

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 18 February 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Gosnay, Mudge, Hardie, Hester, Dyke, Savage, Walker, Power and the Clerk.
Apologies Cllr Ridgers
In attendance 1 member of the public

017/13 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Power proposed, and Cllr Hardie seconded approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting 21 January 2013.

018/13 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. None.

019/13 MATTERS ARISING

A letter has been received from DNPA regarding the review of the **Fingle Shoot** lease in March. All comments must be in by 8 March. The survey forms in the current issue of the Parish Post will be collected at the end of February, and the Cllrs agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Walker should collate the data and forward a summary to DNPA. It was agreed that a visual representation may have more impact than lots of text.

The work on Crockernwell **bus shelter** has been completed satisfactorily and an invoice received from the contractor by the Clerk. This has been forwarded to the insurance company. A cheque has been prepared to pay the excess of £100. **Clerk to chase the insurance company if necessary.**

A response has been received from DCCouncillor James McInnes about the proceeds from the proposed sale of the Throwleigh Centre. This says the proceeds will be put in trust to benefit young people in Throwleigh and nearby parishes including Drewsteignton. A report will go to the West Devon County Committee on 27 March. Clerk to follow up at a later date.

Dartline bus company who run the route currently illegally using Chapel Hill, Whiddon Down, say that Devon county Council dictate the route. The Clerk has been in touch with DCC about this, but only received a holding reply. **Clerk to chase.**

Sticklepath Parish council have written to the local MP Mel Stride to complain about the **reduction in bus routes** through the villages between Exeter and Okehampton. An email received from South Tawton Parish Council today says that Western Greyhound's Facebook page says;

"We will be making some changes to the 510 and 599 services from Monday 15 April. There will be more buses running through the villages between Exeter and Okehampton and a few other adjustments following public requests. Timetables will be out soon."

The council have received a response regarding the **Travellers Site** at Whiddon Down, from Simon Kitchen (DCC) via DCCouncillor James McInnes. It says that Highways are due to evict the occupants in March, but the welfare assessments required are not yet done.

020/13 HIGHWAYS:

Turnpike Road closure; Cllrs Hester & Hardie had a site meeting with Rob Richards (Highways Design Office) and he agreed to insert 2 metal bollards to maintain the pedestrian gap at 1.2 metres wide.

Cllr Ridgers has requested that the **Whiddon Down link road** planning application should be passed by delegated powers. The Consent letter arrived at the Clerk's office today. The footpath is outside RES's development boundary, but RES are still willing to fund this. The Clerk has contacted Highways Chris Gubby to ask about this, but no response yet. **Clerk to chase.**

Crockernwell drainage problems have been sorted, (10 weeks after the first complaint)

Road repairs required;

Hask Lane – potholes

Wedesden Hill (Higher Fingle – Veet Mill) - potholes

Sandy Park to Drogo drive – potholes

Greystone – Preston – Upperton - potholes

Drewsteignton Square – pothole

Finger post at A30 underpass

Flytipping is continuing at Harepath Straight, **Clerk to find previous helpful contact at WDBC** and forward to Cllr Savage. Cc DNPA. Chapel Hill (Whiddon Down) storm drain was cleared 6 weeks ago but the gully leading to it means the works need repeating. Request gully upgrade, again.

021/13 PLANNING

Decisions received;

DNPA 0645/12 – approved
 DNPA 0655/12 - approved
 WDBC 02750/2012 - approved

Applications;

DNPA 0045/12 Schooling area at North Down, Bowden Cross. A site visit was made on 16 Feb by Cllrs and the proposal discussed at this meeting. Cllrs agreed that this is a householder development for private use on the boundary of the National Park, and some 50 metres from the A30. **Vote SUPPORT X 7 NEUTRAL VIEW X 1.**

Clerk to respond to the authority.

Review Certificate of Lawfulness at Narracott, Greystone Farm, ref **DNPA 0448/12.** This had resulted in a Neutral View response in August 2012. No further action required from the council at this time.

WDBC are hosting a Parish Council **planning workshop** at Tavistock. The travelling distance to the venue makes it unlikely anyone from this council will attend. Clerk to request the same event is held at a more central location in future.

022/13 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in January 2013.

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

Ms B Snook – Salary & general expenses - £384.16

Mr M Rowe – WC cleaning - £73.50

Whiddon Down Village Hall – hall hire £9.00

Parish Mag Printers – magazine print - £74.00

Crockernwell bus shelter repair – a cheque was signed to enable the Clerk to pay the insurance company excess of £100.00.

b) Income from honesty boxes (car park £10.35) (toilets £6.45)

023/13 General correspondence

Late letters;

DNPA have sent a **tree works** permission request. Expert advice led to a ‘no comment’ response. **Clerk to respond.**

Caroline Hall has written suggesting **Crockernwell** might benefit from a **Community Hub** project. The Cllrs agree this is a good idea, but a gauge of likely support is the first step. **Clerk to suggest an item in the Parish Post.**

A response has been received from Enterprise Inns regarding the closure of the **Drewe Arms**, and gives the regional contact for future reference. Cllr Savage has a list of effects relevant to the council and will meet the outgoing tenants to arrange handover.

SW Ground Maintenance have offered to quote for **car park maintenance** costs. Also local contractor Nick Coombes. **Clerk to follow up both options.**

Community South West are offering **grant funding for projects showing ‘community spirit’**. Posters to go onto notice boards.

024/13 Agenda letters; None

025/13 Delegates Reports- Cllr Savage attended a recent **Eastern Links** meeting, where disappointment was expressed at the lack of police attendance at meetings in spite of the local crime figures increasing by 28% over the last year.

026/13 Comments on information circulated – None

027/13 Future agenda items – Martins Park Farm, Late school bus

028/13 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – **Monday 18 March 2013 at Whiddon Down**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm