

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 15 October 2012 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: None

In attendance: DNPA Ranger Pete Rich, WDBC Localism Officer Nick Clarke and 9 members of the public

130/12 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Power proposed, and Cllr Hardie seconded approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting 19 September 2012.

131/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and Register 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 Dyke stated his interest in the Okehampton Community Transport item. The Clerk has been in contact with the Monitoring Officer at WDBC Catherine Bowen, but is still awaiting details regarding spouses interests required under the National Association of Local Councils' Code of Conduct.

132/12 WDBC Localism Officer Nick Clarke gave a presentation about Localism; the act, WDBC's strategy, and how it might apply to Parish Councils

133/12 MATTERS ARISING

Community Speedwatch now has 5 – 6 volunteers, this may or may not be enough to progress to training. **Clerk to enquire.**

The Clerk has today received a phone call from Stephen Belli (DNPA Head of Planning) regarding the changes to the **boundary of the Drewsteignton Conservation Area**. Mr Belli will attend the next council meeting to explain, and meet residents affected. **Clerk to find previous correspondence and minutes, and to individually invite the residents directly affected.**

Whiddon Down Bypass, a further meeting has been arranged with DC Councillor James McInnes, Highways Chris Gubby, RES's Daniel Leahy and Cllr Hester for 19 October to progress the one way proposal, and other speed reduction measures such as prioritising traffic using the new road, rather than traffic using the village route, as suggested by Cllr Mudge.

Post Office parking restrictions; Cllr Power attended a site meeting on 19 September, with DNPA's Jo Rumble, DC Councillor James McInnes, the Maynards and Highways Simon Phillips. It was agreed that the area concerned should be delineated by studs in the ground. Remove from agenda. PO to progress.

Maintenance works; the work on car park handrail is successful. Cllrs agreed to works on the bus shelters in Whiddon Down to go ahead. Clerk to contact Moor Odd Jobs.

134/12 HIGHWAYS:

Councillors reported to DNPA ranger Pete Rich on the **footpaths** they walked. Generally in good condition, some damaged gates and signage, to be dealt as DNPA budgets allow.

Turnpike Road Closure, the work has been done, but the bund is already collapsing, the pedestrian gap is large enough for small cars to drive through, and permission was not sought from the landowner for the additional signage to be installed. There is also increased traffic illegally using Chapel Hill, (23 vehicles in 1 hour) this will be monitored. The clerk has contacted Rob Richards (Highways) with photos of the problems, and asked him to visit the site. It has been agreed that all new signage will be moved to the eastern post. DC Councillor James McInnes will visit the site on 19 September, Highways Chris Gubby may accompany him. Residents are pleased that the road is closed, but many are concerned at the standard of workmanship. Also concerns were raised about the overgrown hedgerows. The late school bus from Okehampton now drops the children off on the blind corner of the A382 at the top of Turnpike Road, this appears unsafe. **Clerk to contact Okehampton College to get details of contract with the bus company.**

Whiddon Down services Esso roadway; the works have been completed. **Clerk to thank Esso's Duncan Evans for the thorough job done.**

Flooding still occurs on the A382 outside Southcott. **Clerk to contact Highways**

135/12 PLANNING

Decisions received; Tree in Saddlers Close, Crockernwell not subject to protection.

DNPA 0432/12 Ford House, Drewsteignton – pond - approved

DNPA 0509/12 Stone Lane Farm, Change of Use of land from agricultural to car park. Grass parking with no marked spaces. Cllrs **supported** unanimously, due the proposal's minimal impact on the landscape and bringing tourism into the area. Clerk to respond to DNPA.

DNPA 0390/12 Sandy Park Inn, Change of use of land from agricultural to car park, amended application. 4 letters of objection have been received. The Councillors have visited the site twice and tested the disputed

access turning left into, and right out of the gateway. With a normal sized car this was no problem. The applicant spoke to the meeting, and 3 members of the public spoke against the proposal. Councillors continued from their lengthy discussions from the meeting 20 August 2012, and **voted 7 x SUPPORT and 1 X OBJECT**, So the response to DNPA is to SUPPORT. **Clerk to contact authority.**

DNPA 0526/12 Golden Lion House, Crockernwell, Conversion of barn to ancillary accommodation; following a site visit Cllr Savage said that this is a householder development (CORE 2), it is in sympathy with the conservation area (CORE 1) and preserving an historical (1805) building (CORE 21). A letter of objection has been received regarding parking, however Highways have already stated that the proposal is not detrimental to road safety (CORE 21). Unanimous **SUPPORT**. **Clerk to contact DNPA**

136/12 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in October 2012.

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £402.90

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £73.50

Drewsteignton Village Hall – hall hire - £8.00

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Moor Odd Jobs – car park handrail maintenance - £204.98

South West Water – playing field tap - £7.80

EDF – toilets electricity - £35.00

b) Income from honesty boxes (car park £47.79 toilets £9.27)

c) TAP funding & Locality Budgets; new information has arrived from the Clerk to Eastern Links, but still nothing relevant to Drewsteignton Parish.

137/12 General correspondence

Late letters;

Complaints from a resident about road conditions in the east of the parish. **Clerk to contact highways.**

Agenda letters;

Okehampton District Community Transport Group have written requesting financial support. They have 8 occasional users from the parish and one regular user. The council policy is not to donate parishioners money, and councillors agreed that this policy must remain in force. ODCTG will be offered promotion through the council website. **Clerk to reply.**

Citizens Advice Bureau have written requesting financial support. They have helped with 36 enquiries from Drewsteignton Parishioners. The council policy is not to donate parishioners money, and councillors agreed that this policy must remain in force. CAB will be offered promotion through the council website. **Clerk to reply.**

Barn Close Play Area; a letter of objection has been received.

138/12 Delegates reports – Cllr Power attended the PO parking meeting, see 133/12.

Cllr Walker reported from the Playing Field Committee that there will be a bonfire party on 4 November, and a curry night 17 November. Details to go on Council website.

139/12 Comments on information circulated – None

140/12 Future agenda items – Martins Park Farm, Whiddon Down

141/12 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 19 November 2012 at 7.30pm at Whiddon Down, in the Chairman's absence Cllr Walker (Vice Chair) will lead the meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.46 pm