

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
OF  
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
Drewsteignton Village Hall  
On  
Monday 20 February 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Gosnay (Vice Chairman), Walker, Hester, Hardie, Dyke, Mudge, Power and the Clerk  
Apologies: None  
In attendance: 2 members of the public

Cllr Savage opened the meeting, then handed to Cllr Gosnay (Vice Chair) for the rest of the meeting.

**015/12 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Unanimous approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 16 January 2012.

**016/12 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 Hester also declared an interest as he is a neighbour of Mill Farm.

**017/12 MATTERS ARISING**

An update has been received from Joanna Rumble (DNPA) saying that the boxes will be ready shortly and suggesting a site visit to confirm the exact positions. Clerk to reply. The benefits of the boxes will be reviewed, and the options of signage discussed at this review.

**018/12 HIGHWAYS;**

**Whiddon Down Pedestrian Crossing;** this needs to stay on the agenda. Clerk to ascertain previous progress and any safety issues raised. Clerk to contact Highways and Traffic Order Committee. (HaTOC.)

**Turnpike Close parking on verge,** the reply from Sanctuary Housing was read out; they are awaiting confirmation that they do own the land, and looking into installing bollards to prevent parking there.

**Post Office parking lines;** the latest response from Simon Phillips and James Anstee were read out to the meeting. The new possible fee of £1500+ VAT has caused some concern. They will proceed when they receive written confirmation from the chair and the Clerk that payment will be made following an invoice after the works. Tony Thomas (and others) hope to underwrite this amount.

A parishioner has asked about alterations to **Hask Lane** to facilitate lorry access to the incinerator at Pearce's Tellams Yard. The Clerk has made enquiries to Highways, and been told there are no plans in place currently.

**Removal of unofficial signs;** the councillors are striving to resolve this issue in a positive way.

**The stumps** at Hooperton Cross have not yet been removed; Clerk to contact Steve Dawe (Highways)

**Road repairs needed;**

Road at Village Green, Drewsteignton. Road near entrance to Lamb Park, Drewsteignton, Road between Preston and Upperton, road near Ford House, Turnpike road near turnpike Close, Bottom of hill at Netherpton, near Veet Mill Cross. Clerk to contact Highways.

**019/12 PLANNING:**

Decisions received;

DNPA 0622/11 Castle Drogo, Drewsteignton – approved

DNPA 0573/11 1 The Granary, Budbrooke, Crockernwell – refused

DNPA 0623/11 Wisdom Cottage, Drewsteignton - approved

**Post Inn;** Nick Savin (DNPA) has updated the clerk saying that an incomplete application has been received from Mr Short.

**Solar array** on land adjacent to Esso petrol station at Whiddon Down. Initial contact with WDBC suggested that an incomplete planning application had been made. However further enquiry shows nothing valid to date. The installation does require planning permission so the Clerk has requested action from WDBC's enforcement officer Keith Palmer.

**DNPA 0043/12** West Netherpton, Drewsteignton. Replacement glass house, unanimous Neutral View.

**DNPA 0052/12** Trundle, Furlong, Chagford. Conversion of redundant barn to dwelling for local rural worker. The Councillors made a pre-booked visit to the site and were disappointed not to meet the applicant or agent to gain a better understanding of the project. After much discussion the vote result was 7 x Neutral View and 2 objections.

**DNPA 0055/12** Mill Farm, Whiddon Down. PV panels onto barn roof. A site visit was helpful to councillors, and a unanimous vote for Neutral View.

Clerk to respond to planning authorities.

**020/12 FINANCE;**

**a) Payments to be made in January 2012.**

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

Ms F Snook – Salary & expenses £337.76

Mr M Rowe – Drewsteignton Public Conveniences £73.50

Parish Mag Printers £53.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall £9.00  
 EDF – Public WC electricity £61.18

**021/12 General correspondence**

**Late letters;**

Correspondence from **PCSO Lisa Smith** has said the police have done some work monitoring traffic speed at key locations mentioned at the last meeting, and hope to install some speed detection boxes in Crockernwell. This measuring work has been done previously, and the Parish Council would like to see some enforcement action. Clerk to reply thanking the police for their work and requesting enforcement action. Clerk also to enquire about re-introduction of Community Speedwatch.

**Domestic Violence & Abuse Service** have written requesting funding and promotion through the notice-boards. The Council are not in a position to fund any such organisations at present, but can help promote awareness.

**Agenda Correspondence;**

Stephen Emanuel has written asking about the 2 **dead/damaged trees** in the car park. The damage appears to be from previous careless strimming. Professional advice has been sought and the trees will be dealt with, but not replaced as the apple crop is too great for locals to handle. To avoid further damage the grounds-man (Steve Carter) will weed-kill around each trunk. Clerk to contact Stephen Emanuel and Steve Carter.

**Apparently abandoned vehicles** in the car park will be reported to WDBC for action.

**022/12 Turnpike Road Closure;** awaiting Traffic Order. The funding application to DCC prepared by Cllr Hester and the Clerk will be forwarded to DC Councillor James McInnes. Clerk to chase Traffic Order.

**023/12 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations** – Cllr Walker updated the council, the next meeting with the artist will be on Friday 24 Feb at Whiddon Down. All councillors are invited.

**024/12 Delegates Reports** – Cllr Dyke gave a brief report on the Devon Heartlands meeting he attended recently.

**025/12 Comments on information circulated** – none

**026/12 Future agenda items** - Annual Parish Meeting, Car park hedge, Travellers camp – update,

**027/12 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** –

Monday 19 March 2012 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down.

There being no further business, the acting Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.