

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 17 September 2012 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Gosnay (Chairman), Walker (Vice Chairman), Hardie, Hester, Dyke, Power, and the Clerk.
Apologies: Cllr Savage
In attendance: None

118/12 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Hardie proposed, and Cllr Power seconded approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting 20 August 2012. Cllr Walker proposed, and Cllr Dyke seconded approval of the minutes of the planning meeting 5 September 2012

119/12 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.

120/12 MATTERS ARISING

Community Speedwatch has one more volunteer, but progress is slow.

The Clerk has not received any response from Kevin Bishop (Chief Executive) DNPA regarding the changes to the **boundary of the Drewsteignton Conservation Area**. **Clerk to chase**. Resident Jean Partridge phoned the Clerk to thank the Council for its continued work on this matter. She said she was concerned about the way the matter was handled rather than the result.

Whiddon Down Bypass plans are raising concerns with DCC suggesting the existing junction should remain open. A site meeting was held on 6 September with DCCLr James McInnes, Cllrs Gosnay, Dyke, Hester and Ridgers, local resident Carol Yardley and DCC Highways' Chris Gubby to establish what other options are possible. A one way system has been suggested. A further meeting is needed now including a representative from RES to make progress which will suit the village.

Toilet counter data has been sent by DNPA, it will be interesting to see if the income from the honesty box correlates with the numbers of users throughout the forthcoming year.

Post Office parking restrictions; a supporting letter has been sent to DNPA, and a site meeting is due for Friday 21 September to include all parties. Cllr Power to attend.

121/12 HIGHWAYS:

Turnpike Road closure; work has started today.

Whiddon Down services Esso roadway; the clerk made direct contact with Duncan Evans of Esso who explained the complications of the works, and said the scheduled date is 1 October.

122/12 PLANNING

Decisions received; **DNPA 0430/12 Replacement roof at West Ford Farm. Granted conditionally.**

DNPA 0430/12 Revised response, following the previous meeting the Councillors asked for the proposal to be checked by the Historic Buildings Officer, the information received meant that the response was revised from OBJECT to NEUTRAL VIEW.

Enforcement at **Martins Park Farm**; several emails between the Clerk and WDBC have eventually informed the council that the landowner is in the process of applying to extend the lapsed permission. Cllr Ridgers chased WDBC for a time-scale, which was vague. The landowner Jane Ross phoned the Clerk to say the application was in progress.

123/12 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in August 2012.

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £388.92

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £110.06

Audit Commission – audit fee - £192.00

Councillors agreed to fund 50% of a new printer needed soon by the Clerk, approx £50 to pay.

b) Precept payment due in September £6550.00

c) Income from map print sales - £37.50. Councillors agreed to donate a map print to each village hall to promote sales.

d) Income from honesty boxes (car park £60.49 toilets £10.96)

124/12 General correspondence

Late letters;

Pauline Rowe has asked if the council can fund the magazine printers to fold and staple the **Parish Post**. This is well within the budget allocated, so the councillors agreed. Pauline and Mike Rowe work hard within the community and this is appreciated by the council.

DNPA have sent a **Tree Works** permission consultation for Saddler's Close, Crockernwell. No response to be sent.

Barn Close Play Area; the Clerk has contacted the Post Inn to encourage them to pursue this project. They will keep the Council informed.

DNPA have sent a reminder regarding the **DMD 24**, which limits extensions to 30% size, with very limited exceptions.

WDBC's Localism Officer Nick Clarke has sent some information, and offered to attend a council meeting to give a briefing and advice. Clerk to arrange.

Agenda letters;

Sanctuary Housing have a potential tenant for a vacant house in Turnpike Close, who doesn't meet all the **Section 106** requirements. The Clerk replied explaining that the Council want Section 106 to be considered when selecting tenants, but leaving a house empty is wrong and the situation should be viewed overall.

Village **street lights** are on all night, which is bad for the Parish carbon footprint and light pollution. **Clerk to contact Highways** to ask about timers.

West Devon Homes AGM is 20 September, no councillors available to attend.

125/12 Policy on Prayers at meetings; no change, councillors agreed to review in January.

126/12 Delegates reports –

Cllr Savage sent a report from his **site meeting** (22 Aug) about **speeding** with Cllrs Gosnay, Savage and Dyke, DCCllr James McInnes, Casualty Reduction Officer PC Mark Goulding, Highways Road Safety Officer Michael Newcombe. PC Goulding has re-evaluated statistics and agreed to 'periodic' checks as time allows. Traffic calming with white lines is possible, but must be done on a 'blank canvas' and the recently painted lines will delay this considerably.

Michael Newcombe sent a thorough report following this meeting.

Cllr Savage also sent a report from the **Eastern Links** meeting (6 September); the local Police Inspector has left, and they await a replacement. The new Standards Committee is Chaired by James McInnes who says the Councillors need to provide further information on their Declaration of Interests. **Clerk to check.**

127/12 Comments on information circulated – None

128/12 Future agenda items – None

129/12 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 15 October 2012 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.07 pm