Celebrations – map artist

Agenda – details required – clerk to contact DALC for advice.

**229.11 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –**

Monday 16 January 2012 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.02pm