

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 16 July 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Gosnay (Chairman), Walker (Vice Chairman), Savage, Hardie, Hester, Dyke, Mudge, Power, and the Clerk.
Apologies: Cllr Ridgers
In attendance: 5 members of the public

083/12 ADOPTION OF CODE OF CONDUCT; the two options have been studied and differences noted. The vote was unanimous to adopt the version offered by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). Clerk to inform WDBC and **issue Declaration of Interest Forms for all Councillors to complete.**

084/12 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting 16 June 2012; Proposed by Cllr Mudge and seconded by Cllr Power.

085/12 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. Cllr Power declared an interest in Planning; decisions received.

086/12 MATTERS ARISING

Police update on speeding issues; an email has been received from PC Nadine Wilson outlining the requirements for a Community Speedwatch programme. A team of at least 6 is needed, to include a co-ordinator, a separate item in the Parish Post will ask for volunteers. This issue needs to be supported by residents, and not by the Councillors who are already busy with community commitment. The Clerk has Pre-Application questionnaires available for interested parties.

Also a site meeting is needed to highlight the need for traffic calming, with the Casualty Reduction Officer, (Mark Goulding), a rep from DCC, and a rep from Highways, along with Cllr Savage. **Clerk to chase.**

No residents have come forward regarding the **Changes to the Drewsteignton Conservation Area**, until today. **Clerk to request Code of Practice, invite DNPA rep to PC next meeting, and to write to DNPA Chief Executive.**

Sanctuary Housing have sent details of their communication with DNPA regarding the **106 Agreement at Turnpike Close**. They realise that the procedure wasn't adhered to in this case, although inadvertently, not deliberately. Sanctuary Housing have tightened up the procedure for future tenant exchanges.

087/12 PLANNING

Decisions received; **DNPA 0097/12 Certificate of Lawfulness – Tor Down – granted**

WDBC 02750-2012 - Link Road, Whiddon Down. The Parish Plan has previously shown the need for this by pass, with 84% of Whiddon Down residents in support. The site visit (Sat 14 July) highlighted concerns about the details of the plan, particularly for large vehicles turning from west to north. Also in plans previously proposed by Devon County Council there was a roundabout which would act as a traffic calming measure for the village. Local businesses were worried about losing passing trade. Also there were concerns raised about pedestrian safety with change of visibility on the A3124 from Hole Cottages towards the village. The applicant Daniel Leahy of RES Ltd spoke to meeting and said the project was flexible and RES were keen to maintain a long term good relationship with the local population. He also said that no traffic surveys were available for the current junction, and local knowledge could help amend plans. Mr Leahy was happy to provide signage for local businesses, a pedestrian walkway, and consider the roundabout subject to additional land requirements, or provide alternative traffic calming measures.

Several parishioners have written to the council about the plan, and some also spoke at the meeting. Bob Colebrook-Clark (tenant at the Post Inn) explained his concerns, having worked hard to revive the business.

Councillors voted unanimously to **Support** the application due to the enhanced quality of life, and road safety for residents. Also reduction of noise and fumes for the village centre, and the Council support sustainable energy production (RES core business) with the comments raised above regarding the details. Clerk to contact WDBC.

West Ford Farm – camping – the camp site is licensed by the Caravan & Camping Club as a Certified Site, for up to 5 caravans/campers and as many tents as there is suitable space. Contact with DNPA about this issue is ongoing. **Clerk to chase.**

WDBC 02830-2012 – High Wynds, Whiddon Down – removal of mobile home and construction of replacement dwelling – following the site visit (Sat 14 July) Councillors had very different viewpoints. After discussion the vote went OBJECT X 2, SUPPORT X 1, NEUTRAL VIEW X 5. Clerk to respond **NEUTRAL VIEW.**

088/12 HIGHWAYS

An email has been sent by the Maynards to Simon Phillips of Highways regarding the hours for the **Parking Restrictions at the Post Office.**

An email from Rob Richards has requested delaying the **Turnpike Road closure** to accommodate other road works' diversions. As Turnpike Road has a Traffic Order forbidding through traffic is this diversion legal? Is this a money saving exercise? If so what discount will be applied to the Council's bill?

WDBC Health & Safety accepted the dangerous state of the **Esso service station roadway**, but the work is still not done with the peak tourist season starting now this is a dangerous situation. WDBC Officer on holiday. **Clerk to chase again.**

089/12 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in July 2012.

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £395.48

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £73.50

Parish Mag Printers - £74.00

Drewsteignton Village Hall - £8.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall – x 2 hires - £18.00

b) Income from map print sales - £96.00

c) Income from honesty boxes (car park & public toilets) - £27.85

090/12 General correspondence

Late letters;

Chagford Parish Council would like to get together regarding cross parish **TAP funding**. Cllr Savage agreed to attend meeting on Thursday 19 July. Clerk to contact Chagford clerk.

Fingle Shoot; letter arrived detailing the request by the shoot to lift restrictions imposed by DNPA, and a copy of the lease conditions, which are improved in some ways, though many of the council's recommendations have not been implemented. The council can send representation to the DNPA meeting on 3 August. **Clerk** to reiterate previous comments, and follow up from previous meetings.

Agenda letters;

Thank you letter from Her Majesty the Queen for the print of the parish map.

North Dartmoor Search & Rescue Team requesting donations. The council do not have spare money to donate to such causes, but recognise the good works, and suggest NDSRT contact Teignton Fayre for future funding.

091/12 Planning enforcement WDBC; A caravan at Martins Park Farm has temporary planning permission which is due to expire. The conditions imposed by WDBC have not been complied with. **Clerk to contact WDBC** to clarify situation.

The Travellers Site – an update is needed on land ownership. **Clerk to contact James McInnes.**

092/12 Car park handrails; posts need checking and replacing. Metal replacements should last longer. Cllr Savage to follow up possible tradesman. Damaged trees also need replacing. Repairs are not often successful.

093/12 Prayers at Council meetings – nothing new to report. To be discussed fully at the next meeting.

094/12 Delegates Reports – Cllrs Walker & Gosnay attended the Fun day at the **Playing Fields**, which was wet but still popular and fun.

095/12 Comments on information circulated – none

096/12 Future agenda items – Esso roadway, Link Road, Travellers Site, Barn Close Play Area.

097/12 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20 August 2012 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.42pm