

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 19 November 2012 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies Cllr Gosnay (Chairman)

In attendance: DNPA Director of Planning Stephen Belli and 5 members of the public

142/12 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Mudge proposed, and Cllr Savage seconded approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting 17 October 2012.

143/12 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. The Clerk has again been in contact with the Monitoring Officer at WDBC Catherine Bowen, but has just received details regarding spouses interests required under the National Association of Local Councils' Code of Conduct. This requires some careful study, and possibly advice from DCC James McInnes.

144/12 MATTERS ARISING

DNPA's Director of Planning Stephen Belli spoke to the meeting outlining the history of the **Changes to the Drewsteignton Conservation Area**. The process started several years ago, and there was sporadic consultation between DNPA and the Parish Councils affected. Councillors and members of the public spoke and asked questions. It appears that DNPA asked the Parish Councils affected to consult residents on their behalf, although there are no minutes showing this as actions required. Mr Belli apologised to a resident who had written to DNPA early in the process and never received any acknowledgement.

Neighbours of the **Fingle Shoot** have complained that trespass has occurred on at least 2 properties. Groups of unsupervised working dogs wandering freely. There are hundreds of birds outside the shoot land. One local farmer has been advised not to bother planting 70 acres of crop as he will lose 30% to the straying birds. Stephen Belli said the new lease and licence is much stricter and any complaints (ideally with photographic evidence) should be put in writing to the landowner and copied to DNPA. The situation will be reviewed by DNPA in January.

On 19 October there was a further visit to the **Whiddon Down bypass** site by Cllrs Hester, Ridgers, RES's Daniel Leahy, DCC James McInnes and Highways Chris Gubby. The idea of a one way system past Saunder's entrance was well received, and a revised application is in the pipeline.

Maintenance works; the work on the Whiddon Down bus shelters has been successfully completed.

145/12 HIGHWAYS:

Turnpike Road Closure, since the last meeting a plastic barrier has been installed by Highways to prevent cars squeezing through the gap. As a temporary measure this is successful, however the long term situation is not resolved. On 9 November the Clerk collated the councillors' responses on this matter and wrote to Highways, and is still awaiting a reply. Clerk to chase. Traffic is still an issue in Chapel Hill although some positive policing seems to help deter through traffic. Better targeted timing of police visits may be more productive. Cllr Hester is working on the proposed widening of the gateway at 1-4 Turnpike Road as the required left turn out is awkward.

Pre-winter works required; Crockernwell storm drains (from Hooperton Cross to the village),

give way sign at Higher Fingle graffitied out,

flytipping of soil and debris including litter could encourage further fly tipping,

pothole in Drewsteignton Square,

drain at north-east end of Chapel Hill frequently full of debris; the soil gully leading here is not adequate and needs an upgrade to concrete.

Drain between Cross Farm and the Castle Drogo drive is blocked,

Long Lane junction at Whiddon Down still flooding.

146/12 PLANNING

Decisions received;

DNPA 0509/12 Stone Lane Gardens, car park – approved

DNPA 0526/12 Golden Lion House, Crockernwell, ancillary accommodation - approved

Applications;

DNPA 0567/12 Ground mounted **solar array at Upperton**, Drewsteignton. A site visit on 17 November helped councillors unanimously reach a **NEUTRAL VIEW** response. Clerk to contact authority.

WDBC 03192/2012 Retention of a mobile home for residential use by agricultural worker at **Martins Park**

Farm, Whiddon Down. The site was visited by some of the councillors on 17 November. Bio security concerns meant that councillors had to view the site from the gate entrance. The applicant was present at this meeting and answered councillors questions about the proposal. She currently has around 100 goats, and 300/600 chickens. Following discussion the councillors voted; SUPPORT X 2, OBJECT X 6. Clerk to send **OBJECT** response due to 'sporadic development in the countryside' to WDBC. The councillors would like the opportunity to discuss a further temporary application.

An email was sent from one of the **Sandy Park Inn car park** objectors to Cllr Gosnay, who with the councillors consent replied. In Cllr Gosnay's absence this item will be deferred until the next meeting.

The application at **North Cuma** (DNPA 0223/12) has been sent to the Secretary of State for appeal purposes. No action required.

147/12 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in November 2012.

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £384.17

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £73.50

Drewsteignton Village Hall – hall hire - £8.00

Whiddon Down Village Hall – hall hire £9.00

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Moor Odd Jobs – bus shelter maintenance - £162.00

b) Income from honesty boxes (car park £28.17) (toilets £11.66)

c) Income from map sales; Post Office unable to provide sales data to clerk

d) The Clerk is preparing a budget for **Precept planning**, Councillors need to send any suggestion for projects next year to the clerk. District budgets will be capped at 2%. Details of any cap for the Parish Council will be sent early in January. A committee of the Parish Council will meet soon before the December meeting to draft financial requirements to present to the council.

148/12 General correspondence

Late letters; Cllr Savage suggested a letter to the new Commissioner for Police and Crime Tony Hogg, congratulating him, and inviting him to a Parish Council meeting.

Agenda letters;

149/12 Local Emergency Planning; Cllr Hester is preparing a map with flash flooding hot spots, and help-line phone numbers for distribution across the Parish. Advice may be available from WDBC and Sticklepath PC.

150/12 Local Council Tax Benefits consultation to be reviewed again by WDBC in January.

151/12 Delegates reports – None

152/12 Comments on information circulated – None

153/12 Future agenda items – None

154/12 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – **Wednesday 19 December** at Drewsteignton

There being no further business, the meeting Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm