

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 21 May 2012 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: None

In attendance: 1 member of the public

052/12 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Savage and Cllr Gosnay stepped down. Cllr Savage said it was time for a change and he would not stand as chairman. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Gosnay should be the Chairman and Cllr Walker Vice Chairman. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Savage for his work

053/12 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting 16 April 2012; Proposed by Cllr Mudge and seconded by Cllr Hester

054/12 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. None.

055/12 REGISTER OF INTEREST AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORMS

Cllrs Walker, Power and Hester have declared changes in their circumstances. Cllrs Gosnay and Walker signed Acceptance of Office Forms. **Clerk to process.**

056/12 MATTERS ARISING

Dog Waste bins; Mr Brice (who complained to WDBC) gave a false address to WDBC, so cannot be contacted. Prices for WDBC to empty bins are £1.04 per visit, with a good choice of frequency. Mick Jones (National Trust) is happy to join forces for a new awareness campaign. **Clerk to follow up.**

Castle Drogo Community notice board; see above for priority notice.

Enquiry to divert Byeway Open to All Traffic (BOAT), Johnathan Rowlands (Public Rights of Way warden) told the Clerk that this road is not a BOAT but a Category 7 road, and under Steve Dawe's (Highways) jurisdiction. This makes the idea more complicated to carry out.

057/12 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Cllr Power – DNPA

Cllr Gosnay – Car park

Cllr Savage – Eastern Links

Cllr Ridgers – Eastern Links

Cllr Mudge – Drewsteignton Village Hall

Cllr Walker – Snow warden & Playing fields

Cllr Dyke – Whiddon Down Village Hall & Heartlands

058/12 PLANNING:

Decisions received;

DNPA 0115/12 Church Cottage, Drewsteignton - listed building consent - approved

DNPA 0134/12 Netherton House, Drewsteignton – gate widening - approved

DNPA 0201/12 West Ford Farm, Drewsteignton; retrospective horse training area. Site visit requests have been refused. Because the Parish Council have been denied access they cannot confirm that material conditions have been satisfied, and therefore **OBJECT.**

DNPA 0223/12 North Cuma, Drewsteignton; extension and alterations. Following a site visit and with discussions with the agent at this meeting councillors understood that the proposal sustains the distinctiveness of Dartmoor National Park, enhances the local built environment, and uses appropriate materials. Unanimous **SUPPORT.**

WDBC 02573/2102 Narraway Farm, Whiddon Down – retrospective solar array. Access for a site visit was denied. The Planning Policy guidelines which have been requested from WDBC have not been supplied the Parish Council have no criteria against which to measure. The Parish Council **OBJECT** on the grounds of the installation being 'sporadic development in the countryside'. Also there is no change of use application, but the land can no longer be used for agriculture. In the application Section 15 says no existing hedges have been removed, this is inaccurate. Section 21 states the site area which doesn't tally with drawing no SKD06. Section 24 states that the site is not visible from any public road, etc. This is also inaccurate.

059/12 HIGHWAYS;

Post Office parking lines; Tony Thomas has sent 220 letters requesting donations and received some positive responses.

Turnpike Road closure; The Traffic Order has been published and local residents will be encouraged to write in to support the proposal. The Parish Council has also written in support of the change.

Turnpike Close parking on verge, an update has been received from Sanctuary housing saying they will install more bollards.

Whiddon Down service area roadway; WDBC cannot inform us of the landowners details, but say they will

send out a Health & Safety Officer to inspect the site.

Road repairs needed;

Turnpike Road near Turnpike Close, Ford Hill, north of Puddicombe, Broken glass in underpass, Whiddon Down & Venton verges overgrown and will soon restrict vision for safe traffic movements. **Clerk to contact Highways.**

060/12 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in May 2012.

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

Post Office – Stamps - £99.76 paid 29 April

Ms B Snook – Salary & expenses - £388.16

Ms B Snook – APM expenses – S137 - £43.81

Whiddon Down Village Hall - £18.00

Parish Mag Printers - £106.00

W Savage - Crockernwell Jubilee grant - £300.00

Drewsteignton village Hall – annual grant - £300.00

AH Thomas – Drewsteignton Jubilee grant - £100.00

EDF – electricity - £35.00

Harriet Helliwell – map artist - £150.00

b) **VAT reclaim** received £1255.

c) **End of Year Audit Commission paperwork** completed by Clerk, and signed by Clerk & Chairman.

Councillors confirmed financial risks have been considered, and agreed that suitable procedures are in place.

Clerk to send completed forms to the Audit Commission.

061/12 General correspondence

Late letters; none

Agenda letters

Police update on speeding issues has been sent, with no mention of Whiddon Down. Local residents were unimpressed by the Officers High Viz presence. A site meeting will be requested with Road casualty reduction officer Mark Goulding and a representative from DCC. Cllr Savage to follow up. Also still no response from the Community Speedwatch co-ordinator. **Clerk to contact Chief Constable.**

An email from PC Nadine Wilson says she is unable to attend Parish Council meetings as they fall outside her shift pattern. **Clerk to reply** requesting an alternative representative, with a reminder that Councillors hours are unpaid! Copy to Sergeant Corinne Sargent.

Previous Clerk Brenda Lunt calculated how much this Parish pays to Devon & Cornwall police. Clerk to repeat exercise, and check our 'value for money' situation.

Travellers Site; a WDBC Environmental Health inspector visited the site recently and found everything in order.

Clerk to forward this information to Cllr James McInnes.

Whiddon Down residents have received letters from **RES** regarding the repositioning of the **road junction** opposite the Post Inn.

The Clerk received paper notification of the change to the **boundary of the conservation area in**

Drewsteignton, despite requests no digital copy has been sent. Complaints about the boundary changes have been made by several residents. The percentage area increase appears to be more than 'minor', the change is not mentioned in the DNPA DMD document, and previous correspondence from this Parish Council in August and September 2010 seem to have been ignored. **Clerk to contact DNPA** with comments and concerns of parishioners and councillors.

062/12 Playing Field constitution and future; at the committee AGM a new committee could not be formed, in this situation the money reverts to the Parish Council for safekeeping, because the Playing Field committee is a sub group of the Parish Council. They will hold an Extraordinary Annual General Meeting on 11 June 2012. The current Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will continue until this meeting. Concerns were raised that only 7 members of the public attended the original AGM, and some publicity is needed for the next meeting. The Playing Fields are financially healthy, but need more people to give time to the organisation. The Parish council must consider it's potential position. Cllr Mudge will continue his liaison with the Playing Field team until the Extraordinary AGM has taken place, then Cllr Walker will take over this role.

063/12 Fingle Shoot; local representative Nigel Padfield has attended a meeting about the future of the shoot at DNPA, but no report received yet.

064/12 The Commemorative Parish map was unveiled at the APM, and copies will be for sale at Teignton Fayre, and the Crockernwell Jubilee event. **Retail cost £7.50.** A small profit will help towards initial outlay. The National Trust at Castle Drogo are also interested in selling the map. A copy to be sent to the Queen. The original will be hung in the church. **Clerk to follow up.**

065/12 Prayers at Council meetings – nothing new to report

066/12 Delegates Reports – none

067/12 Comments on information circulated – none

068/12 Future agenda items – Turnpike Close 106 agreement

069/12 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 18 June 2012 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55pm

